

Class-XII Session 2022-23
Subject - English Core (301)
Sample Question Paper - 6
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

Sniffer dog Tucker uses his nose to help researchers find out why a killer whale population off the northwest coast of the United States is on the decline. He searches for whale faeces floating on the surface of the water, which are then collected for examination. He is one of the elite team of detection dogs used by scientists studying a number of species including right whales and killer whales.

Conservation canines are fast becoming indispensable tools for biologists according to Aimee Hurt, associate director and co-founder of Working Dogs for Conservation, based in Three Forks, Montana.

Over the last few years, though, so many new conservation dog projects have sprung up that Hurt can no longer keep track of them all. Her organisation's dogs and their handlers are fully booked to assist field researchers into 2012.

Dogs have such a phenomenal sense of smell", explained Sam Wasser, director of the Centre for Conservation Biology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has worked with scat-detection dogs since 199(g). Scientists have been using Conservation Canines in their research since 199(g). These dogs have enabled them to non-invasively access vast amounts of genetic and physiological information which is used to tackle conservation problems around the world. Such information has proved vital for determining the causes and consequences of human disturbances on wildlife as well as the actions needed to mitigate such impacts.

The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive. These dogs will happily work all day long, motivated by the expectation of a ball game as a reward for sample detection. The obsessive, high energy personalities of detection dogs also make them difficult to maintain as pets. As a result, they frequently find themselves abandoned to animal shelters, facing euthanasia. The programme rescues these dogs and offers them a satisfying career in conservation research.

- (a) According to the text there are a few _____ detection dogs like Tucker.
- (b) Tucker sniffs for whale _____
- (c) The dogs are special because they assist in research without _____
- (d) The ideal detection dog _____
- (e) The dogs expect _____ as a reward for their hard work.
- (f) _____ of these dogs make it difficult to keep them as pets.
- (g) These dogs find career in _____
- (h) The word 'euthanasia' means _____
- (i) Dogs have a phenomenal sense of _____?
- (j) Who is the co-founder of Working Dogs For Conservation?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows :

(1) Power foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals. With people becoming increasingly health conscious today, a lot of fitness trainers encourage their clients to include these foods in their daily diet to increase muscle development. There are various ways of incorporating power foods in your daily diet. Of course, the key to enjoying power foods is proper preparation of these foods, the use of season-fresh foods, and identifying your choice of flavour among power foods.

(2) Some of the recommended power food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. Take for instance, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of iron which is required by the body to transport oxygen to its various parts. Iron deficiency can lead to anaemia, fatigue, brain fog and tiredness. A study by the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry says that sulphur compounds in onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from chickpeas. The combination is a hit with teenagers who need to be diligent about getting iron in their diet. A quick way to prepare this power food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.

(3) Another favourite combination with power food takers is yoghurt and bananas. This makes for a perfect snack after a rough game of football. Exercising burns glucose and thus lowers blood sugar. Yoghurt is packed with proteins that help preserve muscle mass, and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help in refuelling energy and preventing muscle soreness. A quick and easy recipe with bananas is a banana smoothie topped with cool yoghurt.

(4) Among beverages, green tea is the best source of catechins that are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells. According to researchers at Purdue University, adding a dash of lemon juice to green tea makes the catechins even more easily absorbable by the body. So, the next time you have friends serve them rounds of iced green tea with mint and lemon juice.

- (a) What are power foods ?
- (b) What are the rules regarding the partaking of power foods ?
- (c) What is the advantage of including onions and garlic in our diet ?
- (d) Suggest a quick recipe with chickpea and onions.
- (e) Why is yoghurt and bananas an enriching power food ?
- (f) Why is green tea a recommended power food ?
- (g) What is the advantage of combining green tea with lemon juice ?
- (h) What is the key to enjoying power foods in a wholesome way ?
- (i) Among beverages, which is the best source of catechins?
- (j) What makes for a perfect snack after a rough game of football?

SECTION B: Creative writing skills

(20 Marks)

1 Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given :

A. Write a notice for your school noticeboard inviting students to give their names for a fancy dress competition.

OR

B. You are Sonu/ Sonali, Sports secretary of Maharani Public School, Gwalior. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board, asking students interested in playing hockey, to give their names for selection in the school hockey team. Invent date, time, eligibility criteria, etc.

2 Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given:

A. You are the secretary of the Old Student's Association. Modern School, Barakhambha Road, New Delhi. Using the information given in the input, write invitation letters to all the old students of the school on the Alumni Meet.

OR

B. You have received an invitation to attend the prize giving ceremony of the occasion of the Regional Social Sciences Exhibition. Write a letter to the secretary of "The World View" (the organiser of the exhibition) informing him about your inability to attend. Give three reasons.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given:

A. You are Apoorva/ Ashima, Librarian of Wisdom public School, New Delhi. A letter to the sales manager of Bharat publishers Limited, New Delhi, enquiry about the undue delay concerning the delivery of books for your school

library for which you placed an order two months ago. Also specify that you may have to cancel the order in case of further delay as the first term of the academic year has almost come to an end.

OR

- B. Due to insanitary conditions in the colony, the population of rodents has been multiplying, exposing the residents to multiple diseases. Write a letter to the municipal commissioner bringing the problem to his notice and urging him to take urgent action in the matter. You are Suraj / Supriya, 12 MG Road Chennai.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given:

- A. Write an article in about 150-200 words on your experience of attending your new school.

OR

- B. Teenage is perceived as the most joyful period of an individual's life. Vidya who represents the teenagers of today feel that the pressure of the competitive world they live in has made teen years less exciting and expresses her ideas in an article titled "O Being A Teenager" for the "Youth Times". Write the article in 150 to 200 words.

SECTION C: Literature

(40 Marks)

1. Attempt any of the two extracts given below:

1.(A)

looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked Out at young
Trees sprinting the Merry children spilling out of their homes

- (I) What did the poet realise? How did she feel?
- (II) What did she do then?
- (III) What did she notice in the world outside?
- (IV) Who is the writer of the poem?
- (V) What is the name of the chapter?
- (VI) Write the synonym of homes.

1.(B)

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, health, and quiet breathing.
Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth

- (I) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the first line of the extract.
 - (a) I'm as happy as I can be.
 - (b) Life is a roller coaster ride.
 - (c) Nature is God's gift to us.
 - (d) The dazzling divas enchanted all.
- (II) What does the phrase 'a bower quiet' indicate?
 - (a) serenity
 - (b) morality
 - (c) superiority
 - (d) diversity
- (III) The benefits of a thing of beauty for humans include .
 - (a) healthy body
 - (b) calm mind
 - (c) struggle-free life
 - (d) hope to carry on
- (IV) Choose the most appropriate option.
 - (a) Only (v)
 - (b) (i), (ii) and (v)
 - (c) (i), (iii) and (iv)
 - (d) (ii) and (iv)
- (V) Answer in ONE word.

When the poet says that 'a thing of beauty' will never pass into nothingness, he means that it is _____?
- (VI) Who is the writer of this poem?

2. Attempt any one from the two extract given:

2.(A) Yes I have taken the obvious step : I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine among others. I told him about the third level of Grand Central Station and he said it was a waking dream wish fulfilment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape but they don't wander down into any Third Level at Grand Central Station.

(I) What did Charley's friend think of him?

- (a) That charley wanted to escape
- (b) That Charley was true
- (c) That Charley was right in his discovery
- (d) That Charley is lying.

(II) What was the obvious step taken by Charley?

- (a) He talked to his wife.
- (b) He went to Galesburg
- (c) He talked to a Psychiatrist
- (d) He went home.

(III) Charley's psychiatrist friend said it was a waking dream fulfilment. (True/False).

(IV) Give the Antonym of 'Wander'.

2.(B) The child will grow up to become the warrior of Warriors hero of Heroes champion of champions. But.....", they bit their lips and swallowed hard. When compelled to continue, the astrologers came out with it. This is a secret which should not be revealed at all. And yet we are forced to speak out. The child born under this star will one day have to meet its death.

At that very moment a great miracle took place. An astonishing phrase emerged from the lips of ten day old Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur, "O Wise Prophets!"

(I) What does the narrator mean by the phrase 'they bit their lips'?

- (a) They replied angrily
- (b) They replied happily
- (c) They replied confidently
- (d) They hesitated

(II) The child will grow up to become the.....

- (a) warrior of warriors
- (b) hero of heroes
- (c) Champion of Champions
- (d) all of these.

(III) At the time of prophecy, Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur was.....

- (a) Ten day old
- (b) fifteen day old
- (c) twenty day old
- (d) five day old

(IV) The child born under this star will one day have to meet its death. (True/False)

3. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given:

3.(A) I started for school very late that morning and was in great dread of scolding especially because M Hamel had said that he would question us on participles and I did not know the first word about them. For a moment I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright! The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods and in the open field back of the sawmill the Prussian soldiers were drilling. It was all much more tempting than the rule for participles but I had the strength to resist, and hurried off to school.

(I) What does the word 'Dread' mean?

- (a) Fear
- (b) Apprehensive
- (c) Awe
- (d) All of these.

(II) Who is 'I' in the above extract?

- (a) M. Hamel
- (b) Franz
- (c) Watcher
- (d) Peddler.

(III) According to the narrator, how was the day?

- (a) Warm and bright
- (b) Cold and dark
- (c) Sunny
- (d) Rainy

- (IV) I started school.....
 (a) early in the morning
 (b) very late that morning
 (c) late afternoon
 (d) in the afternoon
- (V) The birds were Chirping at the... .. of the woods.
- (VI) What is the name of this chapter?

3.(B) Mukesh insisted on being his own master. I will be a Motor Mechanic, he announces. Do you know anything about cars? I ask if I will learn to drive a car. He answers looking straight into my eyes. His dream looms like a Miraj MS to the dust of streets that fails his down Firozabad, famous for its bangles. Every other family and Firozabad is against it and makes a bangle. It is the centre of India's glass blowing industry where families have spent generations working around furnaces. Welding glass making bangles for all the women in the land it seems.

- (I) What is Firozabad famous for?
 (a) Bangles (b) Cars (c) Motorbikes (d) Books
- (II) What does 'Mirage' Mean?
 (a) Hypertension (b) Illusion (c) Intuition (d) Beautification
- (III) What is Mukesh's attitude towards life?
 (a) Pessimistic (b) Omnipotent (c) Optimistic (d) Realistic
- (IV) What does Mukesh insist on being?
 (a) A driver (b) Cleaner of truck (c) A motor mechanic (d) Conductor of a bus
- (V) Firozabad is the centre of.....
- (VI) What is the name of this chapter?

4 Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words.

- (I) The people in this story suddenly realise how precious their language is to them. What shows you this, why does this happen?
- (II) "Seemapuri is a part of Delhi, yet miles away from it." Give your views on the statement.
- (III) How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer?
- (IV) Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home?
- (V) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being 'resolute'?
- (VI) Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death?

5. Answer ANY TWO of the following in 40-50 words each.

- (I) What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?
- (II) What conflict did Dr sadoo and his wife Hana face before the doctor operated on the wounded American Soldier?
- (III) Do you think all this will change Derry's attitude towards Mr Lamb?

6. Attempt ANY ONE from the two given:

- (I) On the basis of the chapter 'The Last Lesson' write a paragraph of about 100 words arguing for or against having to study three languages at school.

OR

Imagine you are William O. Douglas. Write a letter to your friend describing how you overcome your fear of water .

7. Attempt ANY ONE from the two given:

Describe how Pearl S. Buck's Story, "The Enemy" shows that basic human goodness overpowers all other factors.

OR

Generally persons suffering from a physical impairment feel a sense of alination and withdraw themselves from the world. But Mr lamb never allows his physical disability to sour and spoil the pace and pleasures of his life. justify the statement by giving examples from the text.

Solutions

SAMPLE PAPER-4

SECTION - A

1.

- (a) elite team of.
- (b) farces floating on the surface of water.
- (c) invasion.
- (d) is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive.
- (e) a ball game.
- (f) The obsessive, high energy personalities.
- (g) conservation research.
- (h) painless killing.
- (i) smell
- (j) Aimee Hurt.

2.

- (a) Power foods are foods which provide a rich level of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals.
- (b) Power foods should be prepared properly using season-fresh foods and identifying one's choice of flavour among power foods.
- (c) Onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from the chickpeas.
- (d) A quick way to prepare chickpea and onions is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.
- (e) Yoghurt is full of proteins that help preserve muscle mass and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help in refuelling energy and preventing muscle soreness.
- (f) Green tea contains catechins which are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells.
- (g) Combining green tea with lemon juice helps the body to absorb catechins more easily.
- (h) Power foods can be enjoyed in a wholesome way by including them in our daily diet to increase muscle development.
- (i) Green tea
- (j) Yoghurt and Banana

SECTION - B

1.(A)

Dance and Drama Club

Pearl Public High School Sagar

NOTICE

August 8, 2022

The 'Dance and Drama Club' of our school is holding a Fancy Dress Competition for students of all classes in the third week of August. Those interested to participate are requested to give their names to undersigned latest by 15th of August, 2022.

Radha

Secretary

Dance and Drama Club

OR

1.B

Maharani Public School, Gwalior

NOTICE

15th March, 2022

The selection for the school hockey team will be made on 20th March 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the school ground. Those interested in playing hockey must give their names to the underside by 19th March. Selection will be made purely on performance on the field. Only the students of class 9th to 12th are eligible for selection.

Sonali

Sports Secretary

2(A)

Old Students' Association

Modern School

Barakhambha Road

New Delhi

Dear Alumna/Alumnus

25th Alumni Meet of Modern School will be held on 20th August, 2014 at Ashoka Hotel, Chanakyapuri. Old students, including their Husband/wives, will be our guests of honour. Kindly assemble at 7 p.m. in the Banquet Hall for a get-together and late dinner and dance.

Please confirm your seats by sending ₹1000 to the undersigned.

C.R.Mehta

Secretary

OR

2.B
75 krishna Nagar
Bengaluru
10th September, 2022
The Secretary
The World View
MG Road
Bengaluru

Sub: Inability to attend the prize giving ceremony.

Sir

Thanks for inviting me to attend the prize giving ceremony of The Regional Social Science Exhibition. It is another feather in the cap of the organisers The World View. I am sorry to inform you that I shall not be able to attend it due to 3 unavoidable reasons. I have to attend the inauguration ceremony of my uncle's new house on the same day. Second, I shall go to see a relative of mine in a nursing home. 3rd I shall be present at the wedding of my close friend's elder sister's wedding in the evening.

Yours Faithfully

MS Rao

3.(A)

Wisdom Public School
New Delhi
20th September 2022
The Sales Manager
Bharat Publishers Limited
Sub: Undue delay in delivery of books

Sir

We are constrained to show our resentment at the undue delay in the delivery of books for our library. We placed a bulk order for the purchase of books for the library two months ago. This delay on your part defies logic and good sense. Bharat Publishers Limited, New Delhi are the leading publishers and book suppliers of Delhi. They enjoy a great reputation and goodwill in the market. Such kind of behaviour is against their Prestige and goodwill. Before we decide otherwise, we would like to inquire from you about the reason for this delay.

Enough is enough. You know that the first term of the academic year has almost come to an end. After a few days school will close for the pooja and Diwali Festival. If you fail to deliver the books up to 15th of September we will be compelled to cancel the order. We hope you will not compel us to look for another supplier for the books.

Yours faithfully

Apoorva
(the librarian).

OR

3.B
12 MG Road
Chennai
3rd March, 2022
The Municipal Commissioner
Chennai

Sub: Rodents and diseases in the colony due to insanitary conditions

Sir

It is rather difficult to believe that a Colony like ours exists within the Ambit of a great city like Chennai. If one wants to have a glance of a living hell, one need not go anywhere else. Blocked drains, stinking lanes and waterlogged Open Spaces speak Volumes of the sanitary conditions in the society. Due to insanitary conditions, the population of rodents has been constantly multiplying over the years. This has exposed the residents to multiple diseases. Diarrhoea, cholera and skin diseases have found a very hospitable stay in the colony. The residents welfare society has been taking up the issue of sanitation with the Municipal Commissioner for a long time. No follow up action has been taken so far. Enough is enough. After all the residents of this Colony are also human beings. They should not be left to lead such a sub human life. I hope the municipal authorities will take effective and urgent steps to make this settlement fit for human habitation. It will also stop exposing the residents to multiple diseases.

Yours Faithfully

Suraj/Supriya

4.(A)

Experience of Attending Your New School

I was quite eager to attend my new school. Actually, my father is an employee of the central government. He got transferred from New Delhi to Chandigarh recently. I got admission in 12th A of DAV Senior Secondary School. It is the best school in the city. Hope, excitement and fear grasped my mind. I was at school 15 minutes before the Assembly time. The building was quite imposing and grand. I was impressed. Discipline was perfect. My heart started beating. I headed towards my classroom. But my fear was baseless. My classmates were very cultured. I introduced myself and in no time we were friends. Then Came the class teacher Mr. RK Sharma. He is really a

Wonderful teacher. He possesses a good sense of humour. Some teachers are just average. The best place in the school is its library. When I headed for home I had feelings of contentment, hope and excitement.

OR

4.(B)

Teenage is the spring of man's life. It is perceived as the most joyful and exciting period of an individual's life. It is the gateway to youth and adulthood. Everything smells of freshness and fitness to stop teenagers bubbling with life, new hopes and dreams are two big expressions and expectancy and life. But the teenagers of today are living under the pressure of the competitive world competition and freshers can bow down their spirits of challenges and make their lives less exciting and fancy full than of their predecessors. The very existence has become quite challenging than ever before.

The hall's realities of life are like bitter pills. First of all, teenagers face uncertainty regarding their future and career. Admissions and good engineering medical or management colleges are limited and for the former few to stop for good jobs there is always a cut throat competition. It is becoming more difficult to maintain a decent standard of living spirits and bodies first of all becomes less excited, humorous and less purposeful. The heat of struggle and depression. The teenagers of today also have free, fancy, full and exciting lives like their predecessors. They also want to fly on the wing of fancy and fun. But fierce competitive life does not give them a breathing space to have fun and excitement.

SECTION - C

1.(A)

- (I) The poet just realised that her mother's face looked pale and lifeless like a corpse. She felt wounded and sad.
- (II) She looked outside to see more pleasing things.
- (III) She noticed the young trees racing past them and happy children running out of their homes.
- (IV) Kamala Das
- (V) My Mother At Sixty Six
- (VI) House, Palace

1.B

- (I) c
- (II) a
- (III) b
- (IV) everlasting
- (V) Eternal
- (VI) John Keats

2.(A)

- (I) (a)
- (II) (c)
- (III) False
- (IV) Stay

OR

2. B

- (I) d
- (II) d
- (III) a
- (IV) True

3.(A)

- (I) a Fear
- (II) b
- (III) a
- (IV) b
- (V) edge
- (VI) The Last lesson

OR

3.(B)

- (I) a
- (II) b
- (III) c
- (IV) c
- (V) India's glass blowing industry
- (VI) Lost spring

4

(I) The order from Berlin imposes German on the French speaking people of Alsace. It makes all the difference. Suddenly they realise how precious their language is to them. The people of Alsace were earlier different in their language but now they develop a New Found Love for French. M Hamel goes on to declare that French is the most beautiful language in the world. It is the clearest and the most logical language. All of them hate the foreign language, German, being imposed on the French speaking people. Their patriotic feelings unite them for the cause of the French.

(II) Seemapuri is a settlement of more than 10000 leg pickles. It is a place on the periphery of Delhi. Actually it is a part of Delhi. It is a little hell where ragpickers survive on dirt and garbage. Those who live here are from Bangladesh. They live here without any identity and permits. They do have ration cards that enable them to vote and buy again. Food is more important for them than their identity. Children grow up to become partners in

Survival. And survival in Seemapuri means ragpicking. Through the years it has acquired the 'proportions of a fine art'. Seemapuri may be on the periphery of Delhi yet it is miles away from it, metaphorically it is a little hell. Ragpickers live in structures of mud. They have roofs of tin and tarpaulin. There is no sewage drainage or running water. The place Stinks. It is unimaginable that it is a part of Delhi, the capital of India.

(III) Douglas had an aversion to the water when he was in it from the beginning. The instructor built a swimmer out of Douglas. The instructor made Douglas work really hard. He went to a pool and practised 5 days a week and an hour each day. The instructor put a belt around him. A rope was attached to the belt. It went through a pulley. He held on to the end of the rope. They went back and forth across the pool week after week. The instructor also taught him to put his face under water and exhale. He was then taught to raise his nose to inhale. He had taught Douglas to kick with his legs. At first his legs refused to work but finally he could command them. The instructor's job was done. He had built a swimmer out of Douglas.

(IV) The iron master took the peddler for an old acquaintance. He had seen the stranger in darkness. The IronMaster's wife was dead. His boys were abroad. Only his eldest daughter was with him. They did not have any company for Christmas. So the iron master spoke kindly to the peddler and invited him home.

(V) Rajkumar Shukla wanted Gandhi to take up the cause of the poor peasants in Champaran. He met Gandhi in the Lucknow session of the Congress. But Gandhi had many Engagements in different parts of India. Shukla accompanied Gandhi everywhere. Gandhi was impressed by his tenacity and finally went to Bihar with him.

(VI) No, He doesn't. He makes it very clear that 'stillness' should not be confused and equated to 'total inactivity'. Total inactivity brings death. But Neruda has 'no truck with death'. His stillness means cessation of hostile and harmful human activities.

5.

(I) The Maharaja's Tiger hunts continued to be highly successful. He killed 70 tigers within 10 years but the Tiger population in his Kingdom became extinct. He wanted to marry in the royal family of a state with a large Tiger population. Dewan found the right girl. In this way he was able to kill 99 tigers.

(II) Doctor Sadao and his wife Hanna remained in a state of conflict for quite a long time. They could not throw a wounded man into the sea. If they gave shelter to him in their house, they could be arrested. Handing him over to the police, would have meant throwing him into the jaws of death. They were in a state of intense conflict. Ultimately the duty of a doctor overpowered all other

pretty considerations. The servants revolted at the idea of serving a white man. Ha na herself watched the wound. Doctor Sadao had decided to operate on Tom. Dr Sadav saved a dying man. Love for humanity and the Ethics of a doctor won over pity racial considerations.

(III) Certainly Mr Lamb will leave a deep impression on the mind of young Derry. Derry Suffers from a complex because of his burnt face. Mr Lamb motivates him to think positively about life, people and things. Derry comes back to Mr Lamb though his mother tries to prevent him from going there.

6.

Studying three languages at school is certainly not an additional burden. It is rather the need of the hour. India is a multilingual country. Our States have been reorganised on linguistic basis. A Tamilian first of all must study his mother tongue Tamil. Then comes the national language. Every Indian must study Hindi. Study of Hindi is essential as it integrates all different regions into a nation. It is the commonly accepted language of India. Last but not the least is the study of English as an international language. The study of three languages only complements and supplements one another.

OR

12, George Square

Essex

20th March, 2022

Dear Rommy

You never know what will happen in the next moment in life. I was at the YMCA swimming pool. A big boy tossed me into the swimming pool. I nearly drowned. The fear of water that seized me there never left me for a long time. At last I decided to take the help of an instructor. I wanted to overcome the fear of water.

My plan clicked. Instructor put a belt around me. The instructor made me go forth and back across the pool. After a regular practice of 3 months the fear slaked. But I was not satisfied. The fear has not left me completely yet. But I was determined. There was no place for fear now. So I went to Lake Wentworth and dived off a dock. The final test was declared when I dived into Lake warm and Swam to the other end and back. I was sure of the winner. I had overcome my fear of water.

Yours sincerely

Williams O Douglas

7.

Pearl S Buck's story, "The Enemy", gives a definite message. Basic human goodness overpowers all other factors. Narrow considerations of race and colour put restrictions. Even blind nationalism sometimes turns to be divisive. But for a doctor like Sadao, the life of a human

being is of prime importance. Even a dying enemy has to be saved. The American prisoner of war is an enemy soldier. Japan is at war with America. Hence, patriotic feelings demand that an enemy soldier must be handed over to the army. That would have meant his shore death. Basic goodness over powers doctor Sadao. He saved the life of a wounded prisoner of war risking his own life and reputation. Doctor Sadao and his beautiful wife rise above narrow considerations of race and nationality.

OR

Physical impairment causes deep mental agony. it gives birth to a deep and inferiority complex. the person gets alienated from the mainstream of life. He finds solace withdrawal and self pity. But Mr Lamb is an exception.

He has a tin leg. one of his legs was blown off in the war. He never allows his physical disability to sour and spoil the Pace and pleasures of his life. He accepts life as it comes. He tries to find and give a definite meaning to it. He always lives for others and among others. nor does he become an object of self pity... everyone is welcome. He loves everybody and everything. Mr Lamb is full of life. He enjoys sitting in the sun and reading books. He grows plants, flowers and fruit trees. he collects honey and makes Jelly from apples. children sometimes call him "lamey-lamb" but he doesn't mind it. On the other hand, he plays with them. He gives apples and toffees to them. He gives a new direction and meaning to Derry's life before his death.