

Sample Paper – 2008
Class – XII
Subject - Functional English

Section A: Reading

Max. Marks : 20

Read the passage given below and then answer the questions which follow:

12

marks

1. *In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple of heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood's days, when he limned the familiar scenes of his birthplace, and the longing to be a great artist, never wholly left him. In truth he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush for ever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore him out. For to him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle, and he was absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve 'Estang, where he and his kennels for the study of rabies, and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Vallery Radot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues."*

2. *"He revered the faith of his fathers, "says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period."*

3. *The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism of many of his*

contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of Nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a Breton peasant's wife."

4. But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work, " he would say, "never cease to work." So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

5. Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly: "I cannot, " and with a look of perfect resignation and peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of a world, which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.

6. Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who has always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.

7. No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tanner's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.

487 words

1.1 Answer the following question:

- a. Even accolades and honours did not change the simple man that Pasteur was. Why? 2 Marks*
- b. How did Pasteur view those who suffered from diseases? 1 Mark*
- c. How did Pasteur engage himself in the estate? 2 Marks*
- d. What advice did he always give to his pupils? 2 Marks*
- e. How did France, the country of his birth, honour this great scientist?*

2 Marks

1.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as: 3 Marks

- a. To paint (Para I)*

- b. People belonging to the same period (Para 3)
- c. Vote by the people of the country to decide the matter of National importance (Para 6)

Question 2. Read the passage given below:

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Marks

Residents of the Bhirung Raut Ki Gali, where Ustad Bismillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916, were in shock. His cousin, 94-year-old Mohd Idrish Khan had tears in his eyes. Shubhan Khan, the care-taker of Bismillah's land, recalled : "Whenever in Dumaraon, he would give rupees two to the boys and rupees five to the girls of the locality".

He was very keen to play shehnai again in the local Bihariji's Temple where he had started playing shehnai with his father, Bachai Khan, at the age of six. His original name was Quamaruddin and became Bismillah only after he became famous as shehnai player in Varanasi.

His father Bachai Khan was the official shehnai player of Keshav Prasad Singh, the Maharaja of the erstwhile Dumaraon estate. Bismillah used to accompany him. For Bismillah Khan, the connection to music began at a very early age. By his teens, he had already become a master of the shehnai. On the day India gained freedom, Bismillah Khan, then a sprightly 31 year-old, had the rare honour of playing from Red Fort.

But Bismillah Khan won't just be remembered for elevating the shehnai from an instrument heard only in weddings and naubatkhana to one that was appreciated in concert halls across the world. His life was a testimony to the plurality that is India. A Practicing Muslim, he would take a daily dip in the Ganga in his younger days after a bout of Kasti in Benia Baga Akhada. Every morning, Bismillah Khan would do riyaz at the Balaji temple on the banks of the river. Even during his final hours in a Varanasi hospital, music didn't desert Bismillah Khan. A few hours before he passed away early on Monday, the shehnai wizard hummed a thumri to show that he was feeling better. This was typical of a man for whom life revolved around music.

Throughout his life he abided by the principle that all religions are one. What marked Bismillah Khan was his simplicity and disregard for the riches that come with musical fame. Till the very end, he used a cycle

rickshaw to travel around Varanasi. But the pressure of providing for some 60 family members took its toll during his later years.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using heading and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations where necessary.

5 marks

2.2 Make a summary a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title.
3 Marks

Section B: Advanced Writing Skills

Max. Marks: 25

Q.3 A.K International school is looking for a receptionist for the school. The Administrative Officer decides to give an advertisement in the classified columns of the local newspaper giving necessary details. Draft the advertisement in not more than 50 words.
5 Marks

OR

Sumana has cleared the Pre-Medical Pre-Dental entrance examination. Her family is elated at Sumana's achievement and they decide to have a get-together for all her friends. Draft an informalss invitation for the get-together.

Marking Scheme

Q. 4 Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily highlighting the increasing stress in the lives of students in the present competitive world. Give a few suggestions on combating this evil.
10 Marks

OR

You came across the following advertisement in the Times of India. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application in response to the advertisement. Applications are invited for the post of senior teacher in a reputed public school of New Delhi for teaching History to students of classes 11th and 12th. The candidate must have at least 10 years experience of teaching in a reputed school.

Fluency in English is essential. Package will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested may apply to The Principal AKS International school, 23, 3rd street Indirapuram New Delhi within 10 days with detailed resume.

Q. 5. Some colleges conduct entrance test for admission to under-graduate courses like English (Hons.). Do you agree that the entrance test is the right method of selecting students? Present your opinion in favour or against the argument in about 150-200 words.

10 Marks

OR

With the advent of computer games, numerous television channels, and video-games, children of today hardly go out to play simple games like hide and seek, four corners, among others. Pen down your feelings on the joyful experience of playing such games in about 150-200 words.

Section C: Grammar

20

Q. 6. Rearrange the following sentences sequentially to make complete sense. The process described is related to making soft-centered chocolates.

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- (a). The solution is heated slowly until the sugar dissolves and then the syrup is boiled.*
- (b) After it cools the fondant is re-heated and an enzyme called invertase is added in.*
- (c) Soft centered chocolates contain fondant which is made by mixing sugar with
a quarter of its own*
- (d) Next, the fondant is moulded into fancy shapes.*
- (e) Next, the hot, sticky, clear solution is poured out and left to cool.*

Q. 7. You are Aditya/ Chayanika and are set to meet Dr. Salim, a specialist on birds. Based on the input given below construct a dialogue between the two of you. Make five sets of exchanges. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Dr. Salim : Good Morning.

- *Possible for birds to find their way home after long journeys*
- *Can find*
- *How- manage*
- *Extra-sensory capabilities of birds-detect changes in atmospheric pressure, weather and earth's magnetic field*
- *Birds-sleep-on one leg-how*
- *Bird's body weight causes the bird to bend its knees, close its claws and sleep on even one leg....*
- *Sleep at night*
- *Yes, but not nocturnal species*
- *Eagles-save energy-how*
- *Adopt-energy saving technique-gliding*

Q.8. the following passage has ten errors. Identify the errors in each line and write them along with the corrections as shown in the example:

	<i>incorrect</i>	<i>correct</i>
<i>In the second now I would</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>a</i>

(a) have complete my delivery. My left foot

(b) pound down behind the bowling

(c) crease and my body swing sideways with
(d) the right arm stretch high. My
(e) left hand tightened its grip on
(f) the ball, the first two finger feeling
(g) reassuring down the seam. Now
(h) my right foot come down to brace
(l) against the strain, and , like an
(j) released spring, the ball was in its way.
Alan Davidson

Section C: Literature

Max. Marks: 35

Q. 7 (a) Choose any one of the following extracts and answer the questions given below it: 4 Marks

*A poem should be motionless in time
As the moon climbs*

- (i) Identify the contradictions in the above lines. Explain them 2 Marks
(ii) What does the phrase motionless in time suggest you? 1 Mark
(iii) What are the qualities of a poem that makes it a piece of eternity? 1 Mark

or

*I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,
When his wing is bruished and his bosom sore-
When he beats his bars would be free;
It is not a carol of joy or glee.*

- (i) Identify the literary device in the extract. 1 Mark

(ii) What does the phrase *bruised and his bosom sore* suggest you? 1
Mark

(iii) What are the desires that are explicated in the poem ? 2
Marks

Sample Paper – 2008

Class - XII

Subject - English

Time-3 hours
M.M. 100

SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)

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

12 Marks

Egotism is the most common fault of mankind. Product of the perfectly natural desire to display oneself, egotism, which is an exaggerated form of self- display, can take such a variety of shapes that it is not always easy to discern. Beyond any shadow of doubt, however, it is a personal defect that ought to be constantly hunted down and scotched, for it impairs the personality, and frustrates all efforts at self-improvement. This is the easily recognizable form of egotism that is evidenced in the person who continually talks of his own affairs. You must all have met the kind of man who is never happy save when recounting his exploits and experiences in life; and whatever subject he may begin discussing you feel quite sure that he will sooner or later arrive at himself. Although such a blatant kind of egotism is apparent to the onlooker, it may not be so easy for the egotist himself to recognize his fault. But if he can put on his guard — and it behoves each one of us to examine carefully whether we are entirely immune from this canker — there is always hope of a cure. On the other hand, there is a type, not uncommon, which evidences its egotism by affecting a humility that is certainly not felt, and ostentatiously avoiding the use of the pronoun “I” in speech and in writing. Such affectation is an infallible sign of egotism, and it is all the more reprehensible because it is deliberately assumed by the person.

Next we come to the Individual who holds strong opinions and insists on forcing these opinions on the others. He constantly lays down the law, he knows and he jolly well insists that you shall accept his viewpoints. Here again, there is not a great difficulty in recognizing the egotistical aspect of this conduct, although it is not so easy to remove such a defect, for a person of this kind is generally possessed of a fiery temper — but again, It can be done, and recognition of the defect is the first step towards its cure.

There are two other well-known types of egotists — the over-precise person and the officious one. The former offends by his meticulous habits, his insistence on having everything just right — just right generally connoting the way he personally wants them to be. The officious Individual succeeds in making himself most disliked because of his detestable habit of always showing or telling other people how to do things. He will glibly appeal to duty; he will continually find fault with another’s way of doing things, and point out the immense superiority of his method. In his own eyes, he is always right. (Around 450 words)

A1.1

- i. Explain egotism. 2 marks
- ii. What is an infallible sign of egotism? 2 marks
- iii. What are the symptoms of an egotistical person? 3 marks

A1.2 give the synonym of following word from the text 3marks

1. except
2. problem
3. continual

A 1. 3 Explain the following phrases in your own words 2 Marks

1. infallible sign of egotism
2. Frustrates all efforts at self-improvement.

A2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

8 Marks

Real praise, the sincere compliment is probably the most useful social tool of all its the valued gold coin of our conversation. Yet today, it is in danger of losing its brightness. For it is greatly misused and not properly exchanged.

What is a true compliment? Its one that benefits both giver and receiver. Once a painter and his young assistant were painting our house. The older man was wearing shiny new shoes. As the man started skillfully painting, my father-in-law, said to the boy, "Son, when you can show up on the job to paint-a house, wearing new shoes, you will be the master of your trade." The painter smiled and did the best job.

We all like to have our sense of personal worth built up or pointed out. And when one expensive adds to another's sense of dignity and speaks favorably of his skill, he is offering a compliment of the highest sad rarest kind.

A compliment differs from flattery in that it is objective and given without thought of gain. Flattery is often merely lip service or excessive praise given for motives other than expressed.

The greatest efforts of the human race have always resulted from the love of praise. This should be inspired in childhood. The wise parent makes it. point to compliment a child who deserves it. A Woman I know has a 12 year old son who considers washing dishes for his mother a great honour. One night, while washing a large dish, it slipped and crashed on the floor. Then his mother said, "You know, Robert, of all the times you have washed the dishes for me, this is the first time you dropped one." Anxiety left the boy's face and

he smiled. As one psychologist advises, "Praise virtue and you will find few vices to criticize."

There is an art in this giving of compliments. Thus the good compliment is always to the point and timing is important. Don't wait too long to tell a person: what a good talk he gave or how well he cut your grass. But don't do it immediately when he is expecting it either. Wait. Then when he thinks you may have forgotten, pass the praise.

Confidence, it has been said, is the greatest gift that one human can give to another. But that does not mean we should be wasteful with our compliments. Rather we should count them carefully remembering that a good compliment has greater purchasing power than money, that no one is too busy or successful to receive a word of praise. (About 450 words)

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using headings, sub-headings and abbreviations (minimum 4), wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it. **5**

(b) Write a summary of the notes in about 80 words. **3**

ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS) 25 Marks

Q.3. Your school is organizing a Science and Technology exhibition in connection with it, prepare a poster to bring home to the people the importance of conservation of electricity. Your school is A.P. Public School, Daryaganj, Delhi (Word limit -50 words) or

You are disturbed after visiting a blind school in order to mobilize your friends and the school-mates, you are planning to campaign for eye donation. Prepare a poster highlighting the need for eye donation and eye banks. (Word limit: 50 words). **5**

Q.4. You are Malik/Manju. You are much concerned about the poor quality of the unhygienic food supplied at some of the fast food centres in your locality, which is highly detrimental to health. Write an article on this issue highlighting the health hazard that may be caused. (Word limit - 200 words) **10 Or**

You are Malik/Manju. You have interviewed many students studying in Classes VI to VIII and their parents, on academic achievement. For a large number of students and parents, going for tuition classes for extra coaching has become a regular practice. The mushrooming coaching centres are an example for it. Write an article on the latest craze for tuition classes. (Word limit - 200 words) **10**

Q.5. The Manager, ICICI Bank, Lucknow requires a few business development Managers, for the credit card section. Write an application for the post, offering your services, giving bio-data. You are Prithem/Priti, Nirala Nagar, Lucknow. **10 Or**

You are Apoorva. You bought a television from Electronics, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur , it does not function properly. Wrote a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and seeking immediate replacement or repair, as necessary

Section C Grammar

20 Marks

Q.6. The Police have rounded up a couple of suspects after a chain-snatching incident and are interrogating them. Complete a set of five question and answers. Here is one for hint- 5 Marks

Inspector S. Where were you at 8 pm last night?

Suspect. At my friend's house.

Q.7. In the following passage one word has been omitted. Fill the word at required place. 5 Marks

The longest war fought on this Earth has
Man's war against wild creatures. It said
That this war is still waged. In the
Earliest days, man fought survival only.
Later, when he learnt grow crops and keep
Livestock, it still largely a war of
Defence to protect crops and other animals
From the wild animals.

Q.8. Arrange the following sentences to make a perfect paragraph. 5 Marks.

Some socio-cultural effects of tourism have been damaging.

Tourism often ushers in new life styles; arrangements as desired by tourists are provided in order to make them feel at home.

The emergence of this 'other' culture in various places has caused dissatisfaction among the local people.

The concern is that the local people tend to imitate the foreign values, breaking away from their own traditions.

To promote safe tourism while ensuring that it remains a profitable industry it is Imperative to understand the factors that hamper the growth of tourism and check them effectively.

Tourism the travel-based recreation - provides people with a change of place and a break from the monotony of daily life.

It brings peoples of different nations together, allowing them to come into close contact with each other's customs and other aspects of life.

Q.9. Lama T Phuntsok runs an orphanage in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. Frame ten questions that you would like to ask him regarding his work based on the items given in the box below. 5 Marks

Inspiration; beginning; atmosphere of the orphanage; funding; inmates; care; visitors ; support-community; school attached; road ahead. funding; inmates; care; visitors ; support-community; school

SECTION D : LITERATURE (35 Marks)

10. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : 7 Marks

From her ear-rings three diamonds

Splash a handful of needles,

And I see my mother run back

From rain to the crying cradles

- What pictures of the mother emerges in these lines?
- What does the poet mean by 'splash a handful of needles'?
- Explain the literary device in the last line.
- What adjective has been used by the poet earlier to express the image of her mother?

or

'To bend with apples the mossed cottage trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells.
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,

Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells'

- (a) Name the poem and the poet ? 1
- (b) Pick out the names of two fruits ? 1
- (c) Briefly describe the overall sense of abundance brought out in these lines.
- (d) Who does 'they' stand for in line 6 ? 1
- (e) What is the co-relation between 'later flowers' and the 'bees' ? 2

11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 50 words each : $4 \times 2 = 8$

- (a) Bring out the significance of the title of the poem 'Curtains' in your own words.
- (b) 'Men who went out to battle grim and glad;
Children, with eyes that hate you, broken and mad,'
Bring out the contrast signified by the two lines.
- (c) Bring out the love of Sally brought out in the panegyric 'Sally in Our Alley'.

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 80-100 words : 5 Marks

- a) Compare and contrast the characters of Mr. White and Mrs. White with reference to the monkey's paw
- b). Unlike other rulers before him, Alexander refuses to name a successor. Why does he do this? In the play,
the Queen mother reminds Alexander that 'it is what you do which makes you what you are' How far do you agree with this?

13. Answer any **two** of the following in about 50 words each : $4 \times 2 = 8$

- (a) What was Iona Potapov's state of mind as he waits for a fare? What did he want to do? How was he finally able to achieve his objective ?
- (b) How was the deal between Jacques Roux and Robichon beneficial for both of them? Justify the title 'The Judgement of Paris'.
- (c) Asoka's has done the same for Buddhism what St. Paul has done with his pen to Christianity.

14. Answer any **one** of the following in 100-125 words: 7 Marks

Comment on Einstein's views on education briefly as he remarks that education is that which remains even one forgets everything he learnt at school. **OR**

How did Lisa meet Major Doronin ? How far they were able to take up their relationship and how did it end Justify the title of the story, 'the Actress'

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Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. There are four sections. All the questions in each section are compulsory.*
- 2. The marks for each question are indicated against it.*
- 3. Strictly adhere to the given word limit. Marks will be deducted for exceeding it.*
- 4. Handwriting should be neat and legible.*

SECTION – A (Reading)

(20 Marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

THE ACCIDENTAL NOVELIST

I was 53 when my first book, 'The Naked face' was published in 1970. People frequently remarked, "Isn't it wonderful you've finally achieved your life-long ambition". In truth, writing a book hadn't

occurred to me before I sat down and did it. 'The Naked face' was an accident.

But I found the prospect of writing a novel intimidating. I assumed I didn't have whatever extra dash of magic goes into composing a book.

Then, I hatched a plot about a psychoanalyst whom someone tries to murder. He has no enemies and no clue who wanted him dead. Using his skills as an analyst, he sets out to solve the mystery. This story might just as well have been a film, or T.V movie except for one challenge: It demanded the audience get inside the protagonist's head and hear his thoughts. I couldn't figure out how to do that in a script. So I tried to let go of the notion, but it wouldn't let go of me.

Then I started dictating my attempt at a novel. I've always dictated everything, including screen plays, because my mind works faster than my hands. I rewrote the book about six times. Once I finished the book, I had no idea of the next step. I was familiar with all the Hollywood agents, but not the literary agents. I called my friend the writer Irwin Wallace. He kindly sent my manuscript to his agent, who took over.

I was less optimistic because I didn't view myself as a real author. Three months and seven rejections went by, and when my agent called with good news, I didn't believe it.

Reviews of the book were published in all leading newspapers and they were mostly negative. But the New York Times came out with a wonderful review, describing my novel as 'the best first mystery novel of the year'. A literary luncheon followed, where eminent

novelists were promoting their novels. I was among five others. While people queued up in front of the others to get their copies signed, there was not a soul in front of me.

A couple of months later, my book sold 17000 copies but I made no money because what I got covered up the cost of the book tour. But something fantastic happened during the experience, mortifying moments and all. I discovered a sense of freedom I had never known.

When you write a movie or a play, yours is but one voice in a cacophony of opinions. You deal with a producer who decrees a scene too expensive, a director who changes your female lead into a man, an actor who insists, 'My character would never say that'. But when you write a book, you alone are the producer, director and cast. You decide your story's setting, whether to make your characters healthy or ill, rich or poor, heroic or evil. You're totally responsible for your novel. It's all you. I loved that. --- Sidney Sheldon

A. Answer the following questions briefly and in your own words as far as possible:

- i. The author felt less confident of being a successful writer because(1 mark)
- ii. What is 'notion' that the author had in his mind?(2 marks)
- iii. How long did the author take to realize 'his goal'(2 marks)
- iv. How does this novel prove to be a 'no-profit' exercise?(2 marks)
- v. What is 'the sense of freedom' that the author experienced?(2 marks)

B. Find words in the passage which mean the same as the ones given below (3 marks):

- i. challenging (para2)*
- ii. main character (para4).*
- iii. talking in different voice (para 9)*

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

SPARE THE CHILD AND SPOIL THE PARENT?

Spare the rod and spoil the child. How often have I been told this by my sister, who is a teacher: by a cousin, who gives tuitions, by my grandmother who spins yarns about how father was locked in the storeroom for daring to see a movie when he was in Grade IX.

Hmmm. To beat – nay to lightly smack the child on the back of his or her leg – or not. That's the question, dear parents. With a brigade of anti-child-beaters on the prowl, I confess I am confused. Children don't like being hurt. Definitely parents don't like hitting their children. And, yes, research shows that inflicting physical pain causes lingering emotional hurt.

But the question remains: are adults who were not smacked as children better than the ones who have received their fair share of such attention? Psychology books propagate reward and punishment theories. Offer a chocolate, a toy or golden stars to encourage the pre-school learners. For the teenager, just understand and keep quiet – don't talk down on them and never ever raise your hand.

But let me tell you as a modern parent that disciplining a child today is as difficult as understanding Einstein. The no-movies, no-computer threat yields results for a week at best. After all,

there's always the friendly neighbor's T.V. As for the pre-schooler, a raised voice and narrowed eyes may get him or her to behave for five minutes, that's it.

So one is left to wonder whether a light smack does damage.

Memories flit by of how a Geography teacher Mrs Albuquerque at school threatened to hit us on our knuckles if we did not remember where the Hague was and how the chemistry teacher Mrs Godbole, loved to fling the duster at the 'most talkative' in the class. Standing outside the class for daydreaming was always welcome and the delight doubled if a classmate was also given the same punishment. All that is over today. Understandably child abuse cases are on the rise. Yet is the no –rebuking children lobby taking things a bit too far? I wonder. Especially when junior insists on inserting an index finger into the electric plug. A controlled smack on the little hand would have got the message across, pronto.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. (5 marks)

(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3 marks)

SECTION – B WRITING (25 Marks)

3. You are the President of Barracks Road Residents Association. Chennai. The election of office bearers of the association will be held on 28th December 2007 at the Railway Club. Draft a notice inviting all members to take part in the election to elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer and other posts for a new three-year term. (5 marks)

OR

You have been invited by the Director 'Progressive Movies' No"77,Aarthi Chambers ,Mumbai -75, for an audition for young talented artistes who wish to make it big in T.V.' soaps'. Unfortunately you have other commitments and will not e able to make it this time. Write a reply to the Director expressing your inability to attend the audition and you desire to be able to perform next time round.Sign yourself as Janet/Jacob.Word limit 50 words. (5 marks)

4.You have seen the following advertisement in 'The Hindu' for the post of a Teacher of English. Write an application to The Principal, applying for the post. Sign yourself as Cynthia/Charles of 11, Aswini Anthara Complex, Judges Colony Road, Hyderabad .(word limit:200) 10 marks.

Wanted experienced Post Graduate Teacher in English to teach classes XI and XII in a reputed C.B.S.E school in Chennai. Must have working knowledge of computers, multi-media. Interested in co-curricular activities. Salary commensurate with experience and expertise .Please apply to:Box.No.3300.c/o 'The Hindu' Chennai-600 004.

5. You have read the following news item. You are disturbed by this trend and wish to write an article: 'Don't discriminate: girl or boy, they are human'

Write an article in 150 -200 words based on the input given(10 marks)

INDIAN COUPLE PREFER BOYS TO GIRLS

A recent survey conducted by 'Watchful Eye' a group of human rights activist indicates that most Indian families prefer a boy child to a girl...The main reason cited is dowry, dwindling of life long family earning etc.....

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ON - C (Grammar) 20 marks

6. Rearrange the following sentences to make complete sense.(4 marks)

1. brains/have/dolphins/large/fairly/do
2. rats/is/more/truth/that /dolphins/are/the/intelligent/no/than
3. sailors/there/about/drowning/many/dolphins/saving/stories/are
4. save/size/which/anything/the/they/is/about/same
5. and/rescue/kill/they/to/them/sharks/immediately/try/
6. tricks/they/do/to/clever/are/learn/to.
7. them/are/zoos/not/enclosures/without/many/for/separate/
8. like/emotional/they/characteristics//humans/have/

7. The following passage has ten errors. Identify the errors in each line and write them along with the corrections as show

(5 marks)

Incorrect Correct

Why did people drive on the left in Britain did do
and on the right in other countries? The reason
for this. go back to the days when people a.
traveled on horse. Most people are right-handed b.
,and thus the left is a natural side to ride on if c.
you are on horseback and you need your right d.
hand to hold the sword in case of trouble. But e.
Napoleon Bonaparte insisted that their armies f.
marched on the right, and as he marched through g.
Europe, he imposed this rule whenever he went h.
Adolf Hitler did the same things. In fact not only i.
in Britain people drove on the left, but out of 178 j.
countries in the world, there are about 50 who drive
in the left, including Japan.

8.You are Rita/Ralph and you have an opportunity to interview Mr.Lalu Prasad Yadhav, Minister of Railways who has over the years turned the Indian Railways from a sick public sector undertaking to a huge money –spinning, profitable business. Based on the input given below, construct a dialogue between the two of you. Make five sets of exchanges(5 marks).

The Indian Railways since Independence – following a strict policy of increase in travel and freight charges –not able to recover from huge losses - state of affairs when you took over – try to change earlier policy –risk factors – new policy

cheaper fares freight charges – railways as the better means of transport – present surplus finances – plans to improve the railways – accident free travel – delays –connecting rural India.

Rita/Ralph: When did you took over as railway Minister was the state of the Railways?

Minister:

9. You have met Vishwanath Anand,the World Chess Champion. Make ten questions that you would like to ask him about his early life ,training, representing the country, greatest achievement etc...(5 marks)

SECTION – D (Literature)35 marks

10. Choose any One of the following extracts given and answer the questions that follow: (7 marks)

***'But her hands are a wet eagle's
Two black pink-crinkled feet***

*One talom crippled in a garden trap
Set for a mouse'*

1. Name the poem and the poet (1 mark)
2. Whose hands are wet (1 mark)
3. Why are the feet 'crinkled'?
4. What are 'talons' in the passage?
5. Name the figure of speech used in this passage.

OR

*'They'll soon forget their haunted nights,
they cowed subjection to the ghosts of friends who died.*

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. Who does 'they' refer to?
3. Why were their nights 'haunted'?
4. What do the words 'cowed subjection' mean?

11. Answer any two of the following in 50 words each (4x2=8 marks)

- a. According to Archibald MacLeish what are the ingredients that make a poem 'a global fruit.'
- b. Describe Autumn as the season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness'.
- c. "Separation is always painful". How is this statement expressed in the poem 'Curtain'?

12. Answer any one of the following in about 80- 100 words: (5 marks)

How did the monkey's paw ruin the white family?

OR

Compare and contrast the characters of Mr. White and Mrs. White.

13. Answer any two of the questions in about 50 words each: (4x2 + 8 marks)

a. Who was Iona Potapov? What was his plight?

b. Why did Jaques Roux the public executioner agree to give his role to Robichon?

c. How did Lisa's attitude to her profession change?

14. Answer any one of the following in about 80 -100 words. (7 marks)

1. What makes Robert Lynd say that the world is no longer a toy dancing round and round?

2. "Circumstances can change a person's attitude to life". Can this be said of Asoka's life? .

Sample Paper – 2008
Class – XII
Subject – English

SECTION A : READING

Q1. Read the passage given below and then answer the questions which follow: (12 marks)

1. A scholar is refused admission to a good school primarily because of his weak interactive skills. It is indeed pathetic that though English is spoken fluently and used everyday; yet none is satisfied with their abilities. A learner feels he cannot express himself the way he wants to. And he fails miserably to connect with his own hidden power.
2. The Education system, in its endeavors to make Curriculum relevant and life-oriented has, as a matter of fact, fallen short of its standards. It is oblivious of the fact that the most applied & practical subject- **English : is devoid of practical afflatus** .English is at cross roads. Both aspects of Education: the cultural that empowers a learner to grow and the productive aspect that makes him do things, are relegated to the background Curriculum thus stands lopsided. It fails to provide full range of services and cannot tap teachers' expertise. No proper moves and strategies have been formulated to make it unique. English courses are mushrooming and alluring advertisements (the clip given below) are often spotted

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3. With the onset of the new millennium, demands of the Educational System to sensitize itself to changing societal needs has also increased manifold. The new race of human beings have to be served New Curriculum that caters to the Unity Of Thought, Action

& Deed and help evolve an integrated human personality. A Comprehensive Curriculum alone can enhance their understanding of four basic skills.

4. Acquiring the skill of English is no Catwalk. And English is no Science where results are verified; but it means Construction; ingenuity at work. The Architecture that it builds can never be complete if it is divorced from **learning by doing**.
5. There are en number of Projects like **Phonetics, News-reading, Indian literature, Poetry- composition, Interview skills, biography- launch, etc.** which can help a pupil to experiment till he finds a medium that helps free flow of thoughts, to think critically and creatively and emerge as literary competent. As long as there is proper feeding, English will live in their hearts and reign in their minds. Sooner or later, they will be blessed with the English Manthan for Actionable learning that shall make a multidimensional impact on them.

*“Within the enclosure(pupil’s) lies the potential for a new beginning
And within this exciting beginning lies an astonishing future for him.”*

6. English cannot be conferred so easily and so soon We need to take control of English. There is a grave need to designate English, without the slightest hesitation, a practical status if at all, we want a remarkable future. The lack of efforts in learning English and the general feeling of not being interested in learning the English language that are plaguing the system should be urgently addressed.
Should not we all battle against this abuse?.

S.R.Phillips

1.1. On the basis of your reading the passage answer the questions given below:

- a) What are the interactive situations? (1 marks)
- b) What is the ‘matter of grave concern’? (2 marks)
- c) Explain unity of thought, action and deed? (2 marks)
- d) How can English help evolve an integrated personality? (2 marks)
- e) How can you find an astonishing future? (2 marks)

1.2. Pick out one word from the passage that means the same as: (3 marks)

- a. Nascent (para1)
- b. Pragmatic (para2)
- c. Depths (para6)

SECTION - B :ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

Q3) Anshul / Anita has cleared the IIT entrance examination. The family is elated at the achievement and they decide to have a get-together for all friends. Draft an informal intivation for the get- together. (Word limit 50) (5 marks)

OR

You are Shakun / Shalini working as the student's representative on the Managing Committee of your school. The committee is going to meet next week to chalk out an academic programme for the year 2008- 09. To ensure that the committee really prepares a need - based programme for the students, you have decided to invite the student's suggestions on this subject. Write a notice in this regard in not more than 50 words. (5 marks)

Q4) You are Himesh / Honey, the Headboy - Mother's International School. Recently your school hosted regional level Talent Search Festival. Write a report of this event for your school newsletter in about 125 words. (10 marks)

OR

The World Book Fair was inaugurated by the Chairman of the Children's Book Trust. The theme was "Stories for Children." You are Himesh / Honey a student of class XII from Mother's International School, Delhi. You visited the exhibition and were impressed with the range of books on display. Write a factual description in about 125 words. (10 marks)

Q5) You have recently launched a restaurant in Downing Street. Write a letter to the Manager FAB-INDIA inquiring about the latest furnishings and upholstery items, stating your requirement for the same. Word limit :150 (10 marks)

OR

You are Suguna. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily expressing your grave concern over the media manipulation for the sake of publicity and sales promotion. (Word limit 150) (10 marks)

Q6) India has not fared well in almost all international level sports competitions. Cite reasons in its support and give suggestions for its improvement. Write an article of about 200 words for a sports magazine on 'India's Stature & International Sports'. Sign yourself as Miranda/ Mahender. (10 marks)

OR

Heinous and sinister crimes against women, children and the aged in the metros are on the increase. The public and the police need to be sensitized on this issue. Write an article to be published in a newspaper. You are Asif / Aruna. (Word limit 200 words) (10 marks)

SECTION C :LITERATURE

Q 7)

A) Read the extracts given below & answer the questions that follow: (4 marks)

And asked for some city money to feel in hand
To try if it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the 'moving- pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be keeping from us

- i) Why is the poet critical of the ruling government (2)
- ii) Explain 'make our being expand' (1)
- iii) What does life of the 'moving pictures' imply (1)

OR

.....wan, pale
as a late winter's moon
and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile

- i) Mention the poetic device used & what does it suggest? (2)
- ii) What were the poet's 'childhood fears'? (1)
- iii) Why did the poet only 'smile'? (1)

Q 7

B) Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 words each (2 x 3)

- i) Do you think Pablo Neruda advocates total inactivity and death why and why not? (2)
- ii) What is suggested by the massive weight of uncle's wedding band? (2)
- iii) Why is 'grandeur' associated with the mighty dead? (2)
- iv) Cite the childish longing that the poet refers to? Why is it 'vain'? (2)

Q8 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: (2 x 5)

- i) Why did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas? (2)
- ii) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25% refund to the farmers? (2)
- iii) Why are the bangle makers of Firozabad unable to organize themselves into a cooperative? (2)
- iv) What was Sophie's relationship with Geoff? From her perspective, what did he symbolize? (2)
- v) What did M. Hamel say about the French language in "the last lesson"? (2)

Q9) Answer any one of the following questions in about 125 words: (10marks)

Why the peddler signed himself as 'Captain von Stahle' in 'the Rattrap'. Discuss.

OR

Asokamitran has used humour and pungent satire effectively in "Poets and Pancakes" to point out human follies and foibles. Discuss.

Q 10) Answer any one of the following questions in about 125 words (7marks)

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand and study the past, present and future of the 'Planet'?

OR

The third level is a level of existence; medium of escape. Discuss with reference to 'The Third Level.'

Q11) Answer the following briefly in about 30-40 words: (8marks)

- i) What makes Jack feel caught in an ugly middle position? (2)
- ii) Why did Sadao decide to help the wounded soldier despite knowing that he was the enemy? (2)
- iii) Why was the Maharaja happy even though he had lost 3 lakh of rupees? (2)
- iv) How does Derek benefit from his brief association with Mr.Lamb? (2)