



All India 2023 Solved Paper

This sample is taken from the “11 Years CBSE Class 12 English Core Previous Year-wise Solved Papers (2013 - 2023) powered with Concept Notes 3rd Edition | Previous Year Questions PYQs”



11 Years CBSE Class 12 English Core

Previous Year-wise Solved Papers

(2013 - 2023) Powered with Concept Notes

3rd Edition

- CBSE 2023 Solved Papers (All India & Delhi)
- CBSE 2022 Term I & II Solved Papers
- CBSE 2021 Sample Paper
- 18 Authentic Papers (CBSE All India & CBSE Delhi)
- Errorless Solutions with helpful Notes
- NOTE : In 2021 CBSE has Cancelled Board Exam.



ISBN - 978-9355643827

All India **2023**

CBSE Board Solved Paper

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- (i) This question paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) This question paper contains **THREE** Sections – Section A : **READING SKILLS** Section B : **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS** and Section C : **LITERATURE**.
- (iii) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- (iv) Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them strictly.
- (v) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION - A : Reading

1. Read the passage given below:

- (1) As a form of expression, graffiti is famously characterized by the outlaw values; the creation and display of graffiti countered societal rules and was considered by some as vandalism. Not only was it symbolic of rebel values but was also linked to destruction of property. These links between graffiti culture and rebellion were age-old and some say, were popularized by hip-hop culture.
- (2) Imagine waking up one morning, to see your walls smeared with black paint - names, symbols, messages. The most interesting bit is that these wall artists were never caught red-handed. It was all done stealthily. It was almost as though people were marking their territory using painted symbols and slogans. The change was creeping in. Mobile numbers and captivating phrases gradually became marketing tools for free advertising. Catchy phrases tickled the curiosity and calls were made to those numbers.
- (3) Over a period of time, there was a shift in perception. Blank walls beckoned invitingly and artists saw whitewashed walls as an opportunity to display their

work in free and open settings. The city became one large canvas; the illegal 'gang activity' became an art form on display in walking galleries. Graffiti was gradually being replaced and the stigma of illegality was being dropped. There was a move to embrace rather than condemn.

- (4) The colours, shapes, and subjects became cultural themes. What was once rebellious expression is artistic talent at its vibrant best, rich in images of plants, animals and unspoiled landscapes. The painted walls encouraged by residents and governments have created their own ecosystem - a reconciliation of nature with man-made forces.
- (5) The monotony and uniformity of urban life is today infused with human vitality and beauty. Cities speak proudly about the painted walls and clamour to be the first to preserve culture and history through these. Graphic displays of social awareness issues effectively and economically reach out to the common man. Silent art speaks volumes. Be it hygiene, conservation, education, or right and duties - the message is conveyed in an animated, colourful manner without being an imposition.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: **10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.
Graffiti in the earlier years was
(a) Considered a valuable legacy.
(b) done by prominent artists.
(c) an expression of rebellion.
(d) supported by society.
- (ii) Comment on the writer's statement, 'It was all done stealthily'.
- (iii) List two reasons why graffiti was not popular among people.
- (iv) Select the word from para 2 of the passage that conveys the opposite of 'boring'.
- (v) The writer would agree with all of the following EXCEPT:
(a) Graffiti art was paid activity.
(b) Wall art was an age-old tradition.
(c) Graffiti became popular as a marketing tool.
(d) People were curious by what scribbled on walls.
- (vi) Which word from the following most nearly means 'reconciliation' with reference to the given context? (para 4)
- (vii) Why does the writer say that the stigma of 'illegality' was dropped?
- (viii) Complete the following sentence with references to the passage: The city became one large canvas because _____.
- (ix) The passage states a shift in attitude. Identify the best option that indicates this shift.
(a) rejection to dismissal
(b) confusion to clarity
(c) imposition to acceptance
(d) dislike to acceptance
- (x) List two ways in which wall art is beneficial to society.
2. Read the passage given below:
- (1) Educational technology is the combined use of computer hardware, software, educational theory, and practice to facilitate learning. When referred to with its abbreviation EdTech, it points to the industry of companies that create educational technology. With education growing online, India's EdTech market size is expected to grow 3.7 times in the next five years.
- (2) Education in both rural and urban India is expected to be supported by technology in the near future.

- (3) As per a 2019-2020 report, only 23.3 percent of schools had an internet connection, Moreover, 61 percent of schools in the country didn't even have computers.
- (4) With the internet rate estimated to reach above 55 percent by the end of 2025 in India, digitisation of education will impact the country's development and become one of the topmost priorities for the government.
- (5) Budget 2021-22 allocated ₹93,224.31 crore to the Ministry of Education. It was an increase of over ₹8,100 crore from the revised estimates for the current fiscal year and the Department of Higher Education was allocated ₹38,350.65 crore.
- (6) The role of technology in education is more critical now than ever in addressing educational disparity. It has already made learning affordable and accessible. In particular, the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
- (7) With help from apps and software, teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide information about the most recent developments. Students can enjoy an interactive learning experience. Teachers can employ animation, PowerPoint slides and graphs to catch the interest of their pupils. Gamification lends interest in the subject.
- (8) The only education system is a sector in which growth and development will work for the betterment of many sectors which include educating learners and increasing job opportunities for educators and technical staffs.

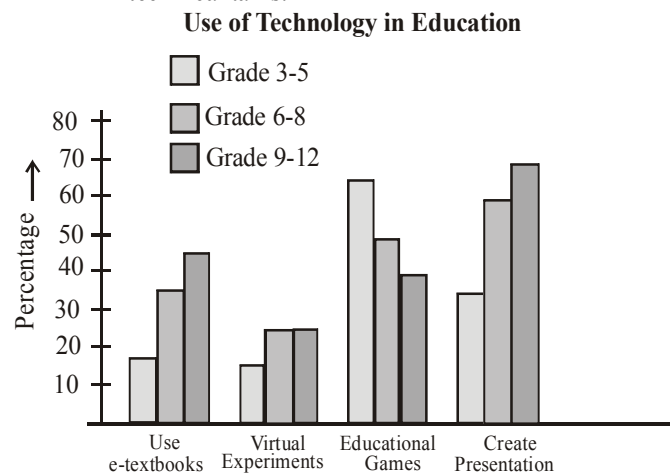


Table I.
REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH
1 Lower cost involved in the dissemination of online education
2 Convenient, flexible and affordable
3 Initiatives by the Government which include programmes like SWAYAM and DIKSHA
4 Increasing number of education-based startups
5 Increment in the internet user base
6 Increasing penetration of mobile devices
7 Inflow of investments and acquisitions in this sector
8 It overcomes the geographical barriers

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1?
Education technology is the practice of introducing information and communication technology tools into the classroom.
Select from the following:
True - If the statement agrees with the information
False - If the statement contradicts the information
Not Given - If there is no information on this
- (ii) What are the two essentials for digitisation of education?
- (iii) Select the option which displays that use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
- Frees up the teacher to be able to concentrate on farming.
 - Teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide more value to the students.
 - It understands what is needed and technology is subsequently developed effectively.
 - Simplifies assignment management with user-friendly methods.
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement:
The role of EdTech is more critical now _____.
- (v) The word 'critical' in para 6 most nearly means
- difficult
 - crucial
 - complementary
 - causative

- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:
Technology in education for the betterment of many sectors such as _____.
- farmers, educators and businessmen
 - educating learners, job opportunities for educators and technical teams
 - doctors, engineers and technocrats
 - banking, construction workers and software technicians
- (vii) Digital education will become a top priority for the government because _____.
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option:
The concluding sentence of the passage makes a clear case that _____.
- the growth of educational technology and online education will take some time
 - nobody imagined a growth as exponential as in the last two years
 - development of EdTech will work for the betterment of many other sectors as well
 - the private sector has to play a decisive role
- (ix) Based on the graph, state the items which have the highest percentage of technology used by students of grades 9-12 and by students of grades 3-5.

OR

For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2(ix):

- (ix) Complete the sentence approximately in two-three words.
With the help of technology, students enjoy _____.
- (x) Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement:
India's EdTEch market size is expected to double in the next five years.

SECTION - B : (Writing & Skills)

(20 marks)

3. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:
- (A) The Literary Society of your school is setting up a Writer's Guild to encourage and develop the habit of creative writing. Draft a notice in 50 words for the school notice-board, inviting students from classes VI-X to join the Writer's Guild. You are Ragini/Rakesh, President of the Society. Mention relevant details of day, date, time and venue.

OR

(B) The Traffic Police of your district has agreed to hold one-day programme on road safety in your school. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school notice-board, informing students of classes 8-12 to assemble at the appointed place. You are Shaili. Sunnet, Sports Incharge. Mention day, date, time and venue.

4. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

(A) The outgoing batch of Class XII is going on a picnic to the Garden of Five Senses. Send an informal invitation letter in 50 words to your classmates. You

are Rita/Ram, the Head Girl/Head Boy of Lotus Public School. Mention day, date, time and venue.

OR

(B) You were invited by your friend Shahid to the marriage of his sister, but due to some unavoidable circumstances, you cannot leave station. Write an informal letter of reply in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. You are Hamid/Henna of Aliganj, Nashik. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

(A) Kavita/Karan Agarwal sees the following advertisement in the local newspaper:

BRIGHT FUTURE COACHING CENTER

Requires Part-time tutors for all subjects for classes 6-12
 The applicant must have an excellent and equipped to take online classes.
 Good interpersonal skills
 Experience - Minimum 2 years
 Apply within 10 days to the Director, Bright Future Coaching Center, Meerut

Kavita/Karan decides to apply for the job. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words with detailed biodata in response to the above advertisement.

OR

(B) You have observed that differently abled persons do not get adequate opportunities and facilities from people or the authorities with regard to their participation in the workforce. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' in 120-150 words explaining the measures that should be initiated to provide necessary assistance to make their life meaningful and productive. You are Usha/Umesh

INCLUDE CELEBRATE

WE ALL BELONG
 DISABILITY - DIVERSITY
 DISABILITY - POSSIBILITY

* EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
 * NEED ACCESS TO AMENITIES
 * ACCESSIBILITY IN SPACES

6. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:

STREET THEATER



CHILD RIGHTS.....DRUG ABUSE..... SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT ILLITERACY

OR

- (B) The newspapers today have full page advertisements promoting senior citizen living. Write an article in 120-150 words expressing your views on the resonance for this increase and benefits of shifting into these residential complexes. You are Renu/Rajan, a resident of Sachar, a senior living paradise.

Benefits:

- affordable
- community living, companionship
- activities for seniors
- safety
- assisted care
- 24-hour ambulance to nearest hospital
- regular health check ups

SECTION - C : (Literature)**(40 marks)**

7. Attempt any one of the extracts (A) and (B) given below:

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: $6 \times 1 = 6$

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines,
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness. (Keeping Quiet)

- (i) Significance of countering up to twelve is
- (a) it is time to start the race.
 - (b) it is symbolic of life.
 - (c) it is a measure of time.
 - (d) that time does not wait for anyone.
- (ii) The word _____ in the extract means unusual and exciting.
- (iii) Excessive activity would create an atmosphere of
- (a) productivity
 - (b) mechanisation
 - (c) confusion
 - (d) competition

- (iv) The poet would want to create all of the following EXCEPT

- (a) a peaceful environment
- (b) a harmonious world.
- (c) an atmosphere for introduction.
- (d) a world full of hustle and bustle.

- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly:

face of the Earth : _____ : : sudden strangeness : alliteration

- (vi) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below:

I. People must keep silent at twelve everyday.

II. Introspection will lead to peaceful coexistence.

Choose the most appropriate option:

- (a) I is false, but II is true
- (b) Both I and II are false
- (c) Both I and II are true
- (d) I is true, but II is false

OR

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: $6 \times 1 = 6$

Driving from my parent's
home to Cochin last-Friday
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that
of a corpse, and realised with pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
Put that thought away, and
looked out at Young
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes

- (i) The poet's mother looks
- I. exhausted
 - II. healthy
 - III. rejuvenated
 - IV. pale
 - V. relaxed

Choose the most appropriate option:

- (a) Only V
 - (b) healthy
 - (c) I, II and IV
 - (d) I and IV
- (ii) The poet looks out of the car because _____.

- (iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as 'her face ashen like that of a corpse'.
- stars winked in the midnight sky
 - a bitter sweet experience
 - as cold as ice
 - grey geese in the green field
- (iv) The phrase 'she realized with pain' indicates the poet's
- anxiety of missing the flight.
 - fear of losing her mother.
 - fear of illness.
 - anxiety of taking her mother on the flight.
- (v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below:
- The poet was in a hurry to reach the airport.
 - The poet did not want to think about her mother growing old and infirm.
- Choose the most appropriate option:
- I is correct, but II is incorrect
 - Both I and II are correct
 - Both I and II are incorrect
 - II is correct, but I is incorrect
- (vi) What does the phrase 'sprinting trees' symbolize?
- youthfulness and forgetfulness
 - vitality and youthfulness
 - energy and casualness
 - pallor and exuberance
8. Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- (A) read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:
- "You are to come to the replace," the man said. "The old General is in pain again."
 "Oh," Hana breathed, "Is that all?"
 "All?" the messenger exclaimed. "Is it not enough?"
 "Indeed it is," she replied, "I am very sorry."
 When Sadao came to say goodbye, she was in the kitchen, but doing nothing. The children were asleep and she sat merely resting for a moment, more exhausted from her fright then from work. (The Enemy)
- Seeing the messenger, Hana was apprehensive of _____.
- (ii) The summons for Dr. Sadao were because
- the servants had reported.
 - there was medical emergency.
 - the General wanted to express his admiration.
 - the prisoner of war had escaped.
- (iii) Which of the following summarizes Hana's reason for resting momentarily?
- Her physical exhaustion
 - Her fear
 - Her infirmity
 - Her sadness
- (iv) Complete the analogy correctly with a word from the extract.
- asleep : awake :: rejuvenated : _____.
- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- Mr. Lamb : Look, boy, look what do you see?
 Derry: Just..... grass and stuff. Weeds
 Mr. Lamb : Some call them weeds. If you like, then a weed garden, that. There's fruit and there are flowers, and trees and herbs. All sports. But over there ... weeds. I grow weeds there. Why is one green, growing plant called a weed and another 'flower'? Where's the difference? It's all life ... growing. Same as you and me.
 Derry: We're not the same.
- In the above extract, what best summarizes Mr. Lamb's attitude towards growing weeds?
 - a celebration of life
 - an manifestation of his loneliness
 - a manifestation of his loneliness
 - an example of his gardening skills
 - Which of the following best describes Derry's tone when he says "We're not the same"?
 - bitter
 - confused
 - defiant
 - snobbish
 - Mr. Lamb brings out the contrast between flowers and weeds in order to:
 - explain weeds are important in a garden.
 - demonstrate that weeds have medicinal values.
 - emphasize the specific purpose of each.
 - illustrate that there should be no distinction.
 - What word from the above extract most nearly means the opposite of 'difference'?

9. Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below: $6 \times 1 = 6$

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Rudyard Kipling expressed an even more condemnatory attitude towards the interviewer. His wife, Caroline, writes in her diary for 14 October, 1892 that their day was 'wrecked by two reporters from Boston'. She reports her husband as saying to the reporters, "Why do I refuse to be interviewed? Because it is immoral! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it." Yet Kipling had himself perpetrated such an 'assault' on Mark Twain only a few years before. H.G. Wells in an interview in 1894 referred to the 'interviewing ordeal', but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin. (The Interview)

- (i) Kipling viewed interviews with
 - (a) compassion
 - (b) condemnation
 - (c) reconciliation
 - (d) gratitude
- (ii) Kipling assaulted _____ with an interview.
 - (a) H.G Wells
 - (b) Joseph Stalin
 - (c) T.S. Eliot
 - (d) Mark Twain
- (iii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract:
 attack : assault :: committed : _____
- (iv) The word 'wrecked' in the extract most nearly means
 - (a) ravaged
 - (b) annihilated
 - (c) killed
 - (d) ruined
- (v) Rudyard Kipling uses the phrase 'it is crime' between he feels it is
 - (a) illegal
 - (b) an offence against his person
 - (c) an act of espionage
 - (d) a waste of time
- (vi) Kipling violated his own observation on interviewing by _____.

OR

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: $6 \times 1 = 6$

Then the poet spoke, He couldn't have addressed a more dazed and silent audience - no one knew what he was talking about and his accent defeated any attempt to understand what he was saying. The whole thing lasted about an hour; then the poet left and we all dispersed in utter bafflement - what are we doing? What is an English poet doing in a film studio which makes Tamil films for the simplest sort of people? People whose lives least afforded them the possibility of cultivating a taste for English poetry? The poet looked poetry baffled too, for he too must have felt the sheer incongruity of his talk about the thrills and travails of an English poet. His visit remained an unexplained mystery.

- (i) Choose the appropriate option with reference to the extract. "The audience were dazed' because
 - (a) they were not accustomed to listening to poetry.
 - (b) they had never before seen an Englishman.
 - (c) they failed to comprehend what the poet was speaking
 - (d) they were already bored.
- (ii) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract:
 The English poet was _____ when he was addressing the dazed audience.
- (iii) Where did the talk take place?
 Choose the correct option.
 - (a) The Main Mall
 - (b) Story Writing Department
 - (c) Film studio
 - (d) Subbu's office
- (iv) The English poet's visit is an 'unexplained mystery' because _____.
- (v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract:
 noisy : silent :: assembled : _____
- (vi) Explain the following phrase with reference to the extract :
 The poet felt 'the sheer incongruity of his talk'.

10. Answer any five of the following in about 40-50 words each: $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of twenty-five percent refund to the peasants? (Indigo)
- (b) What made the ironmaster invite the peddler to his house?
- (c) What was the expectation of the people who had set up the roadside stand?
- (d) Why did Aunt Jennifer create tigers so different from her own character?
- (e) Why can the bangle-makers not organise themselves into a cooperative? (Lost Spring)
- (f) Why did Douglas decide to go to the YMCA pool to learn swimming? (Deep Water)

11. Answer any two of the following in about 40-50 words each: $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) What warning did Judewin give to Zitkala-Sa?
- (b) What were the apprehensions of Derry's mother about his visit Mr. Lamb?

(c) What dilemma did Dr. Sadao face about the wounded American soldier?

12. Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words: **5**

- (a) Fantasising and unrealistic dreams sometimes lead to disappointment and disillusionment. Discuss with reference to the story 'Going Places'.

OR

- (b) Firozabad presents a strange paradox - the beauty of the glass bangles and the misery of the people who make bangles. Discuss.

13. Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words: **5**

- (a) Describe briefly the Third Level. How did it differ from the Second Level?

OR

- (b) What was the Maharaja's mission? How did he resolve to overcome the obstacles in the fulfillment of his mission? (The Tiger King)

Solutions

SECTION - A

1. (i) (c) an expression of rebellion ($1 \times 10 = 10$ Marks)
(ii) It was done in a hideous manner



Note

Stealthily - Something that is secret in action.

- (iii) symbol of rebellion & destruction of property
(iv) captivating



Note

Opposite word for boring is charming or captivating.

- (v) (a) Graffiti was a paid activity
(vi) (a) ceasefire
(vii) People started appreciating graffiti as an art form
(viii) artists could display their art for free and in open settings
(ix) (b) confusion to clarity
(x) preserve history & culture; display social awareness issues
- (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)**
2. (i) True, this statement agrees with the information.
(ii) internet connection & computers
(iii) (b) Teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide more value to the students
(iv) as its market size is expected to grow 3-7 times in next 5 years
(v) (b) crucial
(vi) (b) educating learners, job opportunities for educators and technical terms
(vii) it will impact country's development



Note

Digital education induces growth and development in many sectors by educating learners.

- (viii)(c) development of Edtech will work for the betterment of many other sectors as well
(ix) Grades 3-5 – Educational Games
Grades 9-12 – Create presentations
(x) expected to rise 3-7 times

3. (A) Value Points

ABC LITERACY SOCIETY NOTICE

24th April, 2023

This is to inform all the students from classes 6th - 10th that the literary society of our school is setting up a writer's guild to encourage the habit of creative writing on 27th April, 2023, at auditorium from 11 am to 2 pm. For further details contact the undersigned.

Ragini
President
Literary society

OR

PQS PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE

24th Feb, 2023

ONE DAY ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

The students of classes VIII - XII are hereby informed that the traffic police (East) district has agreed to hold one day programme on Road safety on 28th Feb, 2023 Tuesday from 11 am to 12 pm, in basket ball ground. DCP (Traffic) will be the chief guest for more information, contact the undersigned.

Suneet
Sports Incharge

4. (A) Lotus Public School **(5 Marks)**

Saket, New Delhi

24 Feb. '23

Dear batchmates

Outgoing batch of class XII is organising picnic to the Garden of Five Senses – 5/3/23 – charges ₹ 1,500/- inclusive of transportation & food & beverages. Interested students may give names to respective class monitors – limited seats – A/C buses – will leave school 9:00 A.M. – join for unlimited fun yours sincerely.

Rita
(HEAD GIRL)

OR

4. (B) 17/9 Gulabganj
Aliganju, Nasik

24.02.23

Dear Shahid

Many thanks for inviting me to the marriage of your sister, Sameena on 11 March 2023 at Grand Bauquets, Najafgarh, Delhi at 8:00 P.M. with deep regret, I express my inability to attend the same due to unavoidable circumstances.

Best wishes to the bride and groom!

Yours truly

Hamid

5. (A) 5-46/9 Ram Nagar (5 Marks)

Meerut-41

24 February, 2023

The Director

Bright Future Coaching Centre

193 Ravi Kunj

Meerut

Sub : Application for the post of part-time tutors

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement published in local newspaper dated 24th March, 23, inviting application for the post of Part time tutors for all subjects for classes 6th to 12th. I wish to be considered for the same.

I am a determined educator having experience of 4 years well versed in taking online classes.

I shall be glad to be favoured with an interview with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

Kavita Aggarwal

Encl. - Bio data

BIO-DATA

Name – Kavita Aggarwal

Father's name – Om Pal Aggarwal

Mother's name – Rajni Aggarwal

D.O.B. – 11.03.1994

Address – S-46/9, Ram Nagar, Meerut-41

Phone no. 99123456xx

Educational Qualifications

YEAR COURSE BOARD/UNIVERSITY

2017 M.Sc. Delhi University 96.4

2015 B.Sc. Delhi University 89.7

2012 XII C.B.S.E 97.7

2010 X C.B.S.E 93.9

Professional Qualifications

(a) B.Ed – Rohtak University (2021) 82.3%

(b) 6 months' Diploma MS-Office

Hobbies – Painting, Theatre

Achievements – Best Athlete - District level (2014)

– Best Debator – Zonal level (2013)

– Top All-Rounder at College (2016)

References – (A) Anil Tha

Professor, Hindi

Amity University

9999886xxx

(B) Dr. Anjana Das (M.S)

Max Hospital, Saket

98182345xx

24.02.2023

Kavita Aggarwal

Meerut

OR

5. (B) A-106 Priya Vihar

Delhi - 93

24 Feb. 2023

The Editor

The Times of India

B.S.Z. Marg

Delhi

Sub.- Lack of opportunities for the disabled

Sir

Columns of esteemed newspaper - draw attention towards inadequate opportunities for the differently abled in India

Inclusivity in workforce – need of the hour – disability not a block, but a possibility – part of diversity – govt. & private sector must ensure robust participation of the disabled in jobs – provide ample opportunities corrective measures must be ensured – awaken the authorities from deep slumber

Yours truly

Usha

(5 Marks)

6. (A) **3-DAY STREET THEATRE FESTIVAL**

By- Salman, HT correspondent

24 Feb. 2023, Monday

Three-day Street Theatre Festival – at Central Lawns – organised by student members – 5 NGOs – Amit Das, renowned theatre personality inaugurated event – performances put up on Child Rights, Drug Abuse, Junk Food etc. free viewership for public – wonderful performances – followed by open house session – experiences shared – food stalls & book stalls – event culminated with soulful rendition of the National Anthem

OR

(B) **Senior Citizens' Community**

By: Renu

Steady increase in senior citizens' community – active members – generally whose children are staying away – wish to live a meaningful life – with like – minded same age group – sachar, a senior living paradise provides affordable stay – safety, assisted care, regular health checkups are some of the highlights – wonderful way of living in companionship during the twilight years great way of living a cheerful & meaningful life

7. (A) (1 × 6 = 6 Marks)

- (i) (c) its a measure of time

(ii) exotic

(iii) (b) mechanisation

(iv) (d) a world full of hustle & bustle

(v) personification

(vi) (a) I is false but II is true

OR

(B) (i) (d) I & IV

(ii) she wants to escape from the harsh reality of life-ageing mother

(iii) (c) as cold as ice

(iv) (b) fear of losing her mother

(v) (d) II is correct but I is incorrect

(vi) (b) vitality & youthfulness

8. (A) (1 × 4 = 4 Marks)

(i) Dr. Sadao being arrested on charges of treason

(ii) (b) there was a medical emergency

(iii) (a) her physical exhaustion

(iv) exhausted

OR

8. (B)

(i) (a) a celebration of life

(ii) (a) bitter

(iii) (c) emphasize specific purpose of each

(iv) same

9. (A) (1 × 6 = 6 Marks)

(i) (b) condemnation

(ii) (d) Mark Twain

(iii) perpetrated

(iv) (d) ruined

(v) (b) an offence against his person

(vi) by interviewing

OR

9. (B)

(i) (c) they failed to comprehend what the poet was speaking

(ii) equally baffled

(iii) Gemini Studios - film studio

- (iv) none of them could comprehend the reason of the English poet's visit
- (v) dispersed
- (vi) poet felt 'out of place' or 'misfit' in that studio

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

10. (a) Gandhiji agreed on the settlement of 25% refund to peasants as money was not important for him. The British landlords parting away with their prestige had a bigger impact.
- (b) The Ironmaster mistook the peddler to be his old acquaintance – his comrade, friend from the days of army.
- (c) People who had set up roadside stand expect to feel the city money in their hands and also pray silently that any passers by would stop by and purchase something from them.
- (d) Aunt Jennifer's creation is different from her own character as she is submissive whereas her tigers are majestic and move freely.
- (e) The banglemakers are stuck in the vicious circle of poverty-middlemen, sahuakars and policemen. They don't have strength and will to speak against them.
- (f) Douglas wanted to shed inhibitions of fearing water. Moreover, the YMCA pool had gradual slope and an instructor as well.

(2 × 2 = 4 Marks)

11. (a) In order to maintain uniformity amongst students, Zitkala-Sa was warned by Judewin that her long heavy hair would be chopped off and made to wear tight clothes.
- (b) Derry's mother was apprehensive about Mr. Lamb as she had heard a lot about him. Hence, she instructed Derry not to go there.

- (c) Dr. Sadao's dilemma was whether to save Tom the U.S. Prisoner of war as a humanitarian gesture or to throw him back into the sea as he was an enemy.

(5 Marks)

12. (a) Sophie fantasized about her idol, Danny Casey - an Irish footballer wherein she moves an imaginary conversation with him. In that fantasy, Danny promised to meet her, making Sophie wait endlessly. The disillusioned Sophie was totally dejected when he didn't 'turn up'.

OR

- (b) The city of Firozabad showcases a strange paradox as the timeless beauty of glass bangles completely overshadows the misery of the people who make them. These people add colour and happiness to the lives of others while their own lives are totally dark and bleak.

(5 Marks)

13. (a) The suburban trains used to leave from the second level of the Grand Central station, whereas the third level had smaller rooms, fewer ticket windows and train gates. The information booth was wooden and old-looking. In addition to this, it had gaslights, brass spittoons and Currier & Ives locomotive engine on the track.

OR

- (b) The Maharaja's mission was to kill hundred tigers as the state astrologer had prophesized his death at the hands of a tiger. He resolved to overcome the obstacles by marrying a girl from a kingdom that boasted of a huge tiger population. He also provided undue benefits to the villagers and even bribed the British officer's wife.