

CBSE
Class **12**



English

Sample Question Paper 2024



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Sample Paper

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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

[22 Marks]

1. Read the passage given below.

[12]

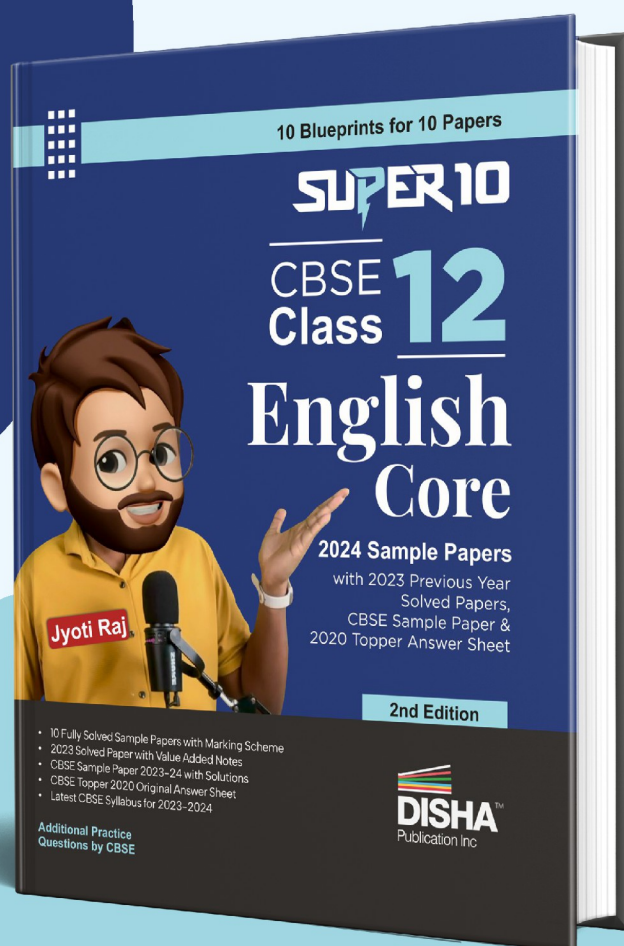
1. Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.
2. Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.
3. Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. Dejectedly she remembered their joy together. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.
4. Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium and polonium.
5. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- (i) The Curies' _____ collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom. [1]
(a) competitive (b) courteous (c) industrious (d) Chemistry (e) Friendly
- (ii) What was the major contribution of Marie and Pierre Curie? [2]
- (iii) Madame Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in which field? [1]
(a) History (b) Chemistry (c) Physics (d) Both b and c
- (iv) Marie had a bright mind and a blithe personality. What does blithe personality refers to? [1]
(a) Strong (b) Lighthearted (c) Humorous (d) strange (e) envious
- (v) When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, did she feel hopeless, annoyed or depressed? What is the correct term according to you? [1]

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- (vi) Marie ____ by leaving Poland and travelling to France to enter the Sorbonne. [1]
 (a) challenged authority
 (b) showed intelligence
 (c) behaved
 (d) was distressed
- (vii) “Dejectedly “ she remembered their joy together. Here Dejectedly means? [1]
- (viii) Which sentence in the passage means that her dedication towards her work didn’t diminish even after facing hard times? [2]
- (ix) What do you think are the great character traits of Madame Marie Curie? [2]

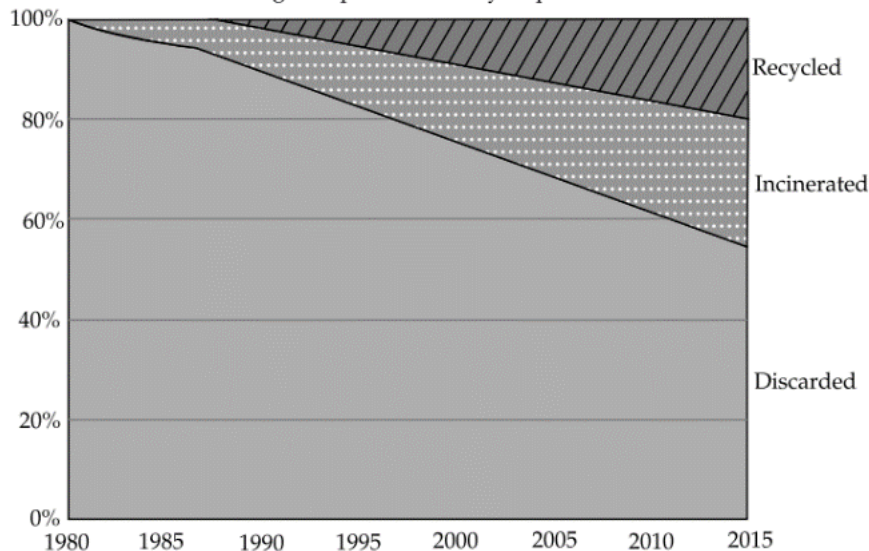
2. Read the passage given below. [10]

- When plastic waste is burnt, a complex weave of toxic chemicals is released. Breaking down Poly Vinyl Chloride, (PV (c) is used for packaging, toys and coating electrical wires. It produces dioxin, an organochlorine which belongs to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). A recent Dioxin Assessment Report brought out by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEP (a) says the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is ten times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.
- Yet the Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project which will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. Former transport minister Rajendra Gupta, the promoter of this project, says this is not necessary. He claims no air pollution will be caused and that the ash produced can be used as manure. An earlier waste-to-energy project set-up in Timarpur failed. The new one, built with Australian assistance, will cost 200 crore. It will generate 25 megawatts of power and gobble 1,000 tonnes of garbage every day.
- “Technologies like gasification are a form of incineration,” says Madhumita Dutta, central coordinator with Toxics Link, New Delhi. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash, she points out. Toxins produced during incineration include acidic gases, heavy metals as well as dioxins and furans. “The ‘manure’ will be hazardous and a problem to dispose of,” says Dutta.
- Municipal solid waste contains a mix of plastics. Breaking down this waste emits hydrochloric acid which attacks the respiratory system, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing, vomiting and nausea. Polyethylene generates volatile compounds like formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, both suspected carcinogenic. Breathing styrene from polystyrene can cause leukaemia. Polyurethane is associated with asthma. Dioxin released by PVC is a powerful hormone disruptor and causes birth defects and reproductive problems. There is no threshold dose to prevent it and our bodies have no defence against it.
- “Even the best run incinerators in the world have to deal with stringent norms, apart from contaminated filters and ash, making them hugely expensive to operate,” says Dutta. In Germany, air pollution devices accounted for two-thirds the cost of incineration. Despite such efforts, the European Dioxin Inventory noted that the input of dioxin into the atmosphere was the highest from incineration.
- How has the global plastic waste disposal method changed over time? In the chart, we see the share of global plastic waste that is discarded, recycled or incinerated from 1980 through to 2015.
 Prior to 1980, recycling and incineration of plastic was negligible; 100 percent was therefore discarded. From 1980 for incineration and 1990 for recycling, rates increased on average by about 0.7 percent per year. In 2015, an estimated 55 percent of global plastic waste was discarded, 25 percent was incinerated and 20 percent recycled.
- “India does not have the facility to test dioxin and the cost of setting one up is prohibitively expensive,” says Dutta. Besides, Indian garbage has a low calorific content of about 800 cal/kg, since it has high moisture and requires additional fuel to burn. Toxics link calculates that the electricity generated from such technology will cost between 5-7 per unit, which is six times higher than conventional energy. India has chosen a dioxin preventive route and burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited under Municipal Solid Waste and Biomedical Rules. Nearly 80 percent of Indian garbage is recyclable or compostable. Resident associations, the informal sector and the municipal corporation can make Delhi’s garbage disappear in a sustainable manner. “Instead, the government promotes the end of pipeline solutions,” says Dutta.

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Global plastic waste by disposal, 1980 to 2015

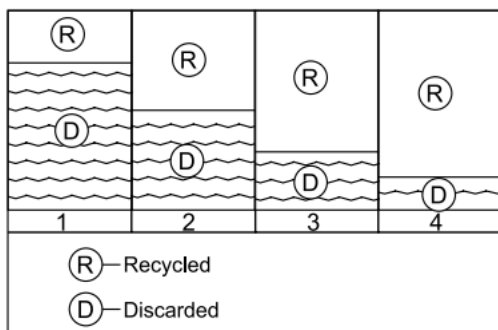
Estimated share of global plastic waste by disposal method



Source : Geyer et al.(2017)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately [1]
Dioxin causes
- (ii) Which statements are NOT TRUE according to the passage? [1]
 (i) India has adopted a preventive measure under which burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited.
 (ii) USEPA says that the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is hundreds of times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.
 (iii) Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash.
 (iv) Hydrochloric acid attacks the digestive system, nose and eyes which results in diabetes and nausea.
 (a) ii and iv (b) i and iii (c) iii and iv (d) i and ii
- (iii) Garbage can be converted into energy by [1]
- (iv) Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the ratio between discarded waste to recycled global plastic waste in 2015. [1]



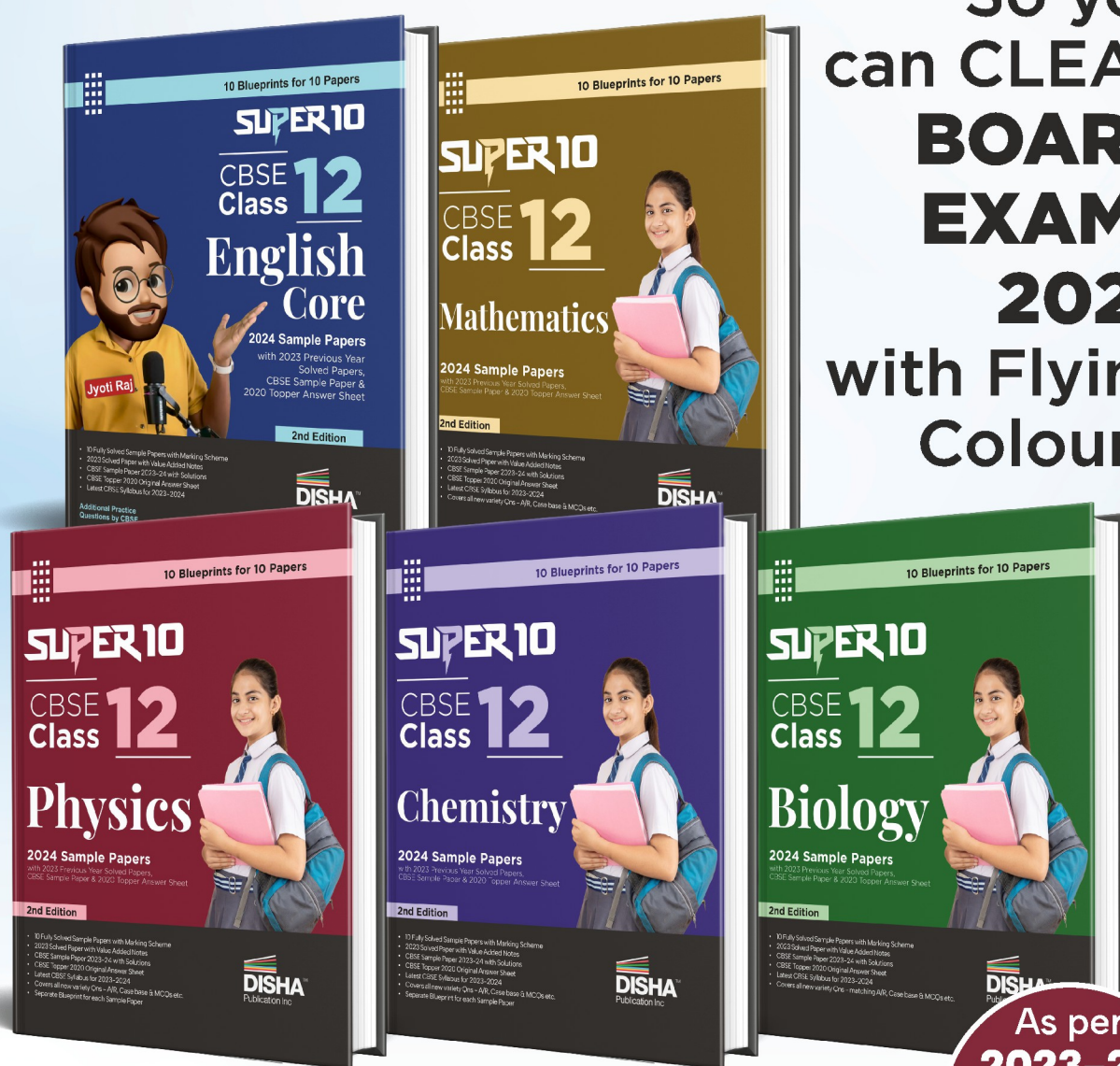
- (a) option 1 (b) option 2 (c) option 3 (d) option 4
- (v) State whether the following statement is True or False: [1]
Only discarding of plastic took place after 1980.

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- (vi) Converting waste to energy projects will consume how much energy? [1]
- (vii) Arrange the sentences in the order in which they occurred year wise. [2]
- (i) From 1980, rates increased on average by about 0.7 percent per year for incineration.
 - (ii) 20 percent waste was recycled in 2015.
 - (iii) Prior to 1980, recycling and incineration of plastic was negligible.
 - (iv) In 2015, an estimated 55 percent of global plastic waste was discarded.
- (a) ii, i, iv, iii (b) iv, ii, iii, i (c) i, iii, iv, ii (d) iii, i, iv, ii
- (viii) In about 40 words, state the diseases that take place in human body due to various gases. [2]

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

[18 Marks]

- 3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. [4]**
- A.** Cultural department of your school is going to organise a folk dance competition of paired state i.e. Diu, on 5th Nov.2022. Write a notice in not more than 50 words to be displayed on the school notice board, inviting students to participate in it. Give all the necessary information. You are Pooja / Praveen, Secretary, Cultural department, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Diu.
- OR**
- B.** You are head girl of your school. An exhibition is being held in your school to bring out the talent of students. Write a notice to inform the students to bring some hand-made things for the art and craft exhibition. Mention last date and other details.
- 4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. [4]**
- A.** Your father, Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta , residing at K-18 ,13th Cross Malleswaram, Bangalore wants to celebrate the success of your brother Rohith's clearing the IIT-JEE Entrance Examination and securing admission in IIT Powai, Mumbai. He wants you to draft a formal invitation for him on his behalf. Draft the invitation in not more than 50 words.
- OR**
- B.** You are Natasha, residing in Pune. Your cousin, from the same city is hosting your grandmother's eightieth birth anniversary and has extended an invite to you. He has also requested your assistance for the arrangements needed. Draft a reply of acceptance.
- 5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below, in about 120-150 words. [5]**
- A.** You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of a Sales Executive in a reputed bank. Write a letter with bio-data in about 120-150 words to the HR Manager, HSBC Bank, Lajpat Nagar New Delhi, applying for the post advertised.
You are Pooja/Pradeep of 120, Kirti Nagar Delhi.
Here is the advertisement:
Sales Executive wanted
For HSBC bank
Who do we need?
-Freshers, Experienced, Both welcome
Apply as soon as possible with your latest resume
- OR**
- B.** You are Amit/Anita, resident of S-10, Sairam Society, Shivanand Nagar, Bilaspur. You find participation of children in various reality shows on T.V. a form of child exploitation. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily showing your concern about various forms of child exploitation prevalent in Educated, Urban society giving some suggestions to curtail it.
Use the following clues along with your ideas to compose this letter.
-Using children for selfish motives
-Comparison of children by parents
- Putting pressure
-Gives birth to diseases like obesity etc.

6. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below, in about 120-150 words. [5]
- A. Hard work and punctuality are essential for a happy and successful life. They help in meeting the desired targets of our life. You are Aavya/Ajay. Write an article in 120 – 150 words highlighting the importance of hard work and punctuality in a student's life.

OR

- B. You happened to witness a road accident in which ten people were killed while coming to school. As a reporter of The Times of India writes a report in about 120-150 words

SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT [40 Marks]

7. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. [6]

- A. Those who prepare green wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victories with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing
What I want should not be confused
with total inactivity. Life is what it is about; I want no truck with death

(*Keeping Quiet*)

- (i) What are the different kinds of wars mentioned in the poem? [1]
(a) War against humanity (b) War against nature
(c) War with gases and fire (d) All these
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately [1]
The victory that people win after fighting these wars is.....
- (iii) What will the warmongers do? [1]
(a) Put on clean clothes (b) Walk with brothers
(c) Do nothing (d) All the above
- (iv) State whether the statement is True or False, with reference to the context. [1]
'Victory with no survivors' presents an irony.
- (v) What should not be confused with total inactivity or death? [1]
- (vi) Why does the poet request people to keep quiet? [1]

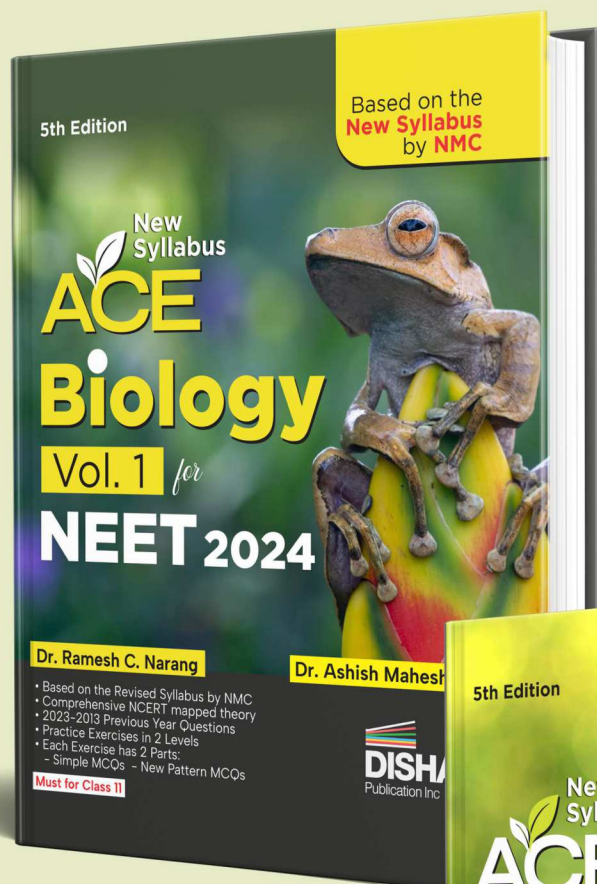
OR

- B. A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon,
Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon

(*A Thing of Beauty*)

- (i) Which things cause suffering to human beings? [1]
(a) lack of virtues and inhuman acts (b) withering flowers
(c) blooming flowers (d) flowing streams
- (ii) What does a thing of beauty do for us? [1]
- (iii) State whether the given sentence is True or False. [1]
A thing of a beauty is a joy forever because it provides happiness to only youth.
- (iv) The word 'despondency' means : [1]
(a) Rejection (b) Dejection
(c) Divinity (d) Darkness

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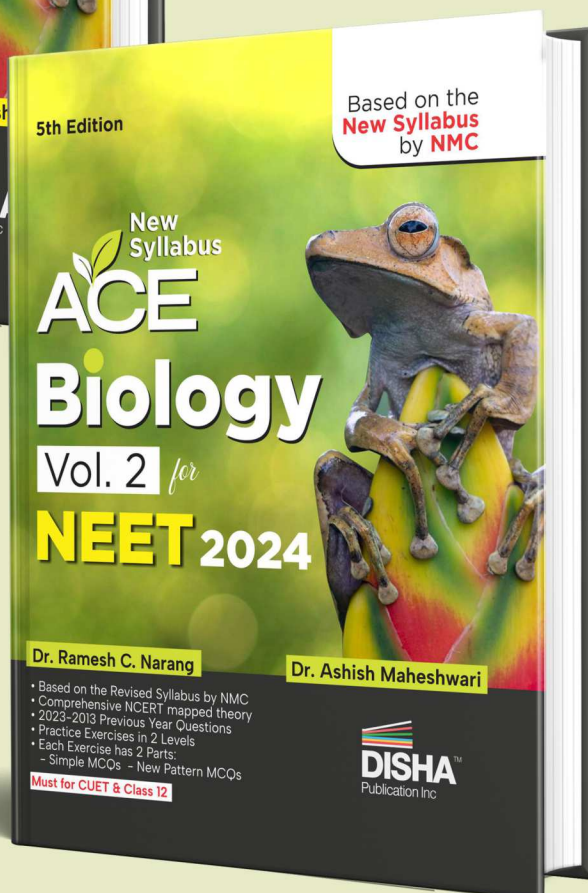
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- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately [1]
The poetic device used in 'noble natures' is:

(vi) The poetic device 'metaphor' is used in first line. State whether it is true or false and state the reason. [1]

8. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. [1 × 4 = 4]

- A.** At the stamp and coin store I go to, I found out that Sam bought eight hundred dollars' worth of old-style currency. That ought to set him up in a nice little hay, feed and grain business; he always said that's what he really wished he could do, and he certainly can't go back to his old business. Not in Galesburg, Illinois, in 1894. His old business? Why, Sam was my psychiatrist..

(The Third Level)

- (i) Who is a Psychiatrist? [1]
(ii) What made Sam convert his new style of currency into older ones? [1]
(a) Because he wanted to go to Galesburg
(b) Because he wanted to earn premium
(c) Because he wanted to start the business of hay and grain
(d) All of these
(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately: [1]
According to Charles, Sam preferred the business of.....
(iv) Find out the antonym of 'Dubiously' from the above extract. [1]

OR

- B.** "It is clear what our master ought to do," the old gardener said one morning. He had worked with flowers all his life, and had been a specialist too in moss. For Sadao's father he had made one of the finest moss gardens in Japan, sweeping the bright green carpet constantly so that not a leaf or a pine needle marred the velvet of its surface. "My old master's son knows very well what he ought to do," he now said, pinching a bud from a bush as he spoke. "When the man was so near death why did he not let him bleed?" "That young master is so proud of his skill to save life that he saves any life," the cook said contemptuously. She split a fowl's neck skilfully and held the fluttering bird and let its blood flow into the roots of a wistaria vine. Blood is the best of fertilisers, and the old gardener would not let her waste a drop of it. "It is the children of whom we must think," Yumi said sadly. "What will be their fate if their father is condemned as a traitor?"

(The Enemy)

- (i) What is the feeling of the speaker? [1]
(ii) "When the man was so near death why did he not let him bleed?" Who said these words? [1]
(a) The cook (b) The maid
(c) The gardener (d) The guard
(iii) How had the man come to be bleeding? [1]
(iv) Complete the sentence appropriately: [1]
The quality of _____ was displayed by Dr. Sadao when he helped the white soldier.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. [1 × 6 = 6]

- A.** Food is more important for survival than an identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I ask them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more.

(Lost Spring)

- (i) The phrase 'transit homes' refer to the dwellings that are [1]
(ii) Identify the figure of speech used in the sentence 'Garbage to them is gold' [1]
(iii) Choose the term which best matches the statement 'Food is more important for survival than an identity' [1]
(a) obligation (b) immortality
(c) necessity (d) ambition

- (iv) What does 'acquired the proportions of a fine art' mean [1]
 (a) Rag-picking has attained the position of a skill
 (b) Rag-picking has regained its lost status
 (c) A segment of rag pickers are skilled in fine arts
 (d) Only a few people are experts in rag-picking
- (v) What does the title, 'Lost Spring' convey? [1]
- (vi) Garbage has two different meanings—one for the children and another for the adults. Comment. [1]

OR

- B.** "Yet I had residual doubts. At my first opportunity I hurried west, went up the Tieton to Conrad Meadows, up the Conrad Creek Trail to Meade Glacier, and camped in the high meadow by the side of Warm Lake. The next morning, I stripped, dived into the lake, and swam across to the other shore and back — just as Doug Corpron used to do. I shouted with joy, and Gilbert Peak returned the echo. I had conquered my fear of water."

(Deep Water)

- (i) What residual doubts Douglas is talking about? [1]
 (a) Whether he had learnt swimming?
 (b) Whether he has conquered his fear of water?
 (c) Whether he can participate in competitions?
 (d) Whether he can swim to the length of the pool?
- (ii) Where did he go to clear his doubt? [1]
- (iii) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. [1]
 Statement 1: Douglas was filled with joy when conquered his fear of water.
 Statement 2: He hesitated while diving into the lake.
 (a) Statement 1 is true but statement 2 is false.
 (b) Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is also true.
 (c) Statement 2 is true but statement 1 is false.
 (d) Both the statements cannot be inferred.
- (iv) Who was Doug Corpron? [1]
- (v) Douglas got freedom from his [1]
- (vi) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water? [1]

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each. [5 × 2 = 10]

- (i) How did Douglas struggle before hitting the bottom of the pool for the second time? What was the outcome of his struggle? (Deep Water)
- (ii) Why were people standing in front of the bulletin board in 'The Last Lesson'? Why did Franz not join the crowd?(The Last Lesson)
- (iii) Why did the peddler derive pleasure from his idea of the world as a rattrap?
- (iv) "It is his karam, his destiny." What is Mukesh's family's attitude towards their situation? (Lost Spring)
- (v) How does Kamala Das try to put away the thoughts of her ageing mother? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)
- (vi) What is the sadness the poet refers to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?(Keeping Quiet)

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [2 × 2 = 4]

- (i) What does the Third level refer to?
- (ii) What dilemma did Sadao face about the young white man? (The Enemy)
- (iii) Why does Derry stay away from people?(On the face of it)

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. [1 × 5 = 5]

- A.** The prose selections, Deep Water and Indigo, bring out the importance of overcoming fear, in order to be able to lead our lives successfully.

Imagine yourself to be a motivational speaker who has to address high school students. Write this address elaborating on occurrences from the two texts to inspire your audience and to convince them about the importance of overcoming fear.

You may begin like this ...

Good morning, students!

We all know what it's like to be afraid. Fear is our body's natural response to a perceived threat or danger. But when ...

OR

- B.** The last two years of school tend to be about planning for life after school. This can be motivating, overwhelming or encouraging for some, and stressful for others. Write a letter to your friend Sanjeev telling him about your thoughts taking ideas from Pablo Neruda's poem. You can take the help of the following points.
- Neruda's ideas in 'Keeping Quiet' as a guide in this situation.
 - Thinking differently about your decisions with reference to Neruda's 'Keeping Quiet'

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

[1 × 5 = 5]

- A.** After seeing off the enemy soldier. Dr Sadao must have felt relieved... He was able to uphold the oath that he had taken as a doctor. Dr Sadao made an entry into his daily diary explaining the dilemma faced by him and how he resolved it.

Imagine yourself to be Dr Sadao and express his thoughts.

(You may begin like this: I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor.....) (The Enemy)

OR

- B.** The time with Mr Lamb left a deep impact on Derry. He started seeing the world and most importantly himself in a new light. Imagine a conversation between Derry and his mother after Mr Lamb's death.

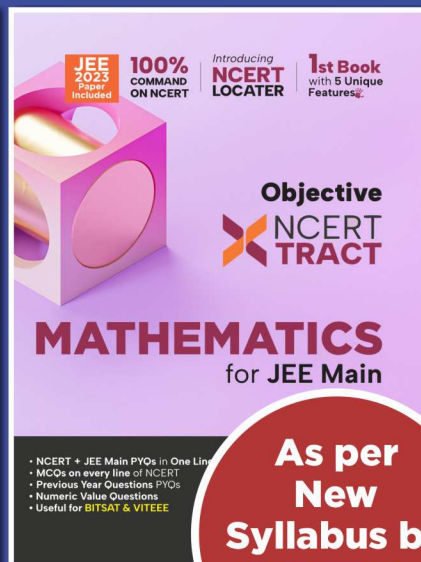
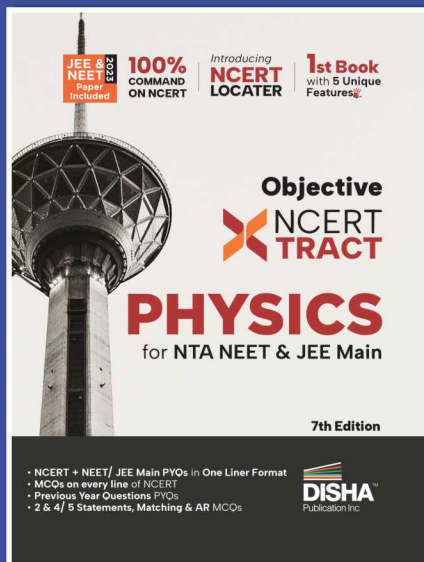
Create this diary entry on the discussion.

(You may begin like this: When I went to Mr. Lamb's place, my mother scolded me for)

(On The Face of It)

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SAMPLE PAPER-1

SECTION - A

1.

- i. (a) competitive
- ii. Radioactivity.
- iii. (d) Both b and c
- iv. (b) Lighthearted
- v. she felt annoyed.
- vi. (a) challenged authority
- vii. Discouraged, despondent, dispirited, downhearted, unhappy, miserable
- viii. The sentence from the passage is 'although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work.'
- ix. The great character traits of Madame Marie Curie were a love of science, high intelligence, the strong conviction that her work would provide important benefits for humanity, and the ability to persevere in light of the difficulties she faced.

2.

- i. cancer
- ii. (a) ii and iv
- iii. gasification
- iv. (a) option 1
- v. False
- vi. 25 megawatts
- vii. (d) iii, i, iv, ii
- viii. Hydrochloric acid attacks the respiratory system, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing, vomiting and nausea. Polyethylene generates volatile compounds like formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, both suspected carcinogenic. Breathing styrene from polystyrene can cause leukaemia. Dioxin released by PVC is a powerful hormone disruptor and causes birth defects and reproductive problems.

3.

A.

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, DIU

NOTICE

28/10/2022

Folk Dance Fiesta

All the students of KV Diu are hereby informed that the Cultural department of Vidyalaya is going to organise a folk dance competition on 5th Nov, 2022 from 9 AM to 10.30 AM in assembly hall.

The dance must be of paired state i.e. Chhattisgarh. Seven students from the senior group (Classes IX to XII) can participate from each house. Winner will represent the Vidyalaya at cluster level. For more information, contact the undersigned.

Sign

Pooja

Secretary, Cultural department

Kendriya Vidyalaya, Diu

OR

XYZ SCHOOL

NOTICE

18/10/2023

Art and craft exhibition

This is to inform all the students that an art and craft exhibition is going to be held in the school on 25th Oct, 20XX. Interested students can submit their hand-made things by 21st to their respective class teachers.

Roma

(head girl)

4.

- A. Mrs. And Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta
Seek your auspicious presence at the
Grand Celebration Party
of their son Rohit's successfully passing the
IIT-JEE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

at
8.00 p.m.
On
28th March 2021

at
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RSVP
K-18, 13th Cross, Malleswaram
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OR

- B.** 121, XYZ Apartments
Pune
14 January 20XX

Dear Prisha

It was a great pleasure to receive the invitation to attend grandmother's eightieth birth anniversary celebration. It is a wonderful occasion and nothing can stop me from attending it. It goes without saying that all of us will come together to make it a grand event. As you have already taken the initiative, just let me know how I can help. I would love to offer my assistance for our lovable grandmother.

Yours affectionately
Natasha

5.

- A.** 120, Kirti Nagar
New Delhi
28 Jan, 20xx
The HR Manager
HSBC Bank
New Delhi
Sub: Application for the post of Sales Executive
Sir

With reference to your advertisement published in your esteemed newspaper dated 15 Jan 20xx, I would like to submit my resume for the post of Sales Executive. I am an MBA from SNDT University. I did my B. Com from University of Delhi. I have a total experience of 3 years in the relevant field. If given a chance, I'll try to do everything in my capability to help the company's growth.

I have attached my resume for your kind consideration.

Hope to get a positive reply from your side.

Thank You
Yours truly,
Pooja/Pradeep
RESUME

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Professional Qualification:

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Proficiency in other fields :

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References : 1) Mr. Shubendu Dhar
GM, Anupam Associates
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2) Dr. Sharad Sharma
BM, SBI, I.T.O Branch, Delhi

OR

- B.** S-10, Sairam Society,
Shivanand Nagar,
Bilaspur
25th Oct, 2022

The Editor
The Times of India
Bilaspur

Sub: Exploitation of children in Urban Society
Sir/Madam

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to draw the attention of the general public and the concerned authorities towards the above cited problem.

In urban societies, parents are increasingly using their children as means of achieving their own unfulfilled wishes, resulting in physical and mental exploitation of the children. Forcing children to participate in reality shows or cajoling them to play roles in TV serials by shunning games are some examples of child exploitation. Even parents among

the audience of such programmes openly compare their wards with child actors on TV. In the school arena, parents put pressure on their wards to excel in the field of academics, sports and other activities alike without considering their field of interest and abilities.

The implication of exploitation of children in the guise of making their future bright is evident now. The diseases like hypertension, obesity, diabetes which were known to be adult diseases a decade back are common among children. Psychotic problems among children are also rising with cases of drug abuse, depression or even suicide is reported frequently.

Authorities in the child's rights department and educational institutes should come out with bolder steps to curb the problem. There should be a ban on all types of advertisements and programmes on TV with child actors below 14 years of age. There should be regular counselling for parents in schools to make them understand the consequences of stressing the children.

Yours faithfully
Anita

6.

- A. Hard work and punctuality in a student's life
By Aavya

Hard work and punctuality are indispensable in a student's life to reach the top. Students should develop this habit from the beginning of their life. If they are punctual and hard-working, they can achieve success and happiness in life. So, punctuality and hard work are the requisites in a student's life to meet his desired target in life.

Let us take a few examples. If a student comes late to his class, he misses the lesson, and the teacher becomes annoyed with him. Unpunctuality is considered a symbol of rudeness or uncivilised manners. Napoleon lost the battle of Waterloo because his marshal was too late to come to his chief's side. Nelson once said that he owed his success in life due to punctuality.

Hence, hard work and punctuality lead a student to the path of success. So, every student is expected to work hard and do their assigned homework punctually. Teachers will love him and success will come to him. Indeed, he will be blessed with punctuality.

OR

- B. Ten People Killed in Road Accident

By TOI Reporter

Baroda, 31 Aug, 2022: Ten people from Rajasthan

died and four others sustained injuries after their vehicle was hit by a loaded truck from behind on Vadodara-Ahmedabad Expressway at 2.30 am on Saturday. The injured were taken to Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad

According to eyewitnesses, a Force Traveller, which was carrying 14 passengers, tried to overtake a vehicle but applied brakes after seeing another vehicle coming from the opposite direction and got another end. "The cement truck coming from behind smashed into the tempo traveller killing ten persons on the spot, including two children aged seven and eight years. Police had to bring a crane to remove the van and retrieve the mangled bodies. Miraculously, a three-year-old girl escaped unhurt.

A case has been filed against the truck driver and the cops are investigating if the driver was driving rashly or the tempo traveller applied brakes too quickly resulting in the accident.

SECTION - C

7.

- A. i. (d)
ii. Victory with no survivor.
iii. (d)
iv. True
v. Stillness and silence
vi. In the hope of becoming more thoughtful and peaceful

OR

8.

- A. i. (a)
ii. A thing of beauty gives hope, happiness and removes pain and suffering.
iii. False
iv. (b)
v. Metaphor
vi. The poet request people to keep quiet in order to maintain silence.

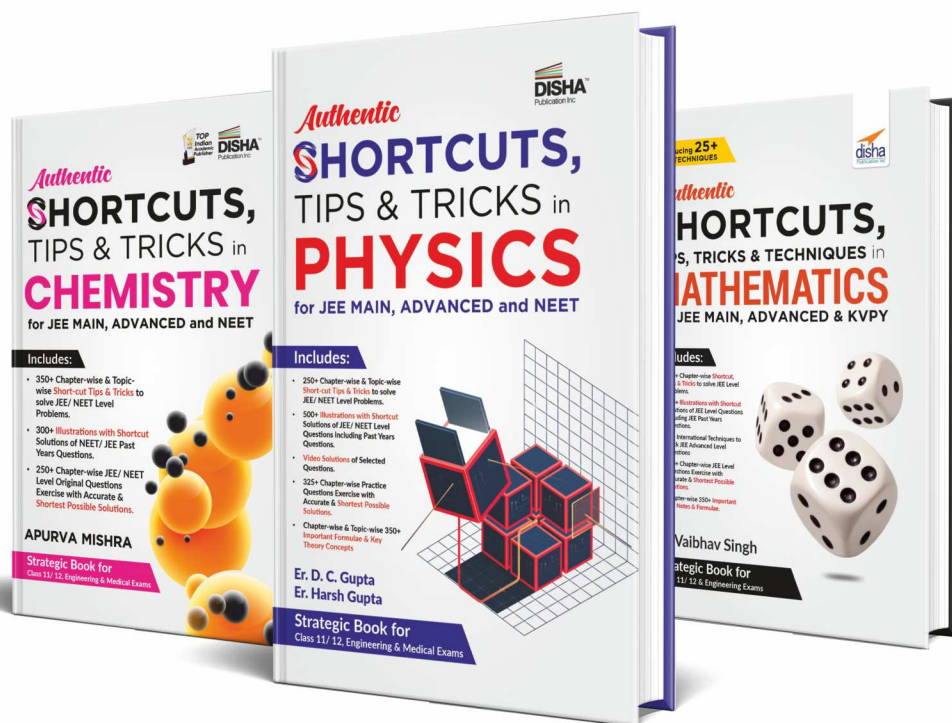
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B.

- i. Appreciative
ii. (c)
iii. He was scratched by the brambles.
iv. empathy and professionalism

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9.

- A.
- i. Temporary
 - ii. Hyperbole
 - iii. (c)
 - iv. (a)
 - v. The title 'Lost Spring' conveys how millions of children in India lose out on living the 'spring' of their lives, that is their childhood.
 - vi. For the children garbage has a different meaning from what it means for the adults. For the children it is wrapped in wonder, their eyes light-up when they find a rupee or a ten-rupee note in it. They search the garbage excitedly with the hope of finding something more. But for the elders it is a means of survival.

OR

- B.
- i. (b)
 - ii. Warm lake
 - iii. (a)
 - iv. Swimmer
 - v. Fear of water
 - vi. His fear of water ruined his fishing trips. It deprived him of the joy of canoeing, boating, and swimming.

10.

- i. Douglas moved his arms and legs around without control. He swallowed water and choked. His legs hung as dead weights, paralysed and rigid. A great force was pulling him down. He struck at the water with full force as he went down. He had lost all his breath. His lungs ached and head throbbed. He was getting dizzy. He went down through dark water and was filled with fear.
- ii. For the past two years the bulletin board had been the bearer of all bad news—the lost battles, drafts, orders from the commanding officer. That day an order had come from Berlin that from the next day a new teacher would teach German instead of French in the school. Franz could not join the crowd as he was already late for his class and could not afford further delay.
- iii. The peddler developed an idea that the world is a rattrap. It offers food, shelter, clothing and luxuries just to entrap us in the same way in which the rattrap entraps its victims through cheese and pork. The idea appealed and pleased him when he saw anyone getting trapped who had insulted and humiliated him.
- iv. Mukesh's family has accepted its misery and impoverished condition as factors that have been ordained by destiny. Years of deprivation and

suffering have made them accept their condition passively in the name of fate or destiny. They feel that a God-given lineage can never be broken and have accepted bangle making as his destiny.

- v. Kamala Das finds it hard to accept the fact of her mother growing old, as it brings back to her mind her childhood fear of losing her mother. She makes a deliberate effort to drive or put away such thoughts by looking outside the car at the sights passing by.
- vi. The sadness that the poet refers to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the sadness of never understanding oneself and nature. Human beings in a frenzy of activities have no time for introspection and thus threaten themselves with death or destruction. This darkens their ways with distress and wretchedness

11.

- i. The third level refers to the Grand Central Station subway which will carry passengers to Galesburg, Illinois. The station's third stage was a means of relief from the harsh realities of everyday life for Charley, the narrator. It provided him with a foundation where fantasy and reality could be interwoven.
- ii. The white man was wounded. He needed immediate medical care. Dr.Sadao could do so. But if they sheltered a white man in their house, they would be arrested. On the other hand, if they turned him over as a prisoner, he would certainly die. Dr.Sadao was in a fix. It was difficult for him to come to any decision.
- iii. Derry suffers from an acute sense of complex after one side of his face got burnt by acid. He stays away from people who constantly remind him of his ugliness. He does not like to see people shirking from him because he is ugly. He feels rejected and unwanted.

12.

- A. Good morning, students!

We all know that fear is our body's natural response to a perceived threat or danger. But fear immobilises us and prevents us from progressing, as in the case of William Douglas, who, due to his fear of water, could not lead a normal life, could not go fishing, canoeing, etc. Similarly, due to their fear of the British, the peasants of Champaran could not take a stand for their rights.

We need to face our fear, devise a plan and work through it. William Douglas worked through his fear rather than giving into it. When the peasants gathered around the courthouse in Motihari, it was a step towards overcoming their fear. We require determination and persistence. It took Douglas

months to overcome his fear of water and learn swimming. It took nearly a year to get justice for the peasants in Champaran. Strength in unity when fighting a common fear is the essential requisite.

Thank you.

OR

B. Delhi

20 May, 2020

Dear Sanjeev

After completing schooling, there are numerous things I want to do and accomplish in my life. My admirations aren't much different from the average person, but it will still take a lot of hard work to get to where I want to be. I have many goals, but to accomplish these goals I have to get through the many obstacles that could get in the way. One of the obstacles is getting admission in a good college. I know if I stay focused, I have the power to get over the obstacles that stand in my way. What I plan to do now might not be what I want to do in a few years. Even if my plans do change, I will always have goals for myself.

With hard work and determination, I plan to accomplish my goals, whatever they may be, and live up to my full potential. Keeping quiet and introspection shall always help me to restore my calmness, give me strength and make right decisions for the benefit of myself and society.

I hope this letter will also help you in overcoming many problems in life.

Warmly

Tushar

13.

A. Saturday, 25th February 20XX

10 pm

Dear Diary

I'm feeling so relieved today as I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor. For a doctor, a patient must be his priority regardless of his religion, caste, country, or background and today I could do justification with my profession when I could save an enemy's life. There was a time when I got convinced with General's decision of killing the enemy but that would never have given me mental peace. I did right in saving his life and helping him to go back to America. In this noble cause, even my better half Hana has also shown indispensable courage and perseverance. I am thankful to the Almighty for letting me come out of the dilemma between the head and the heart. It was the toughest decision to choose to be governed by the emotion or the reason. Now I'm feeling sleepy as tomorrow again I've to render my services which I'm bound to provide.

Sadao

OR

B. Saturday, 26th April 20XX

10pm

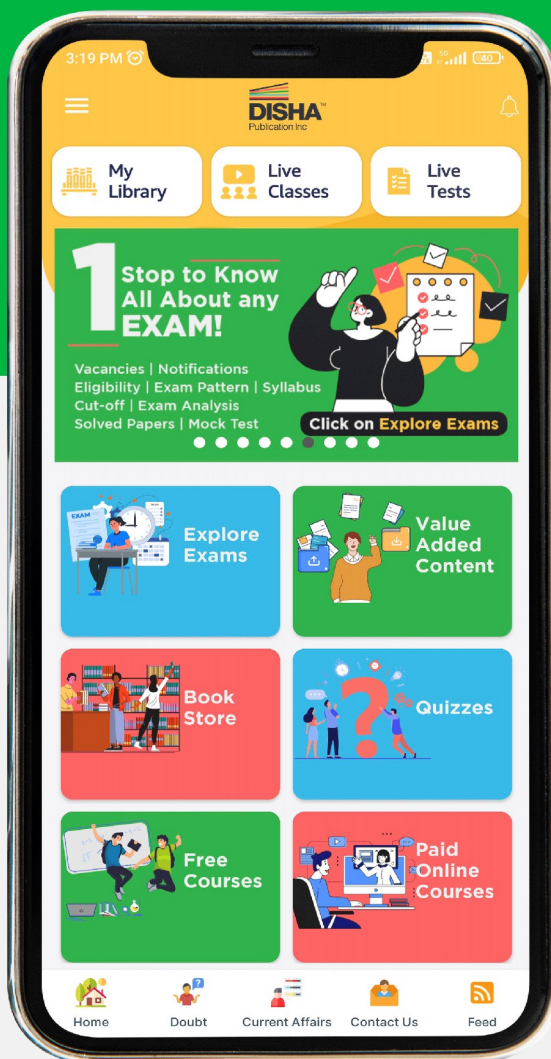
Dear Diary

When I went to Mr Lamb's place, my mother scolded me for going there. I asked her not to speak anything about him as he was disabled just like me. My mother realised her mistake and expressed her anxiety for me. But I told her not to take pity on me as Mr Lamb has taught me to not pity myself anymore. I'm not ashamed of my face. I will never be ashamed of me ever again. Mr Lamb happened to be the only one who give me a new line of thought about my physical infirmity. Thus, we both shared a bond that united us.

But I also know that my mother seems simultaneously overprotective and it's not her fault entirely.

Derry

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