

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU

QUESTION BANK FOR CLASS XII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

SESSION : 2018-19

- Q.1 **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 for him in not more than 50 words.**

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

1st July , 2011

at

UTSAV BANQUET HALL

84-Dr. Raj Kumar, Road, Rajaji Nagar

Bangalore-55

RSVP

K-18 13 Cross, Malleswaram

Mobile: 2712001234

- Q. 2 **Reputed company "Orient Export house" wanted a stenographer. Write a classified advertisement.**

SITUATION VACANT

WANTED a small, confident P.A./Stenographer for a leading export house. Qualification – graduate, age – 25-30 years. Typing speed 40 wpm, short hand speed 100 wpm. Preference to those who can handle computer. Salary negotiable. Apply with complete bio-data by 20th December to Secretary, Orient Export House, T. Nagar, Delhi. PH: 011-21111111

Q.4 You are Sarvanam of 25, NCR road Chennai and applying for the job of maintenance engineer in Arun alloys pvt ltd. Write a letter to apply with resume.

25, NCR Road
Chennai.

24 Nov 2017

The HR Manager
Arun Alloys (P) Ltd
Chennai

Sir,

Sub: Job application for the post of maintenance engineer

This is in reference to the advertisement for the post of Maintenance Engineer, in The Hindu Newspaper dated on 26th November 2014, I felt that I would be the potential candidate as I have requisite quantification and experience.

I did my B.E Mechanical Engineering at Chennai University in the year 2012. Then I moved to a private concern, Pratap Polymers (P) Ltd Chennai, as a trainee supervisor. Still I am working in the company mentioned above. Now I would like switch over to a higher post in this plastics processing field. So I choose your concern as a better one.

Kindly provide me an opportunity to be your employee as a maintenance engineer. I will do my level best if you give me a chance in your concern

Yours Sincerely
[Signature]
Saravanam

Encl: Resume, a copy of experience certificate

BIO-DATA

1	Name:	Saravanam
2	Father's name:	Marinder
3	Sex:	Male
4	Date of birth:	20-06-1990
5	Nationality:	INDIAN HINDU
6	Language known:	Tamil, English, Hindi [Read, Write and Speak]
7	Permanent address:	25, NCR Road, Chennai, TN, India, PIN – 600002
8	Mobile:	9876543210
9	E-mail:	saravananmechbe@gmail.com
10	Educational Qualification:	

B.E, Mechanical engineering Percentage (%) of marks: 78 % with first class
Institute: Sathyabama University, Chennai
Year of study: 2008-2012

Working Experience: 2 years

Q. 5 Write a letter to the editor expressing your views against unfair means used by student in exams.

234 Anand Nagar
Jammu

28th Nov, 2017

The Editor
The Times
Jammu.

Sir
Subject: Unfair means used by students.

I seek to express my views on the use of unfair means by students in examinations. I shall feel highly obliged if you publish my views on the subject in your esteemed Daily.

The use of unfair means by students has become very common. But the menace has assumed dangerous proportions now. Copying in examinations goes on unchecked. No wonder, here and there, some invigilators are found helping the examiners in the use of unfair means. The evil has become deep-rooted.

The system of examination needs complete overhauling.

In fact, examinations have become a farce. They have lost their meaning. Among the reform in the examination system, introduction of internal assessment, setting of objective type questions and delinking of degrees can be suggested. The purpose of holding examination is to test the ability of the students. Any system of examinations that does not serve this end is purposeless. The sooner it is abolished, the better it will be.

I hope these views of mine will go a long way in making examinations meaningful.

Yours truly

Anand Sharma

Q.6 Suresh/Sarika Jain of No-20 Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur. Two months ago you bought a desert cooler from M/s Cool Home Coolers Jaipur. Now you discover that it is not working properly. Write a letter to the Manager Customer Care complaining about the malfunctioning of the unit and asking them to repair and if needed to replace it against warranty.

20 Jawahar Nagar
Jaipur

24 June 2011

The Manager
M/s Cool Home Cooler
Jaipur

Sir
SUBJECT: Complaint about the desert cooler.

I wish to bring it to your notice that I purchased a 'Cooler Home' desert cooler from you on 17 November, 2017 vide Cash Memo No DC-98765, Warranty card no. JE2378. The cooler did function well in the beginning for one and a half months and then it has started giving problems.

The problems are - water leakage, heavy noise while working and high consumption of power. Your company is a reputed one and this kind of service is not expected from your side.

I, therefore, request you to get the set repaired by a technician. In case it is irreparable, kindly replace it with a new one as it carries a warranty period of three years.

Yours faithfully
Suresh

Q.7 You are a student volunteer of National Literacy Mission (NLM) wing of your school involved in the Adult Literacy Campaign: "Each one, Teach One". Write out the speech you would be delivering at each place of your visit. Do not exceed 200 words.

Dear Friends
Good morning to you all

We have all assembled here for a noble cause—a mission to eradicate illiteracy. It is the dream of the National Literacy Mission to educate all the Indians. We would work together for an India where EACH PERSON IS LITERATE. So let's work on the mission 'Each one, teach one.'

Most of the learners are adults who have a rich experience of life. Therefore, the learning strategies that will be adopted in our programme will be exploratory and interactive. We have to teach as well as learn. We must keep in mind certain important factors..... their experience, wisdom and maturity while discussing any topic. We should encourage them to talk and express their views in a frank and fair manner.

We should always keep in mind the OBJECTIVES set for the adult illiterates. We have to make them literates. Inculcate in them a love for reading, writing and arithmetic. Let them do simple calculations and exult at the right calculations. Health awareness and job related problems are the next in order. IT IS ONLY AFTER A STRONG BRIDGE OF CONFIDENCE IS BUILT that we would be able to create in them awareness about civil rights, duties, privileges and obligations. When they become confident of their powers, we must create in them social awareness. Issues like environmental pollution, population control and employment generation can then be discussed.....In short let's all resolve to make sincere efforts to achieve these goals.

Thank you.

Q.8 You are Roshan /Roshini, Secretary of Cultural club, Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad. As a member of N.G.C. (National Green Corps), write a report, in 125 – 150 words for your school magazine. (10 marks)

TOWARDS A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

By

SnehanSehgal

The cultural club of our school in association with National Green Corps organized many activities during the year 2017 for the cause of greener environment in and around the school. A seminar in the month of April was held for students on the need to save environment. In April, the Vanamahotsav week was observed, which was inaugurated with a tree plantation drive. 500 saplings were planted in the colonies in and around the school.

Several Inter-House competitions including poster-making and drawing were conducted which witnessed a huge participation. Students volunteered to clean the surroundings. Pamphlets were distributed among the public to promote cleanliness and hygiene.

A rally was organized in September to create awareness among the public to stop the use of plastic bags and to replace it with eco-friendly products. The various purposeful activities conducted during the year were well received and were to a great extent effective in creating awareness among the people.

Q.9 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

“Unless, governor, inspector, visitor,

This map becomes their window and these windows

That shut upon their lives like catacombs.”

(a) Why does the poet invoke ‘governor, ‘inspector’ and ‘visitor’?

The poet invokes the ‘governor, ‘inspector’ and ‘visitor’ because they are the powerful people who can bring about a drastic change in the miserable lives of the slum children. They can remove the social injustice and class inequalities.

(b) What does ‘this map’ refer to? How can it become ‘their window’?

This map refers to the beautiful world of the rich. Their window refers to holes and the stinking slums of the unfortunate children of the slum. This can become their window only when the difference between the two worlds is abridged.

(c) What have ‘these windows’ done to their lives?

These windows have cramped their lives, stunted their physical and mental growth shutting them inside filthy and dingy holes.

(d) What do you understand by catacombs?

Catacombs are long underground graves. Here they stand for the dirty slums which block their progress.

(e) Which literary device has been used? Explain.

Simile has been used to describe the oppressive effect of the surroundings on their pathetic lives. The simile is: ‘these windows that shut upon their lives like catacombs.’

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

Q.10 Why was it the last lesson? How did Franz react to it?

Ans. As the order from Berlin had come to teach German in all schools of Alsace and Lorraine there would be no French lesson from the next day M Hamel announced in the class. The announcement was like a

thunderclap to Franz. He felt sorry for not learning French. The French books, which earlier were nuisance, became attractive. He felt he could not give up his French books.

Q.11 Seemapuri a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it metaphorically. Justify this statement.

Ans. Seemapuri the rag pickers shanty is just in the outskirts of Delhi but it is far away from Delhi so far as Delhi's glitter and amenities are concerned. Here the squatters of Bangladesh who came after 1971 war live in structures of mud with roof of tin or tarpaulin. There is no sewerage, drainage or pipe water that Delhites enjoy.

Q.12 Why don't the bangle makers of Firozabad organize themselves?

Ans. The bangle makers are trapped in the vicious circle of middlemen and police. If they organize a cooperative they will be hauled up, beaten and dragged to jail by police for doing something illegal. There is no leader to help them out from their misery. They are the victims of greed and injustice.

Q.13 How did Douglas finally overcome his fear of water?

Ans. Douglas overcame his fear of water by challenging the fear itself and going for several rounds of swimming in the pool; but finally the residual fear he overcame when he went up to Tie ton to Conrad meadows and swam across the other shore and back of the warm lake as Doug Corpron used to do.

Q.14 What was the peddler's philosophy about rattrap? Why did it amuse him?

Ans. The peddler's philosophy was that the whole world is a rattrap with several baits in it. As one is tempted to bait and touches it the door is closed and everything comes to an end like in a rattrap. The thought amused him because he has so far been selling rattrap; but not fallen in this world's rattrap

Q.15 Why was Gandhiji impressed with Rajkumar Shukla's tenacity and determination?

Ans. . Rajkumar Shukla the Champaran-Sharecropper requested Gandhiji in Congress Session in Lucknow to fix a date to visit Champaran where the sharecroppers were subjected to injustice. Till Gandhiji fixed a date he did not leave him rather he accompanied him wherever he went. Gandhiji was impressed by his tenacity and determination and finally agreed to go there from Calcutta.

Q.16 Why did Gandhi chide the lawyers who represented the interests of group of sharecroppers of Champaran?

Ans. Gandhiji chided the lawyers for collecting big fees from the sharecroppers to fight their case in law courts. He felt taking their case to law courts would do little good when they were so crushed and fear stricken. So his first priority was to free them from fear.

Q.17 How is the title 'Going Places' most appropriate?

Ans. The title is appropriate as Sophie the protagonist- a teenager fantasizes and goes to places in her imagination in the story and Geoff's 'areas of his life' which unknown to her holds a special fascination for her about which she romanticizes

Q.18 How did the misadventure in YMCA pool affect Douglas? How did he overcome it?

Value Points

-was ten or eleven decided-learn-swim-----an older boy pushed -almost drowned

-haunting fear gripped him-----could not enjoy any water sports-----finally decided to hire an instructor-----seven months -instructor -made a swimmer---released the instructor----vestiges remained-----swam in Lake Wentworth----challenged the terror----swam across Warm lake---shouted with joy-conquered the fear of water---there is terror only in the fear of death and peace in death.----- - the will to live became stronger.

Q.19 Why an adult's perspective of life is different from that of a child's as given in the story?

Suggested Value points

An adult's perspective on life is always different - maturity of a person becomes his barometer to judge right & wrong. For him/her everything that occurs has a message. In the story, Jack at no level accepts Jo's worldview that wizard should hit Mommy.

On the other hand - a child's perspective is limited to his activities - child's perspective completely different.

Q.20 What were the precautions taken for the smooth conduct of the examination?

Since Evans had already escaped from the jail on three earlier occasions, there was always a lurking fear that he might make another attempt to escape. Therefore all possible precautions were taken to see that the O-level German examination arranged in the prison did not provide him with any means of escape. The Governor personally monitored all security arrangements and heavily guarded the Recreation Block from where he expected the prisoner to make another break. Evans cell was thoroughly checked by Jackson to ward off the possibility of the presence of an incriminating material which might hamper the smooth conduct of the examination. His nail-scissors, nail-file and razor were taken away; and to keep a strict watch on the activities of the cell during the examination, the Governor got it bugged. A police officer Stephens was posted to keep a constant vigil on his activities. The invigilator, too was frisked to make sure that he carried no objectionable material with him.

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Suggested Value Points

Griffin is invisible- free to do as he pleases- no one can see him when he commits crimes- the law cannot punish an invisible man- difficult to catch- difficult to prove his crime. Throughout the story Griffin is secretive and aloof- he does not want to be part of the community around him. When he is in trouble- he simply peels away the bandages and easily escapes- when invisible his crimes become more serious and he poses a great threat to those around him. With his clothes he is still subject to some laws but without them he is free to blackmail, steal etc. Invisibility represents freedom from social restrictions- and when invisible we notice an increasing criminal tendency in him.

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Q.23 Character sketch of Mrs Hall?

Janny Hall, or better known as Mrs Hall, was the owner of the ‘Coach and Horses’ inn in Iping. The first time we encountered her, she appeared to be an opportunist. She gave the stranger a room in her inn without showing much concern to confirm his identity.

She was a bit money minded. She accommodated with Griffin’s rudeness and awkward behaviour only because she was being paid. However, she had a courteous side also which we see when she tried to know about Griffin.’s physical impairment and showed sympathy towards his state.

She was **superstitious** and believed that her furniture was haunted. She was a **dominating wife** and didn’t shy away from giving her husband a lecture.

Moreover, she could put her foot down if required. When she had enough of the stranger’s rudeness, she decided to set him straight and stopped serving him. She replied in such an angry tone that Griffin had to back away.

Q.24 What is the theme of the novel “invisible man”?

Well, After reading the Novel ‘The Invisible Man’, I think the theme of the Novel would be Science-fiction and its summary would be-

‘The Invisible Man’ is the story of an eccentric scientist named Mr. Griffin who after discovering the formula of invisibility tried it on himself and became invisible. The Novel explores the extent to which Human nature can go. He became invisible to create his reign of terror. The scientist arrives in a small village in South England. He is welcomed in an inn but after sometime the landlady became suspicious of his strange appearance because he was covered from head to foot in bandages and odd behavior as he always covered his mouth with something while talking. After a series of incidents, the village people started gossiping about him and his story started to go around. He managed to get away from them but after a fellow scientist betrayed him, the police started chasing him and he had to ho to extreme measures to protect himself. He wanted to kill Dr. Kemp for betraying him and more importantly he wanted to reverse his invisibility to become visible as only after sometime, he began to see the problems of being invisible. His end was tragic and we feel after reading this novel what it feels to be invisible and isolated.

Q.25 Write a character of sketch Dr. Kemp

Dr. Kemp is a former associate of Griffin in his college days. Griffin had been a student and knew Kemp to be interested in bizarre, and idiosyncratic aspects of science. It is to Kemp’s house that Griffin goes in his final attempt to find an accomplice and live a more normal life. Kemp, however, has no particular sense of loyalty to a former student and is not prepared to participate in Griffin’s grand schemes. He is also more deceitful than Griffin knows and betrays the invisible man even while pretending to accept his confidences.

