

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU

QUESTION BANK

CLASS XII : (2018-19)

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Q1 Write the following questions in 50 words each. Each question carries 4 marks.

- 1 Your school, Amity Public School, is organizing a cultural evening to collect funds for the slum children. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be displayed on your School Notice Board. You are Akshay/Akshita, Head Boy/Head Girl.
- 2 You have been transferred to Mumbai. You are now bound to sell your MIG Flat in New Delhi. Draft an advertisement in 50 words in the classified column of The Times of India
- 3 You are Avinash/Amita, Cultural Secretary of A R Public School, Ghaziabad. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board about the forthcoming Inter School Science Fair to be held in your school. Give all relevant information.
- 4 The police of your city need a poster to raise public awareness on the increase in the number of cases of violence and crime against women. Draft a poster to make the people aware about this.
- 5 You are the President of St. Xavier College Kolkata. The post of a librarian is lying vacant in your college. Draft an advertisement for a newspaper for the classified column stating qualifications, salary offered, conditions as per the university and UGC norms and the last date for receiving applications.
- 6 Draft a notice on behalf of the Principal, Apex Public School, Gurgaon, announcing the admission schedule to various classes. Mention the dates of buying the prospectus, last date of submission of the forms, dates of interview and date of the publication of the names of the selected candidates.
- 7 you have planned a get-together with all your friends and relatives to celebrate your parents 25th marriage anniversary. Send an informal invitation to your close friend Naveen Gupta to invite him on this occasion.. You are Rahul of 67, sector34, Chandigh.

Q.2 Write following questions in 150-200 words. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1 You are Neeta/ Nitesh of Luxman Public school, Modinagar. Your school held a farewell for the outgoing batch. Write a report for the same for the school magazine in 150 words.
- 2 You are Pankaj/Preeti, a responsible citizen. You organized a campaign on “Say No to Child Labour” in your area. Write a report for a national daily. (150 words)
- 3 Seema Pant had a discussion with her friend on co- education. After hearing the negative views towards the subject from her friend, Seema decides to write an article on the advantages of co-education for a famous monthly magazine ‘Kanya’. Write her article in not more than 200 words.
- 4 You are Rohit Sharma of New Delhi. You are very much concerned about the wastage of money and manpower due to the frequent elections in your country. Write an article on the urgent need to have a stable government.

- 5 Help Age India held an exhibition cum sale of cards and handicrafts in your colony to collect money to help the abandoned senior citizens. As Rohit/Rohini write a report of the same in 150 words.
- 6 Information technology has brought about a global revolution in all fields. Computer aided education is fast becoming the order of the day. The market is flooded with educational CDs and online learning is a new phenomenon. Write an article on 'Can computers replace classroom teaching?' for your school magazine. Give your views in 150 words. You are Vikram/Vinita of class XII.
- 7 Ranjeet, the Head of the Counselling centre strongly feels the need to open guidance and counselling centers in all schools. He writes an article for the newspaper on the topic 'Guidance and Counselling, the Need of the Hour', to help the students to deal with the pressure of today. As Ranjeet write this article in 150 words.
- 8 Diwali festival is a few weeks away. You have been asked to give some tips how to burst crackers in a safe manner taking care of environmental pollution. You are Shaman of class XII. Draft a speech for the morning assembly of your school in about 150-200 words.

Q.3 Answer the following questions in 120 words each. Each question carries 6 marks.

- 1 As Manav/Manvi, the resident of 16 Shivpuri, Modinagar, write a letter to the editor of a local daily regarding the long power cuts that your colony has to face everyday, and the problems faced by the residents. Give your suggestions for the same. (150 words)
- 2 Draft an application for the post of an accountant in NMT Limited Gwalior in response to an advertisement in a reputed national daily. Also enclose your bio-data. You are Manav/Mansi of 52, Chirag Nagar, New Delhi.
- 3 Write a letter to the Police Commissioner (Traffic) about the inadequate parking facilities in the commercial areas of your city, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people. Also offer some suggestions to solve it. You are Rakesh/Radhika, residing at No. 12, Jayanagar, Bangalore. (150 words)
- 4 You are Nittin/Natasha, a student of class XII at K.P.N Public School, Faridabad. Students are required to cope up with a lot of pressure in today's competitive environment. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the increasing stress faced by students and suggest ways to combat the same.
- 5 Write a letter to the Police Commissioner (Traffic) about the inadequate parking facilities in the commercial areas of Bangalore, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people. You may also offer your suggestion to solve it. You are Rakesh/ Radhika, No. 12, Jayanagar, Bangalore.
- 6 As librarian, Model Secondary School, Neyveli, write a letter to M/s Sohanlal and Bros., Bookseller, Agra, placing an order for books (mention at least 4 titles of the books) to be supplied immediately.
- 7 Write a letter to M/S Electronics India, Chennai, complaining about the quality of the computers received in response to your order. Sign as Ramesh, No 18 Hudson Colony, Coimbatore. Use 150 words.
- 8 You are Saurabh/Savita of class XI at B.S.N. School. Gurgaon. You are aware that the present day youth are equipped with knowledge and information besides having energy and enthusiasm. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting how their energy can be tapped into removing poverty and illiteracy from India.

Q.4 Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1 Break O break open till they break the town
And show the children to green fields, and make their world
Run azure on gold sands, and let their tongues
Run naked into books the white and green leaves open
History theirs whose language is the sun.

- a) Name the literacy device used in the first line.
- b) What does the poet want children to be exposed to?
- c) To whom according to the poet does history belong?

2 Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- a) Why are the tigers referred to as Aunt Jennifer's tigers?
- b) What does 'denizens' mean? What is the world of green a reference to?
- c) What is the significance of the line 'They do not fear the men beneath the trees'?

3 And Jennifer's fingers fluttering through the wool:
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- a) Why were Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering?
- b) What is suggested by the image 'the massive weight of uncle's wedding band'?
- c) Why did Aunt Jennifer create animals which were so different from her own character?

4 and felt that old
Familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
But all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
All I did was smile and smile and smile...

- a) What was the childhood fear that now troubled the poet?
- b) What do the poet's parting words suggest?
- c) Why did the poet smile and smile?

5 "And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for mighty dead
All lovely tales that we have heard or read
An endless fountain of immortal drink
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink"

- a) What is the 'grandeur of the dooms'?
- b) Who are the mighty dead?
- c) Explain 'Pouring on to us from the heaven's brink'.

6 Those who prepare green wars,
War with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors,
Would put on clean clothes
And walk about with their
Brothers in the shade, doing nothing.

- a) What does the poet mean by green wars, wars with gas, wars with fire?
- b) What is the significance of the phrase 'putting on new clothes'?
- c) Explain 'victory with no survivors'.

7 A thing of beauty is a joy for ever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness, but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

- a) Why does a beautiful thing never 'pass into nothingness'?
- b) What does the poet mean by 'a bower quiet for us'?
- c) Mention any two sources of joy which a thing of beauty provide to us.

8 It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines,
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

- a) What do you mean by 'exotic moment'?
- b) How would it be without rush, without engines'?
- c) How would it help the individual and the world?

Q.5 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. Each question is of 3 marks.

- 1 Do you think Saheb was happy to work at the tea stall? Answer giving reasons.
- 2 How did Douglas realise that the haunting fear of water was following him?
- 3 Why did the ironmaster change his tone and ask the peddler to go away?
- 4 How was Gandhiji able to influence the lawyers at Champaran?
- 5 M. Hamel very subtly aroused the patriotic feelings in the people of Alsace. How?
- 6 To be born in the caste of bangle makers has become both a destiny and a curse. Discuss briefly.
- 7 What insight do you get into Douglas's character from this entire episode.
- 8 Gandhiji never intended to be a law breaker when he refused to leave Motihari. What then was his aim?
- 9 Why was Sophie reluctant to share the story of meeting Danny Casey with Jansie?
- 10 How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family?
- 11 Film making must have been and was so easy with a man like Subbu. Justify.
- 12 Why do most celebrity writers despite being interviewed?
- 13 The Maharaja was a callous and a merciless person. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- 14 Why does Jack insist that it was the wizard that was hit and not the mother?
- 15 Why did Jack feel caught in the ugly middle position?
- 16 Why did the Dewan think of procuring a tiger?

Q.6 Answer the following in 120-150 words:

- Q1. Derry said, 'it (acid) ate me up.' How did this fact affect his attitude towards life?
- Q2. Untouchability is not only a crime, it is inhuman too. Why and how did Bama decide to fight against it?
- Q3. Draw a character sketch of the old General in the lesson, 'The Enemy'.
- Q4. How did Tiger King meet his end? What is ironical about his fate?
- Q5. Describe the title "The lost Spring?"
- Q6. Franz says "Will they make them sing in German even the pigeons?"
- Q7. How did the arrival of prisoner destroy the peace of Sadao's home?
- Q8. What impression do you form of Jack as a father?

Q.7 Answer the following question in 120-150 words:

- Q1. "It's a rummy case altogether." What was 'the rummy case'? What explanation was given for it?
- Q2. Who was Mr Cuss? Describe his encounter with the invisible man?
- Q3. Why and how did Griffin rob the Vicar's house?
- Q4. What unusual incident happened with Mr Gibbons?
- Q5. How did Griffin meet his tragic end?
- Q6. Attempt a character sketch of Kemp as a law abiding citizen
- Q7. "Curiosity kills the cat." How far is this statement correct in the case of Mr Cuss.
- Q8. Who was Mr Sandy Wadgers? What impression does he leave on the reader?