

Delhi Public School, Jammu
Question Bank
(2017 – 18)

Class : XI

Subject : English

Q1. Write a letter to the editor of Hindustan times for your concern on high fees in schools.

45, Ashok Nagar
Lucknow
23rd April 20xx

The Editor
The Hindustan Times
Lucknow

Sir,

Subject: High school fees.

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I wish to draw the attention of people especially parents who are blindly paying school fees without getting to know about the facilities which are being provided.

The schools are charging high fees on the basis of providing Facilities like bus service, Science lab, latest computer lab, Library facilities, clean and maintained swimming pool etc. But alas! Neither are these facilities being provided to the students and even if they are provided they are not up to the mark, nor are the parents asking it for their wards .I therefore request the authorities to look into the matter as early as possible and direct the schools to charge fees as per the facilities which they could provide.

Thanking you.

Yours truly
Amit Khan

Q2. Write a letter to RK Electronics for the complain of defective piece of AC that you bought last week.

123,,M..G Road
Kanpur
17th may.2017

R.K Electricals
Sadar bazar
Kanpur.

Sir,

SUBJECT: Replacement of defective A.C

This is to bring to your kind notice that I had bought an AC from your showroom on 10th June 20xx. It worked satisfactorily for a few days but then it began to give trouble. The AC is not at all cooling and it seems that there is some noise coming. I, therefore request you to kindly replace the set as early as possible. The details about the AC are:-

Voltas-Vertis Platinum 1.5 tonne, Receipt No CA 3127 dated 10th June 20xx Warranty No PLQ 517 .

An early action is requested due to the intense heat.

Thanking You

Yours Truly
Ankit Nigam

Q3. Write an article on Importance of trees?

IMPORTANCE OF TREES

By Aman Sharma

Trees are blessing in disguise. They purify air. They maintain balance of gases in air. They control air-pollution. They attract rain which is very important for our agriculture. Their roots hold the soil together preventing soil erosion thus maintain the fertility of soil. Each part of the tree- roots, stems, leaves, flower and fruits are used in our food. They give us drugs. Fire woods is used as fuel. They provide shade and shelter to animals, birds and insects. To acknowledge their contribution we celebrate Van Mahotsav. Forests are important to fight against green house gases which are impacting climate change. Less forests would result in less rain. Deforestation has many negative effects. Cruel persons cut down trees mercilessly on a large scale resulting, there would be

shortage of water and lots of acres of barren land. Dramatic effect is a loss of habitat for millions of species. 70% of Earth's land animals and plants live in forests and would not be able to survive without forests. A more workable solution to carefully manage forests resources is by eliminating clear-cutting to make sure that forest environment remains intact. Cutting of trees should be balanced by planting enough trees to replace the old felled trees.

Q4. Write a Speech on the topic “Internet is a boon if used judiciously”

Good morning respected Principal Sir, Teachers & my dear friends. Today I Rohit Luthra of IX A going to share my views on the topic ‘Internet is a boon if used judiciously.

The internet revolution has ushered in an era of change in our lives. Internet has opened up new opportunities for trade and industry and brought about a wealth of information. It has proved a boon and guiding factor for millions of students across the globe. It has become a major supplement to class room education. Preparation for competitive exams have become quite simpler as many sites provide guidance, model question paper and latest trends.

Internet can be used in research and home work. It is the best place to gain knowledge and information. Any lesson can become motivating, exciting and memorable for a student when he is aided with audio-video information from internet. Internet is an efficient means of communication. It contributes to students broader understanding of information and communication technologies. Career planning is a major benefit as one can see information in courses, prospectus of his or her desired fields. Online transactions for banking, shopping etc. have become possible and quicker.

The internet can be good or bad depending on the extent to which it is used and abused. Using Internet is a must for today's youth so a middle path where in an awareness towards its harmful effects and its productive potential should be publicized in a constructive manner on a wider platform.

Q5. Explain the statement of the notice that is put up at zoo “The most dangerous animal of the world.”?

The notice placed at the cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia read “The world's most dangerous animal.” There is no animal in the cage. There is a mirror in it. One sees his own reflection in the zoo. It signifies that man himself is the most dangerous animal. He is responsible for the deterioration of ecology and environment. Thanks to the efforts of a number of agencies in different countries,

people have shifted from domination to partnership. We can and we should save our mother Earth from being degraded. We should act as its caretaker and remember that it is the property of the future generation which should be handed over carefully. We should control population explosion which leads to cutting down of trees.

Q6. How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted?

There are four principal biological systems of the earth. These systems are fisheries, forests, grasslands and croplands. In addition to supplying our food, these four systems provide virtually all the raw material for the industry. However, due to the increasing demand of human beings to such an 'unsustainable' extent, the productivity of these systems is being hampered. The excessive demand results in deterioration and depletion of these resources. A country where protein is consumed on a large scale, over-fishing is common, which leads to the collapse of fisheries in that area. Grasslands have been turned into deserts and production of crops is decreasing. The forests are destroyed in large proportions to obtain firewood. Depletion of tropical forests has also led to the extinction of several species.

Q7. This play is written in the 1950s, is a humorous and satirical depiction of the status of the mother in the family. What are the issues it raises?

Mother's Day is a comical satire. The story is a simple one, yet it strongly condemns the position of women in the society. Our mothers and wives work hard daily, turning our houses into homes. They receive no wages and have no weekends off but work all day long, round the clock. Little do we realize, the hard work they put in to make it all perfect. We take them for granted and never appreciate them or stop by to drop a word of 'thanks'. The story very clearly states that our mothers and wives have equal right to relax, enjoy their lives and deserve acknowledgement and appreciation. They sacrifice their whole life building our homes'. Husbands stay busy at work and kids are occupied in their own lives. Amidst all this women lose their self.

Q8. What do you understand of Einstein's nature from his conversations with his history teacher, his mathematics teacher and the head teacher?

Albert Einstein was an intelligent student but was against rote learning and especially he hated learning dates and facts of history. He didn't believe in the then prevailing system of education. His nature was a spontaneous one. He found memorizing facts and dates quite useless. Ideas lured him more than facts because of which he had a heated argument on education with his history teacher. He was so restless and indifferent to the importance of attending school that he didn't mind not attending it at all. From his conversation with the Math teacher, we come to know that he was a student who actually had some interest in mathematics, that being the only class in which he paid a lot of attention and never wasted his time. He wasn't open and outright in front of his Mathematics teacher. His behavior had turned mild before his teacher which showed his level of respect and obedience for elders. Later, his merit is not recognized by the principal of his school and he is expelled from the school.

Q9. The story is divided into pre-war and post-war times. What hardships do you think the girl underwent during these times?

The story, "The Address" is divided into pre-war and post-war times. There are clear indications of the hardships which the narrator, a young girl, had to undergo during these times. The girl belonged to a rich family. They had a lot of valuable belongings. Then the war broke out, Mrs. Dorling renewed her contact and started visiting their house. She took away all their possessions on the ground that she wanted to save all their nice things in case they had to leave the place. The girl suffered a lot during the war. She lost her mother. After the war was over, things became almost normal. The girl lived alone in a rented house. She wanted her belongings back as they were part of her past that she had lost forever. When she went to meet Mrs. Dorling, she saw that all her belongings were arranged in a tasteless manner. She could not connect herself with any of them. Suddenly, she lost interest in them as they had become total strangers to her. So the girl decided to leave them behind and resolved to move on.

Q10: Write a character sketch of Mr Otis.

Mr Otis is clearly forceful and direct. He openly speaks his mind as illustrated when he speaks to Lord Canterbury about the ghost. He is not at all superstitious and is a realist. He is entirely matter-of-fact with regard to whatever he is told. This aspect is displayed in the manner in which he responds to Mrs Umney's fainting suggesting that she should be penalized financially for breakages in service if she should repeatedly faint. Mr Otis is a fearless man. In his first encounter with the supernatural for example, he does not panic. He treats a phantom as he would an ordinary person. He is prepared to admit that he is wrong and is willing to change his mind. This becomes evident when he changes his opinion about ghost and accept its existence. Mr Otis is studious and open minded. He has been preparing a great work on the history of Democratic Party, even though he is also called a true Republican. He cares for his family. When Virginia disappeared, he did everything he possibly could do to find her and in the process also takes care of his wife. He is a down-to-earth man. He does not claim any privileges by virtue of his title. He shows and speaks about them as he would of any other, but seems to be somewhat dismissive of the pompousity of his class.

Q11: CPR Senior Secondary school Meerut is looking for a receptionist for the school. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in classified columns of "The Hindustan Times". You are Manasi Vij, Principal of the school.

SITUATION VACCANT

REQUIRED a receptionist for CPR Sr. Sec. School, Meerut. The applicant must have knowledge of computer and good communication skills. Salary no bar for deserving candidates. Interested candidates may contact Manasi Vij, principal of the school between 10am to 1pm from 22nd to 27th Nov.,2017. For details contact 011-243640021

Q12: You are Samar/Shruti living at 47, Netaji Avenue Bangalore. You saw an advertisement in "The Hindu" on 24 Nov 2017 for the post of receptionist. Write a letter for the post to the Chief Executive Officer of Martin HR Services.

47, Netaji Avenue
Bangalore

27th Nov 2017

The Chief Executive Officer

Martin HR Services

Sir

Subject: Application for the post of receptionist

With reference to your advertisement in "The Hindu" dated 24th Nov 2017, I offer my candidature for the post of receptionist in your firm. I have a good command over spoken English and I am proficient in computer applications as well as net surfing. I have all the requirements and confidence needed for this post. If selected, I assure you that I will give my best in every way possible. I enclose my resume along with this application.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Shruti/Samar.

RESUME

Name: Shruti Sharma/Samar Gupta

Date of Birth: 20 Feb 1992

Educational Qualification: a) 10+2 from CBSE Board (2010)
b) B.A from Delhi University (2013)

Professional Qualification: a) Diploma in spoken English (British language).
b) Diploma in communication skills.
c) Diploma in Computer applications.

Work Experience: a) Worked as receptionist at Hotel Hayat, New Delhi, for two years.
b) Worked as a computer instructor in a reputed firm (New Delhi)

Salary Expected: 20,000/- per month.

References: K.P Singh (Manager) Hayat Hotel.

Q13: You are the Head Perfect of your school. At the beginning of the new school term, you have been asked to remind the students about the school regulations. Write an effective speech. You are Sharad/Sanam.

A very warm good morning to respected Principal, worthy teachers and fellow students. I, Sharad/Sanam, the Head Perfect of CPR Sr.Sec. School, welcome you all to the new school term. I am standing here today to refresh your memory about our school rules and regulations especially regarding attire and conduct.

To create a good impression, always be dressed neatly in your school uniform complete with proper shoes and socks. On Wednesdays and Fridays you are required to come in proper sports uniform. Boys should have short, neatly combed hair. Girls should neatly tie their hair in plaits. No one is allowed to wear any kind of jewelry or bring any expensive item, which if found, would be confiscated. Nails should always be kept short and no nail polish is allowed.

Regarding your conduct, you should always be punctual. Respect your teachers and seniors. Be punctual and attentive in the class. Remember no loitering and playing truant. If you don't follow the school rules, you will have to face the music. Last term, several students were expelled and suspended from the school for fighting and doing some other serious offences.

These regulations are meant to create a positive image and environment for the school. You all requested to set good examples for others and not follow the ones who go on a wrong track. I wish you all a very happy and enlightening year ahead.

Thank You

Q14: Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- a) Was how/there/would/the/problem/reach/he
- b) Used to/in/the/walk/younger/he/his/brother/morning/with

Answers

- a) The problem was how he would reach there.
- b) He, with his younger brother, used to walk in the morning.

Q15: The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the space provided.

	Incorrect	Correct
a) Teenage is a spring of man's life.	a	the
b) It is perceive as the most joyful	perceive	perceived
c) and exciting period of a individual's	a	an
d) life. Teenagers are bubble with life.	bubble	bubbling
e) Everything smell of freshness and fitness.	smell	smells
f) There are aspiration and expectancy in life.	aspiration	aspirations
g) But the teenagers of today are live	live	living
h) under the pressure of a competitive world.	a	the

Q16: The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word which comes after it.

- a) Panchantatra is a collection tales and fables.
- b) The stories in Panchtantra are believed have
- c) been written by Vishnu Sharma as early 3rd
- d) century B.C. A king ancient India requested
- e) Vishnu Sharma teach his son morals and values.

Before	Missing	After
Collection	of	tales
believed	to	have
early	as	3 rd
king	of	ancient
Sharma	to	teach

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