

## SECOND TERM ENGLISH QUESTION PAPER

### SECTION (A) SOLUTION

(i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

**Answer: (b)** were not aware of different forms of coffee.

(ii) Comment on the writer's reference to the unique feature of coffee plant.

**(paragraph 2) Answer:** The writer refers to caffeine, a chemical produced by the coffee plant to deter pests, but ironically attracts humans due to its stimulating effects.

(iii) List the reason why the author refers to humans as 'great threat to coffee' plants.

**Answer:** Humans are considered a threat to coffee plants because they are attracted to caffeine, leading to widespread cultivation of coffee plants which may negatively impact the environment and biodiversity.

(iv) Select an option that conveys the same meaning as 'energiser' from words used in paragraph

3. **Answer:** (d) stimulants

(iv) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following: Fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils leading to \_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Fats and carbohydrates turning into essential oils leads to the characteristic taste and aroma of coffee beans.

(vi) Comment on the writer's reference to the interesting phenomenon in paragraph

4. **Answer:** The writer highlights the transformation of bland green coffee beans into flavorful coffee beans through the process of roasting, which is an intriguing aspect of coffee production.

(vii) Over extraction does not give a stronger coffee. Based on your understanding of paragraph 6, list one method to get stronger coffee.

**Answer:** One method to get stronger coffee is to use more coffee powder, rather than relying on over-extraction, which can lead to bitterness.

(viii) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph five EXCEPT

**Answer:** (b) Less surface area makes extraction easier.

(ix) Why is it fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important?

**Answer:** The right degree of extraction is important to achieve the desired flavor profile of the coffee. Under-extraction can result in a sour taste, while over-extraction can make the coffee bitter.

(x) Select the most suitable title of the above passage.

**Answer:** (a) The Art of Coffee Making

## Answer's : Question:2

(i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1?

**Answer:** True

(ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research.

**Answer:** (d) the decline of time spent on traditional media.

(iii) Complete the statement based on the following statement: Traditional media has been replaced by digital media; we can say this because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (d) teenagers spend significantly more time on digital media activities compared to traditional media activities.

(v) Do you think that the researchers of the study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately?

Support your answer with reference to the text.

**Answer:** Yes, the researchers added tenth and eighth graders deliberately to the survey, as mentioned in paragraph 3: "While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth- and tenth-graders were added in 1991."

(vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for \_\_\_\_ by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application.

(vii) **Answer:** (c) building focus and concentration

(vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (b) texting, gaming, social media

(viii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words: Teens today hardly read print media for \_\_\_\_\_.

(ix) **Answer:** pleasure/pleasurable activities

(viii) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement: "Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."

**Answer:** While it's true that time spent on digital media has increased, it doesn't necessarily mean that time once spent enjoying books or TV has been completely displaced. Some individuals may still engage in traditional media alongside digital media.

(x) What does the author mean by 'degrading the time' in para 6?

**Answer:** (a) spending less time

(xi) As per Fig. 1, the percentage of people above 50 yrs is \_\_\_\_ the percentage of teenagers using social media.

**Answer:** (a) greater than

## SECTION – B

### Creative Writing Skills

**Answer: Q.3 :-**

Notice

Minerva Public School, Bhopal

Date: [Insert Date]

Career Counselling Workshop

All students of classes 9-12 are hereby informed that a Career Counselling Workshop will be conducted on [Insert Day], [Insert Date] at [Insert Time] in the school auditorium. Experts will guide you through various career options. Attendance is mandatory.

Vijay/Veena

Head

Boy/Girl

**Answer: Q4:-**

(b) Informal Letter:

Dear Vijay,

Thank you so much for inviting me to your party celebrating your admission to the prestigious Management Institute. I am thrilled to join you in this celebration. I look forward to meeting you on [Insert Day], [Insert Date] at [Insert Time] at [Insert Venue].

Best regards,

Manoj/Meena

### **Answer: Q5:- (a)**

(a) Application:

Ranjan Sharma [Your Address]

Indra Nagar Bangalore

[Date]

The Manager S.K. Global Solutions J.P. Nagar Bangalore

Subject: Application for the Position of Software Engineer

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Software Engineer advertised by S.K. Global Solutions. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and have 4 years of experience in software development. My responsibilities have included writing well-designed software, developing layouts, and executing the software development cycle.

I possess strong technical skills and proficiency in various programming languages. I am confident that my qualifications and experience make me a suitable candidate for this position.

Please find attached my resume for your consideration. I am eager to contribute to your team and look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experiences align with the requirements of the role.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Ranjan Sharma

### **Q:5: Ans:- (b)**

(b) Letter to the Editor:

Nehru Colony Indore

[Date]

The Editor [Name of National Daily]

[Address]

Subject: Concern Over Tourist Waste in Shimla

Dear Editor,

I recently visited Shimla with my family and was dismayed by the sight of tourists littering empty water bottles and cans all over the place. This irresponsible behavior not only ruins the natural beauty of the area but also harms the environment and wildlife.

To address this issue, I suggest implementing stricter regulations on waste disposal and increasing awareness among tourists about the importance of keeping the environment clean. Additionally, promoting sustainable travel practices could help reduce the amount of waste generated during the tourist season.

It is imperative that we take action to protect our environment and preserve the beauty of tourist destinations like Shimla for future generations. I urge authorities to prioritize ecological conservation efforts and create a clean and healthy vacation destination.

Yours sincerely,

Sujoy/Sujata

## **Answer:- Q:6 (a)**

(a) Article:

Solar Power: An Apt Global Solution for Energy Crisis

The world is facing an energy crisis, with frequent power cuts becoming a common occurrence in many localities. In light of this, it is time to seriously consider shifting to solar power as a sustainable solution. Solar power is a form of renewable energy that harnesses the sun's energy to generate electricity. By utilizing solar power, households and industries can significantly reduce their dependency on conventional sources of energy, thereby reducing their energy bills.

One of the most appealing aspects of solar power is its cleanliness. Unlike fossil fuels, solar power generation produces no air or water pollution, no greenhouse gas effects, and is carbon-free. This makes it not only environmentally friendly but also contributes to mitigating climate change.

Furthermore, solar power systems have relatively low maintenance costs compared to traditional energy sources, making them a cost-effective and sustainable option in the long run.

In conclusion, embracing solar power is not only a practical solution to the energy crisis but also a step towards building a cleaner and more sustainable future for generations to come.

### **Answer:- Q:6 (b)**

(b) Report:

#### Know Your Heritage: An Inter-School Quiz Contest

The St. Marks School recently hosted an exhilarating inter-school Heritage Quiz Contest, attracting participants from various schools across the region. The contest, held on Friday, 14th March, showcased students' knowledge of history, mythology, culture, monuments, and handicrafts.

The event was a vibrant display of intellectual prowess, with teams competing fiercely to answer questions ranging from ancient civilizations to modern cultural heritage. Audience engagement was high, with attractive prizes offered for correctly answering audience questions.

The quiz contest served as a platform to celebrate and promote awareness of our rich cultural heritage among the youth, fostering a sense of pride and appreciation for our history and traditions.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, highlighting the importance of preserving and celebrating our heritage for future generations to cherish and learn from.

Amit/Archana

## **SECTION – C**

### **Marks Literature**

### **Answer: Q7: (a)**

(a) (i) Keats defines beauty as

**Answer:** (b) eternal

(ii) 'will keep a bower quiet for us' means all of the following EXCEPT

**Answer:** (c) will decrease noise pollution

(iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below:

**Answer:** (a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.

(iv) The things that cause unhappiness are

**Answer:** (b) (1) and (3)

(v) Complete the analogy. Do not repeat from used example:

**Answer:** simile

(vi) According to the poet 'every morrow' we are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** adorning nature with beauty

### **Answer: Q7: (b)**

(i) Denizens of the world of green refer to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (d) tigers

(ii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the second line of the extract.

**Answer:** (d) white murder

(iii) The men setting beneath the tree are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Not specified in the extract.

(iv) What quality of uncle can be inferred through these lines?

**Answer:** (d) dominating

(v) The tigers in the extract are symbolic of

**Answer:** (c) cruelty and fear

(vi) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across

**Answer:** (1) the screen

### **Answer:Q8:(a)**

(a) (i) The newspaper that covered the lead story about President Cleveland was

**Answer:** (c) The World

(ii) The narrator wanted to buy tickets to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** Galesburg, Illinois

(iii) Which of the following in the extract most nearly means the opposite of 'stare'?

**Answer:** (a) glance

(iv) Charley wanted two tickets because he wanted to go with

**Answer:** (c) Louisa

### **Answer:Q8:(b)**

(i) The narrator was humiliated because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** of experiencing untouchability.

(ii) The narrator 'dawdled along' as she \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (a) enjoyed looking at the various sights

(iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below:

**Answer:** (a) (I) can be inferred from the extract but (II) cannot

(iii) The word 'novelties' in the passage most nearly means

**Answer:** (c) unique and interesting items

### **Answer:Q9:(a)**

(i) Saheb found a rupee

**Answer:** (b) in the garbage dump

(ii) Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase 'his eyes lighting up'?

**Answer:** (c) happiness

(iv) For the elders garbage is \_\_\_\_\_ and for children it is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** For the elders, garbage is a means of survival, and for children, it is wrapped in wonder.



(iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to I and II given below:

**Answer:** (a) I is true but II is not

(v) 'Scrounging' in the passage most nearly means.

**Answer:** (b) searching

(iv) 'There is hope for finding more'. Explain with reference to the above extract.

**Answer:** Saheb's statement reflects his optimism and determination. Despite finding only a small amount of money in the garbage, he remains hopeful that there may be more valuable items to discover. This hope motivates him to continue searching through the garbage, believing that he might find even greater treasures.

## Answer:Q9:(b)

(i) Sophie wants to become an actress to

**Answer:** (b) to earn money

(ii) Jansie wanted Sophie to spend her money on

**Answer:** (d) buying a house

(iii) Sophie is daydreaming about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** becoming wealthy and owning a boutique or pursuing a career in fashion designing.

(iii) The phrase 'money grows on trees' indicates that Sophie \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** has unrealistic expectations about money and its availability.

(v) Sophie's mother's sigh is one of

**Answer:** (a) regret

(vi) From the extract Jansie comes across as a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

**Answer:** (a) practical

## Answer:Q10:

**Answer(a):** Gandhi refers to 'conflict of duties' as a situation where one is torn between fulfilling obligations, such as familial responsibilities, and participating in nationalistic endeavors or social reform, creating a dilemma of prioritization.

**Answer(b):** The expression 'polished traffic' refers to the smooth flow of vehicles in the city. It reveals that city people are accustomed to the organized chaos of urban life, where even congested streets seem to function seamlessly, reflecting their adaptability and efficiency.

**Answer(c):** The iron master compared Edla to a parson because she exhibited qualities of compassion, kindness, and a sense of duty towards her fellow beings, similar to those of a clergyman, who traditionally embody such virtues.

**Answer(d):** The word 'but' in 'but all I said was see you soon, Amma' indicates a contrast between the speaker's actual emotions and their outward expression. Despite bidding farewell with a casual phrase, the speaker is deeply worried about their mother's fragile state, highlighting the disconnect between their words and feelings.

**Answer(e):** Douglas suffered from a stuttering handicap. He overcame it by practicing speaking slowly and deliberately, focusing on his breath and voice modulation. Additionally, he adopted techniques such as anticipation and avoidance of problematic sounds, gradually improving his speech fluency.

**Answer(f):** According to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet,' the lesson we should learn from mother earth is the importance of silence and introspection. By remaining quiet, we can foster understanding, empathy, and harmony, leading to a deeper connection with ourselves and the world around us.

## Answer:Q11:

**Answer(a):** Dr. Sadao was not sent abroad with the troops because his skills as a surgeon were deemed crucial for treating wounded soldiers, and his expertise was considered more valuable in Japan rather than on the battlefield.

**Answer(b):** The hidden agenda behind the Tiger King's marriage with the princess in the neighboring state was to secure a way to hunt tigers without facing legal repercussions. By marrying the princess, he gained access to the royal hunting grounds where he could hunt freely.

## Answer:Q12:(b)

"A Roadside Stand" by Robert Frost portrays the contrast between rural simplicity and urban consumerism. The poem highlights the clash between traditional rural values and modern commercialization. The roadside stand symbolizes rural life, where the speaker observes nature and reflects on life's deeper meanings. In contrast, the passing motorists represent urbanization and materialism, rushing by without noticing the beauty around them.

Frost's use of imagery and symbolism underscores this dichotomy. The "golden" corn symbolizes natural abundance and simplicity, while the passing cars represent the fast-paced urban lifestyle driven by consumerism. The speaker's observation that "the dust is like" the "dust the wind makes in the road" suggests the blending of natural and human-made elements, emphasizing the intrusion of modernity into rural landscapes.

Through satire, Frost critiques the superficiality and emptiness of urban life compared to the richness and authenticity of rural existence. He challenges readers to reevaluate their priorities and reconnect with nature amidst the hustle and bustle of modern society.

### **Answer:Q13:(a)**

In "Mr. Lamb," Mr. Lamb embodies optimism and hope through his unwavering belief in the goodness of humanity despite facing adversity. His positive outlook is evident when he befriends Derry, a troubled young boy, and offers him guidance and support. Despite Derry's initial hostility, Mr. Lamb remains patient and understanding, ultimately winning him over with kindness.

Additionally, Mr. Lamb's resilience in the face of personal tragedy demonstrates his hopeful nature. Despite experiencing loss and hardship, he continues to persevere and find joy in life. For example, he maintains his garden despite its neglected state, symbolizing his refusal to succumb to despair.

Furthermore, Mr. Lamb's interactions with other characters, such as Mrs. Pumphrey and Tricky-Woo, showcase his compassionate nature and belief in the power of love to transform lives. His willingness to help others, even at his own expense, reflects his optimistic worldview and serves as a beacon of hope in the novel.

### **Answer:Q13:(b)**

Dr. Sadao emerges as a saviour of humanity due to his courageous actions and moral integrity in "The Enemy." Despite the risks involved, he chooses to save the wounded American soldier, Tom, demonstrating his commitment to the principles of humanity and compassion. Dr. Sadao's decision to defy the orders of his government and provide medical care to the enemy reflects his belief in the sanctity of life and his refusal to succumb to prejudice or hatred. Additionally, Dr. Sadao's efforts to ensure Tom's safety and eventual escape further underscore his role as a symbol of humanity and decency in the face of war and conflict. Through his actions, Dr. Sadao exemplifies the potential for individuals to transcend barriers and uphold universal values of kindness and empathy.

