



## Board Paper of Class 12- 2023 English Delhi(Set 1) - Solutions

**Total Time: 180**

**Total Marks: 80.0**

### Section A

#### Solution 1

(i) The author complained that his friends were not aware of different forms of coffee.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

(ii) The writer calls the plant genius as it creates a chemical that keeps pests away.

(iii) The author refers to humans as 'great threat to coffee' plants owing to people's fondness for drinking coffee.

(iv) Stimulants is the option that conveys the same meaning as 'energiser'.  
Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

(v) Fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils leading to **the characteristic taste and aroma to the coffee bean.**

(vi) The writer calls the bland green bean turning into a flavourful coffee bean an interesting phenomenon.

Coffee beans are like any other seeds rich in proteins, fats and all necessary ingredients for giving birth to a new plant.

(vii) To get stronger coffee, more coffee powder has to be used.

(viii) Less surface area makes extraction easier.  
Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

(ix) The right degree of extraction of coffee is important. If the extraction is unequal, the smaller particles will get over extracted and the larger ones get under extracted.

Under extraction will not get all the flavours of the coffee as the water runs

too quickly and it will taste sour. Whereas, over-extraction will bring out all unnecessary flavours rendering the taste bitter.

- (x) The most suitable title of the above passage is 'The Art of Coffee Making'.  
Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

## **Solution 2**

(i) The given statement agrees with the information given in paragraph 1. It is true.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

(ii) The most likely reason for the given research is to find out the decline of time spent on traditional media.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

(iii) Traditional media has been replaced by digital media. We can say this because over dependence on digital media makes the teens find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.

(iv) Yes, the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey to draw a clear comparison between the teens of different age groups.

(v) The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for building focus and concentration.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

(vi) The digital activities that the twelfth graders indulge in are texting, gaming, and social media.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

(vii) Teens today hardly read print media for **pleasure**.

(viii) There is no lack of intelligence among young people. However, due to over dependence on digital media, they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text.

(ix) The author by saying 'degrading the time' means spending less time on traditional media.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

(x) The percentage of people above 50 yrs is greater than the percentage of teenagers using social media.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

## **Section B**

### **Solution 3**

(a)

**Minerva Public School  
NOTICE**

Date

Career Counselling Workshop

All the students are hereby informed that our school is organising a Career Counselling Workshop for the students of classes 9-12. The workshop will be held on Saturday, 5th March 2023, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the school auditorium. This workshop aims to provide insights and guidance to help you choose the right career path. All the students of the aforesaid grades are encouraged to attend the workshop.

Vijay/ Veena  
Head Boy/Girl

**OR**

(b)

**SLV Public School, Lucknow  
NOTICE**

Date

Water Conservation Awareness Programme

All the students are informed that our school is organising a Water Conservation Awareness Programme for students of all grades, on Thursday, 3rd March 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the school auditorium. This programme aims to create awareness about the importance of water conservation and sustainable use of water resources. All students are requested to attend this informative programme.

Sanjay / Sanjana  
School Captain

**Solution 4**

**(a)**

Sender's address

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I hope this letter finds you in the pink of your health. I am extremely happy to inform you that I have recently bought a new house in Meerut, and would like to invite you to the housewarming ceremony. It will be held on Sunday, 6th March 2023, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at H no. 1478, Pallavpuram, Merrut. Do come over and grace the special day with your presence.

Yours lovingly  
Rajesh Sharma

**OR**

**(b)**

Sender's address

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

It is an immense pleasure to be invited to celebrate your admission to a prestigious Management Institute. I am really happy for you, and I would love to congratulate you by being a part of your celebrations.

The day, date, time and venue for the celebration suit me perfectly. I would like to confirm my presence on Saturday, 4th March 2023, at 7:00 PM, at your residence: H no. 1478, Pallavpuram, Merut. Thank you once again for inviting me.

Yours lovingly  
Manoj/Meena.

### **Solution 5**

(a)

Sender's address

Date

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

Subject: Application for the post of Software Engineer.

Respected Sir/Madam

This is in response to your advertisement for the post of Software Engineer given in the local newspaper, and I feel that my qualifications and experience make me eligible for the position.

I am a B.Tech. graduate in Computer Science from Bangalore University and have 3 years of experience in software development. I have attached my resume, which highlights my educational qualifications, work experience, and skills.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to further discuss my qualifications with you in person.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely,  
Ranjan / Ritu

**Name:** Ranjan / Ritu  
**Date of Birth:** 15 September 1970  
**Address:** 43/1, Kailash Colony, Delhi

**Educational Qualification:**

- (a) Passed Matriculation Examination from Central Board of Secondary Education, [ securing 70% marks.
- (b) Passed Class 12 Examination from Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi securing 68% marks.
- (c) Passed B.Tech. from Indraprastha university in 2018, with 72% marks.

**Languages:** Python, Java, C++

**Work Experience:**

- (a) Software Engineer at CMS infotech from 2018 to 2020
- (b) Software Engineer at TCS from 2020 to 2021
- (c) Senior Software Engineer at Infosys from 2021 to now

**Extra-curricular Activities:**

- (a) Awarded Prizes in Declamation Contests
  - (b) Awarded Best Actor Award in Dramatics
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**OR**

**(b)**

Sender's address

Date

The Editor

The Times of India

Place, city – pin code

Subject: Concerns over increasing pollution and waste during tourist season

Respected Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to express my concern over the increasing pollution and waste during the tourist season, which I recently observed during my visit to Shimla.

- It was disheartening to see tourists throwing empty bottles and cans all over the place, spoiling the natural beauty of the place.
- Tourism has become an important source of income for many places, but it also has a negative impact on the environment. Waste and pollution have far-reaching impacts on wildlife, the environment, visitors, and communities.
- The ecological conservation of the place is a need of the hour. I suggest some measures to create a clean and healthy vacation destination.
- We must encourage eco-friendly travel by promoting public transport,

cycling, and walking. We should create less waste by carrying our own reusable water bottles and avoiding single-use plastics. And we must dispose of garbage properly by using designated bins.

I believe that sustainable travel is the key to preserving the beauty of tourist destinations. We must ensure that tourism does not come at the cost of environmental degradation. I urge the concerned authorities to take immediate action towards ecological conservation and create a safe and healthy environment for tourists and locals.

Thanking you  
Yours faithfully  
Sujoy/Sujata

### **Solution 6**

(a)

#### **Solar Power: An Apt Global Solution for Energy Crisis**

**By Rahul/Rekha**

In the growing times and technologically advancing era, the demand for energy has been surging incessantly. Whereas, our conventional sources of energy are depleting at an alarming rate. The need of the hour is to switch to renewable energy sources, and solar power is the perfect solution. It is the most abundant and readily available source of energy on earth.

Solar power has numerous benefits. Firstly, it helps to reduce energy bills significantly. Once the initial installation cost is covered, solar energy is virtually free. Secondly, solar energy is completely clean and has no adverse impact on water pollution, air pollution or greenhouse gas effects.

It is carbon-free and emits no harmful gases. Hence, it is environmentally friendly and sustainable. Moreover, solar energy requires low maintenance costs. It only needs to be cleaned periodically to remove dust and dirt. It is a one-time investment that has long-term benefits. Solar panels have a lifespan of 20-30 years, and they can be used to generate electricity for a long period.

To conclude, solar power is an apt global solution to the energy crisis. It is renewable, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective. Governments and individuals must take necessary steps towards shifting to solar power to ensure a sustainable and greener future. It is high time we realise the importance of renewable energy sources and take action towards creating a brighter and cleaner future.

**OR**

(b)

#### **Know Your Heritage**

**by Amit/Archana**

Our School recently hosted an exciting Inter-School Quiz Contest - 'Know Your Heritage'.

The event took place on Friday, 25th January 2023. The contest was based on topics related to history, mythology, culture, monuments, and handicrafts. Students from various schools in the city attended the event.

It consisted of multiple rounds of challenging questions. Each round tested the participant's knowledge and awareness of Indian heritage. The questions were based on various aspects of Indian culture and tradition, which made the event informative and engaging.

Apart from the quiz, there was an audience question round, where the audience could win attractive prizes. The quiz was conducted in a fun, and interactive manner, which kept the participants and the audience engaged throughout the event.

The students' enthusiasm and eagerness to participate made the event a great success. The winners were awarded exciting prizes, and all the participants were appreciated for their efforts. In conclusion, 'Know Your Heritage' was a successful and informative event that educated the participants and audience about the rich heritage of India. The quiz contest served as a platform for students to showcase their knowledge and love for their culture and tradition. The event was a great opportunity for students to learn and have fun at the same time.

### Section C

#### Solution 7

##### (a)

(i) Keats defines beauty as eternal.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

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

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

(iii) Only 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

(iv) The things that cause unhappiness are lack of noble nature and dull days.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

(v) The analogy will be

flowery band : metaphor :: noble nature : alliteration

(vi) According to the poet 'every morrow' we are wreathing a flowery band to bind us to the earth.

### OR

##### (b)

(i) Denizens of the world of green refer to the tigers.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

(ii) The option that displays the same poetic device as used in the second line of the extract is 'heart of stone'.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

(iii) The men setting beneath the tree are **hunters**.

(iv) The quality of uncle that can be inferred through these lines is his dominating nature.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

(v) The tigers in the extract are symbolic of creativity and courage.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

(vi) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across the screen and the fields.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

### **Solution 8**

A

### **Solution 9**

A

### **Solution 10**

(a) The correct answer is -Gandhi referred to 'conflict of duties' as a situation where an individual has to choose between two or more equally important moral obligations or duties, and fulfilling one duty would mean neglecting the other.

(b) The expression "polished traffic" refers to the smooth and efficient traffic flow in a city. It suggests that the city has a well-developed infrastructure and transportation system.

It conveys that city people value efficiency and organisation in their daily lives. They have become accustomed to a fast-paced lifestyle that demands quick and effortless movement through the city's transportation network.

(c) The iron master compared Edla to a parson because of her compassionate and generous nature. Just as a parson who selflessly devotes his life to the welfare of others, Edla showed kindness and empathy towards the little match girl, even though she was a stranger and had a lower social status.

(d) The word "but" lays emphasis on the contrast between the narrator's thoughts and feelings and the words she actually articulated. She looks at her mother's face and realised that she has aged. She is afraid, one day her mother will pass away and is not sure whether she will be able to see/ meet her the next time. Still, she bids her goodbye and says "see you soon, Amma", although she is not sure whether she will see her alive or not.

(e) Douglas suffered from aquaphobia, which he had developed after a traumatic experience in a pool. It hindered the basic joys of life for him. He overcame his fear by gradually exposing himself to water with the help of an instructor who taught him how to swim. He eventually conquered his fear and swam in various places to challenge himself.



(f) As per the poet Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet', the lesson that we should learn from mother earth is to remember that just as a seed remains in a latent state under the earth but germinates the moment the environment is contributive, we can also learn to rectify our lunacy and recklessness and make the earth a better place to live on. We shouldn't assume that there is no undoing to the damage done to the earth.

### **Solution 11**

(a) Dr. Sadao wasn't sent with the troops because the General might need his assistance anytime, and there wasn't any other surgeon he could have faith in. As the General was ailing, he took a decision of not sending Dr. Sadao. Moreover, he was carrying on research on the way to clear out the wounds altogether, so his presence in Japan was inevitable.

(b) The hidden agenda behind the Tiger King's marriage with the princess in the neighbouring state was to achieve his goal of killing a hundred tigers, and marrying a princess from a state with a large tiger population was a way to ensure access to plenty of tigers to meet his goal. He had run out of tigers in his own kingdom, and he still required to hunt thirty tigers in order to prove the astrologer's prediction false.

(c) The Students on Ice Program aims to provide high school students with inspiring educational opportunities to take them to the ends of the world and foster a new understanding and respect for our planet. The main goal of the program is to inspire future generations of policy-makers to act on environmental issues, and the main benefit of participating is understanding the real threat of global warming.

### **Solution 12**

(a) The last lesson reflects the flaws in human character that led to the sad plight of people in Alsace.

The statement is appropriate as it is evident in the text when M. Hamel talks about people's habit of putting off learning until tomorrow. He mentions, "Every day we have said to ourselves, 'Bah! I've plenty of time. I'll learn it tomorrow.' And now you see where we've come out. Ah, that's the great trouble with Alsace; she puts off learning till tomorrow." This reflects the lack of foresight and the tendency to procrastinate, which led to the people of Alsace not being able to speak or write their language.

Another instance that proves the point is when M. Hamel talks about how the parents of the children in his class were not anxious enough to have them learn and how he had often sent them to water his flowers instead of learning their lessons. This reflects the lack of emphasis on education and the tendency to prioritise other activities over learning, which is why the people of Alsace missed their opportunity to speak or write their language.

**OR**

(b) The poem "A Roadside Stand" is a social satire that highlights the stark contrast between the two worlds existing in society.

The poem paints a vivid picture of a little old house with a new shed at the edge of the road, where the polished traffic passes without a second thought. The roadside stand is a metaphor for the people living in poverty, who are desperate for a better living standard.

The poem also highlights the contrast between the city and the country, with the city being portrayed as a place of wealth and opportunity while the country is seen as a place of poverty and despair. It also serves as a commentary on the power dynamics between the rich and the poor, as the people in the city are seen as having the power to buy whatever they want, while the people in the country are seen as powerless and unable to make their own decisions. It can be concluded that "A Roadside Stand" is a social satire that highlights the stark contrast between the two worlds existing in the same society.

### **Solution 13**

(a) Mr. Lamb stands as a symbol of optimism and hope, for he is willing to accept Derry for who he is, despite his disfigurement.

He did not judge Derry on his appearance, instead took the time to get to know him and understand his perspective. He had also been willing to offer Derry a place of refuge in his garden, where the latter could feel safe and accepted.

Mr. Lamb also encouraged Derry to take risks and not to be afraid of being judged by others. He said to Derry, "You'd have to take the risk. So would they." He motivated Derry to explore the world and not be afraid of setting goals and achieving them.

All the above-mentioned instances confirm that he is a symbol of optimism and hope, as he encouraged Derry to embrace life and not focus on his deformity but rather appreciate the beauty of the World.

**OR**

(b) Dr. Sadao emerges as a saviour of humanity by showing compassion towards and mercy on an enemy.

When he and his wife Hana found the wounded American prisoner of war washed ashore, they showed no hesitation in helping him.

Despite the fact that the man was their enemy, Dr. Sadao immediately began to search for the wound and treated it with expert precision.

When the man woke up, Dr. Sadao ordered him to lie down and not overexert himself, exhibiting his concern for the man's wellbeing. He even kept him hiding so as to give him enough time to recover. Finally, when the assassins didn't turn up, he offered him safe passage by suggesting him to take a Korean fishing boat and escape. Such actions demonstrate Sadao's humanity and his willingness to help those in need, even if they are his enemies.