

SOLUTIONS

Self Assessment Paper-1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Section-A: Reading Skills

- I.** (i) Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective instant.
- (ii) Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: Internet does not help young ones to differentiate between good and bad.
- (iii) Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: Involving in some illicit activities is not a use.
- (iv) Option (B) is correct.
- (v) Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: Cosmos here means far and wide.
- (vi) Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: It protects us from school punishments, manages family commitments and prevents crimes.
- (vii) Option (C) is correct.
Explanation: It cannot help in managing daily plans.
- (viii) invention
- (ix) Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: One can open mail box in mobile.
- (x) mentor
- II.** (i) Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: All the given options prove fatal for the tiger.
- (ii) Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: They are slow runners, but good swimmers. They are poor climbers and cannot climb a tree easily.
- (iii) Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: Tigers have a life-span of 10–15 years.
- (iv) Option (D) is correct.
Explanation: It happens only in the Bengal tiger subspecies, and only one in 10,000 births can have it naturally.
- (v) Option (C) is correct.
Explanation: They are poor climbers and cannot climb a tree easily.
- (vi) Option (A) is correct.
- (vii) A big meal
- (viii) Option (B) is correct.
Explanation: 2226 in 2014 and 2967 in 2018.
- (ix) Option (C) is correct.
- (x) lowest

III.**Section-B: Grammar**

- (i) Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: 1. Present perfect tense in singular is written as 'has' + <third form of the verb>. So, 'play' must be replaced with 'played'.

- (ii) that he had started crying.

- (iii) Option (A) is correct.

- (iv) Option (A) is correct.

- (v) Option (C) is correct.

- (vi) Option (A) is correct.

- (vii) it would depend on the marks he gets in the exams.

- (viii)

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- (ix) The interviewer asked Santosh if the shooting in Kashmir had been challenging.

- (x) saw

- (xi) was lying under the umbrella

- (xii)

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IV.

1. A. C-424, Sector 18

Green Park

New Delhi

27th May, 20XX

The Sales Manager

Balaji Electricals Pvt. Ltd.

Lajpat Nagar

New Delhi

Subject: Complaint about defective Washing Machine

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, I wish to inform you that I had purchased an "LG Washing Machine" from your outlet on the receipt no. 10579 on 24th May, 20XX. It has been just 3-4 days and it has started giving trouble. It makes a loud noise and stops on its own all of a sudden. The machine does not wash the clothes properly. I am sure it has some manufacturing defects.

Since it is within the guarantee period, I request you to get it repaired or better replace it at the earliest.

I have been your regular customer and purchase articles in good faith. I will be thankful if the matter is attended to at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Komal

OR

- B. 26, Latouche Road

Kanpur

28th April, 20XX

The Editor
The Times of India
Tughlaq Road
New Delhi

Subject: Need to improve miserable living conditions in slums

Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I would like to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the miserable living conditions in slums.

A country's growth depends on the growth of its people. The people living in slums do not have basic amenities like clean drinking water, proper power supply and healthy food. Many can be seen ravaging through dustbins to get food. Lack of proper sanitation and living among such dreadful conditions lead to the spread of many diseases. They are illiterate and thus lack job opportunities. They live in congested spaces where proper breathing is also unavailable. I request the concerned authorities to take the necessary steps in order to improve the conditions of these pitiful slum dwellers.

Only if the slum dwellers get the basic amenities, the nation can be said to have truly progressed.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Udit

2. A.

Ban On Plastic

Single use plastic causes more harm to the environment than benefitting it. Its toxic contents are harmful for all whether they are human beings, animals or marine creatures. In fact they cause a decline in the healthy state of those also who produce it as it leads to many illnesses. The government has decided to put a blanket ban on single-use plastic articles which is a wise step. It is going to be helpful for our environment which is in a declining state everyone must join in this campaign to save our planet and to make it pollution free. More of environment friendly products should be used. The ban on these products is not impractical. There is no denying the fact that these products make our life easier but we should come up for the welfare of all and not be selfish. The ban will be useful in the long run. (5 marks)

OR

- B. The above pie chart shows the result of the views of people where a survey was conducted whether smoking should be banned or not. There were only a few people, i.e. 5% who were of the view that no restrictions should be imposed on cigarette smoking. Almost one-fifth, 20% of the people opined that it should be banned in all public places so that passive smoking can also be taken care of. As many as 30% of people were of the view that cigarette smoking should be banned but only at shopping malls or big stores. But there was another 45% of opinion, i.e., majority of the people showed an interest in imposing a blanket ban on cigarettes, as it is hazardous to health. Overall, people are aware that smoking is injurious to health so it should be banned but it can be concluded that everyone has different views.

Section-D: Literature

[40 marks]

V.

1. A. (i) Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: Mortals suffer death, accidental or natural.

- (ii) Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: The wise understand that grieving over the loss of a person is useless.

- (iii) Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Everyone alike.

- (iv) Option (A) is correct.

- (v) Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: The lesson is Sermon at Benaras.

OR

- B. (i) Option (C) is correct.

Explanation-There were 6-7 passengers.

- (ii) Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: Valli or Valliamai, an eight-year-old girl was on a new venture.

- (iii) Option (B) is correct.

Explanation: It was a new bus, it is outside painted a gleaming white with some green stripes along the sides. Inside, the overhead bars shone like silver.

- (iv) Option (B) is correct.

- (v) Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: Valli took a joy ride to the nearby city.

2. A (i) Option (B) is correct.

- (ii) Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful.

- (iii) Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: They all sat laughing in the little red wagon.

- (iv) Option (A) is correct.

- (v) Option (D) is correct.

OR

- B. (i) Option (B) is correct.

- (ii) Option (D) is correct.

- (iii) Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: Anyone who saw Amanda sulking.

- (iv) Option (C) is correct.

- (v) Option (D) is correct.

- VI.** (i) Custard, the dragon had a formidable appearance, with sharp teeth, toes like daggers, spikes on the back and scales on the belly. Its mouth was a fireplace and the nose was always fuming like a chimney. However, in sharp contrast to the appearance, his temperament was extremely timid. **(3 marks)**

- (ii) The season of joy that commences from September and continues till March is the best to visit Coorg as some showers make the weather perfect and the air becomes fragrant with the aroma of coffee. **(3 marks)**

- (iii) When Valli saw the dead cow by the roadside, she became very sad. She was now in a pensive mood as it was shocking to her that the animal, she'd been laughing at just a while ago, was lying in the stillness of death. **(3 marks)**

- (iv) Young Anne was a very intelligent and courageous girl. She had a flair for writing essays. She had the courage to accept that the trait of talkativeness was her birthright and that she should have the freedom to enjoy it. When Mr. Keesing punished Anne for her talkativeness again and asked her to write an essay, one after the other, she composed a poem on "The incorrigible Chatterbox" and gave a message through it to the teacher. The teacher got so impressed by her little poem that he decided not to punish her. **(3 marks)**

- (v) The two questions I would ask the little girl are: "Are you travelling alone, child? What was such an urgency that your parents allowed you to travel alone?" The reason for asking such questions is honest concern for the child and to help her.

- VII.** (i) Anil was a very kind person. He knew that Hari Singh was not bad at heart. If he had handed over him to the police, Hari Singh would have become a hardened criminal and his mind would be filled with bitterness. So, Anil did not hand over Hari Singh to the police. Instead, he forgave him and gave him an opportunity to reform himself.

- (ii) Ebright had all the qualities necessary for making a scientist. He possessed a first-rate mind, curiosity and the will to win for the right reasons. 'The Travels of Monarch X' opened the world of science to him. He never lost his scientific curiosity. Ebright was a straight 'A' grade student. He had other interests also. His social studies teacher Richard A. Weiherer opened his mind to new ideas. He also became a champion debater and public speaker. He was also a good canoeist and an all-round outdoor person. He was also an expert photographer of nature and scientific exhibits. **(3 marks)**

**Examiner's Comment**

- Students generally get confused in the various experiments done by Richard Ebright thus giving wrong answers to most of the questions.

**Answering Tips**

- Students must be guided to read the text and make notes of different experiments conducted by Richard Ebright in order to get a clear idea.

- (iii) Tricki was Mrs. Pumphrey's favourite dog. No doubt, she loved him very much and so, pampered him. But then, it was Tricki's fault also. He was a greedy dog who wanted to eat anything and everything which was served to him. He never refused to eat food and used to have meals at any hour of the day or night. He had become a glutton. He changed his system very easily according to the luxuries he got. Apart from all that, he never believed in going for exercise or walk. He rather tried to please his mistress by eating all the time, be it sweets or eggs. So, he was also to be blamed for his present condition. His digestion was disturbed due to overeating. He should have missed some meals. **(3 marks)**

- VIII.** (i) The young seagull is scared to fly. He is afraid of the vast exposure of the sea beneath him. His parents cajole him to fly but he is too scared to fly. At the same time, he is desperate with hunger. He expects his parents to feed him. But he is left alone without food. They threaten him that he will die of hunger if he does not fly. Then the mother persuades him with a fish within his reach, but not closer to him. He ultimately falls into temptation and dives into the sea and finally succeeds. All the parents should follow such type of strategy to make their children learn. They should not pamper their children by spoon feeding. They should make them independent. Parental strictness in making a child learn a skill shouldn't be taken as a threat. It is in favour of the child as without threat, the seagull won't have learnt to fly; he would be starved to death. **(6 marks)**

OR

- (ii) The poet has compared fire to the dark side of humanity, i.e., hatred and lust. According to the poet, lust is a greater evil. Desire or lust is the cause of war. Hatred is also harmful. So, the poem 'Fire and Ice' represents the two evils hatred and lust which lead to the destruction of the world. According to the poet fire stands for desire, greed and avarice. The more you try to satisfy them, the more they grow. There is no end to it. They spread rapidly like fire and ruin your whole life. On the other hand, 'ice' according to the poet, stands for hatred, coldness and rigidity. One becomes insensitive and indifferent towards the feelings of others. One becomes selfish and sometimes cruel also. The poet says that both fire and ice are growing with such a rapid speed that the world would soon perish either way, in fire or in ice.

**Commonly Made Error**

- Sometimes students fail to understand the symbolic meaning of Fire and Ice and write a summary of the poem.

**Answering Tips**

- Do not merely read a poem but also try to understand the poem. They should try to understand the poet's purpose in the poem.
- Students should learn how the poet's use of vocabulary or imagery adds to the effect of the poem.
- Develop a personal response to a poem.

- IX.** (i) Mme Forestier was Matilda Loisel's childhood friend. When there was a party at the education minister's house, Matilda went to her to borrow some jewels. She quite generously asked Matilda to choose any jewel. Matilda chose a superb diamond necklace. Mme Forestier immediately agreed to lend it to Matilda. Unfortunately, the necklace was lost. Mme Forestier was considerate when Matilda could not return the jewels on time.

At the end of the story, when she learns that Matilda had given her real jewels in place of the jewels she had lost, Mme Forestier did not hide the truth from her friend. She immediately told Matilda that her jewels were fake. She did not bother about the fact that she would have to return them. Thus, we can say that Mme Forestier was a true friend of Matilda. (6 marks)

OR

- (ii) For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, i.e., by changing the name, by making excuses, by making a new way of making money, etc. Anil was the most trusting person Hari Singh had ever met. But he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and could not be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change of mind. Anil knew even that fact also but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life over-powered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for a simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was a good decision of Hari Singh.

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