

ENGLISH CORE QUESTION BANK

SECTION B (WRITING SKILLS) 30 Marks

Q1. You are Nitin/ Natasha, staying at 20, S.F.S. Flats, Worli, Mumbai. You bought a mobile phone from "Mobile Villa", Mahim, Mumbai. The phone developed a problem within a few days of the purchase. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the showroom complaining about the defect and seeking immediate replacement.

Q2. You are Mallika/Mayank, student of class XII, Modern School, Shimla. You are eager to enter the National Film Academy, Shimla, after your board results. Write a letter to the Director of the film academy seeking information regarding admission procedure, eligibility criteria, fee structure, placement opportunities, etc.

Q3. On the threshold of being a world super power, India does have a large young workforce but unfortunately not many in this force are employable for want of necessary skills. Write in about 150-200 words, an article for a newspaper on the topic 'Skill Development is the need of the hour'. You are Anita/Arnav.

Q4. With a view to create awareness regarding health St. Anne's school organised 'Health Mela' in the school premises. Various charts, models, fitness equipments were displayed. Lectures, debates, discussions, plays were organised. A workshop on low calorie cooking was also organised. Write a report in 150-200 words on the 'Health Mela' for the school magazine. You are Neha/Nikhil, Secretary of the Health Club of school.

Q5. Yoga unites the body, mind and soul. When you are in harmony, the journey through life is calmer, happier and more fulfilling.. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic 'Yoga- a way of life'. You are Karan/ Kajal, Head Boy /Head Girl of D.A.V. Public School, Delhi.

Q6. 'Homes for the aged is a necessity in India '. Write a debate in 150- 200 words either for or against the motion. You are Shivam/Shivani.

Q7. Although students have been using cell phones consistently in their daily lives for almost a decade, schools continue to resist allowing the devices into the classroom. Schools generally grapple with new technologies, but cell phones' reputation as a nuisance and a distraction has been hard to dislodge. Prepare a speech in about 150-200 words in favour of or against the cell phone being allowed in schools.

Q8. You are Ram/Rajani, a resident of Nagpur. You feel students should use the Internet mostly for gaining knowledge rather than wasting away time merely on entertainment. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor, 'The Harbinger', 9, Bund

Marg, Hyderabad, pointing out how schools can control students' net surfing at school and enable them to use internet fruitfully.

Q9. Write a debate either for or against the motion: 'Participation in sports is a mere wastage of time'. (150-200 words).

Q10. You are Ram/Rajani. You are concerned about the growing problem of obesity in children which leads to type II diabetes. Write an article in 150-200 words titled 'Health, the best Wealth,' throwing light on what problems arise if we eat junk food or overeat and neglect our health, and how we can maintain good health through right food and good habits.

Q11. Choice of course after clearing Senior School Examination produces a great deal of stress on the minds of our students. Counselling can be of great help to them. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Role of counselling in choice of course'. You are Ram/Rajani.

Q12. You are Ram/Rajani, a social activist. You feel that, in spite of all the hue and cry over protection of women in society are harassed on the road and even at home. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic 'Women must be given Honour'. Give suggestion on how women can get honour in society.

Q13. You are Ram/Rajani, a social worker. The banning of liquor shops is being taken up in many states. You welcome the move. Write an article in 150-200 words supporting the move, highlighting how it will promote the society's standard of living, health, economy etc. and appreciating the governments that are ready to forego the revenue that comes out of it.

Q14. Our performance in Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is time we revised our attitude. Sports should be an important part of school's daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words in 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja/Thomas.

Q15. Apart from newspapers, 24-hour news channels on TV are a major source of information for the common man. As compared to foreign news channels, the Indian channels are full of advertisements. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper urging the news channels to create a healthy balance between news and commercials. You are John/Elizabeth, 18, Civil Lines, Meerut.

Q16. Teenagers are full of energy as well as ideas. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on —How to Channelise the Energy of the Teenagers|||. You are Tejinder/Simran.

Q17. Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) is being used to create disaffection in society. Write a debate in 150 – 200 words either for or against the motion.

Q18. Gyms and fitness centres have reduced the importance of exercise in the park. Write a debate in 150 – 200 words either for or against the motion.

Q19. Sindhu, Sakshi, Saina and Deepa, all daughters of India have put those to shame who do not love a girl child. If they are given education, encouragement and proper training, the daughters can bring name, fame and support to the family. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on –Save and Love a Girl Child. You are Raman/Geeta.

Q20. Our rivers are very polluted. Industries and sewage from our houses are polluting them. What can we do to save our rivers? Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper describing the problem and suggesting solutions to it. You are Karuna / Karan, M114, Mall Road,

Delhi.

Q21. India has been called a ‘tourists’ paradise’. Yet there are a few problems that the tourists face while in India. Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘How to promote tourism in India’. You are Karuna/Karan.

Q22. The youth are indebted to society in several ways. They are nurtured by a family at home, educated in a school and enjoy so many facilities to lead a smooth life. They owe a lot to society. In several ways they can help the society to function better. Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘Students and their social responsibilities’. You are Karan/ Karuna.

Q23. In spite of 24-hour news on TV, the morning newspaper has not lost its relevance in the daily life of common man. Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘Print media and TV news’. You are Karuna / Karan.

Q24. Charity begins at home. If we want a clean India (Swachh Bharat) we have to begin with ourselves, make individual efforts not to make our surroundings dirty. Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘Role of Individuals in society to keep our environment clean’. You are Karan/Karuna.

Q25. The number of cars that a country produces every year is one way of measuring its prosperity. At the same time what the vehicles lead to are traffic jams, air pollution, road rage, an unhealthy competition in the middle class to own more and newer cars. What are your views on the issue – Private cars or Public transport ? Describe them in an article in 150 – 200 words. You are Navtej/Navita.

LONG READING TEXT -NOVEL -THE INVISIBLE MAN

1. What difference do you find in Mrs Hall's treatment of the stranger and her husband? How much importance did Mrs Hall give to Mr Hall's observations, remarks and suggestions about the strange guest that she had taken into the "Coaches and Horses" inn? What traits of her character are highlighted by her approach?
2. The unusually strange experience with the invisible man could not weaken the enthusiasm of the people for much awaited 'Whit Monday'. Justify the statement.
3. Griffin was a brilliant scientist but a depraved human. Draw a pen-portrait of Griffin in this context.
4. Griffin stands for science without humanity. He was against traditional moral values. Substantiate giving examples from the novel.
5. Is the ending of the novel justified? Do you think it would have been better if Dr. Kemp had got the invisibility formula? Justify your answer.
6. The Invisible Man is about a guy with no friends and family. It is about a person who is completely isolated from the society. Would the story be different if Griffin had some friends or family? Justify.
7. How did the stranger behave at the inn?
8. Griffin trusted Kemp and thought he would be sympathetic and cooperative towards him. However Kemp betrays him. Was it right on Kemp's part to betray Griffin? Justify.
9. How was finally Griffin caught?
10. Who is Griffin and how does he become the Invisible Man?
11. What is the theme of the novel, 'The Invisible Man'? Elaborate.
12. Griffin talks casually about attacking people and stealing from his father. He feels that all this is for the greater good, the betterment of Science. Justify.
13. What impression do you form about the Invisible Man? Is he able to garner the reader's sympathy?
14. Justify the title of the chapter 'The Furniture that Went Mad'.
15. Was invisibility advantageous or disadvantages for Griffin?
16. First Griffin thought that Kemp would be supportive and understand but later on he only sees him as an enemy. Why?
17. Big things never have a lasting effect on people but small, everyday things matter more. Illustrate with examples from the novel.
18. Do you think that Griffin himself was responsible for his tragic end or the society forced him to turn against his own kind?
19. Draw a character sketch of Dr. Kemp?
20. Describe the circumstances that led to the unveiling of Griffin's invisibility.
21. Describe Griffin's first meeting with Kemp.

22. A comparison with Dr.Kemp highlights the weaknesses of Griffin .Attempt a character contrast of the two.
23. Mrs. Hall is greedy but efficient in her business.Attempt a character sketch of Mrs. Hall.
24. How does the novel highlight the theme of corruption of morals in the absence of social restriction?
25. How does Griffin rob the Buntings at the vicarage? Do the buntings realize what had happened in their home?Why?

LITERATURE

Long answer type questions in 120-150 words (6M)

1. Why was Bama first amused at the scene of the old man carrying a food packetd by its string without touching it? Why was she filled with anger, dismay and revolt later on?
2. What idea of General's personality do you form in the story The Enemy?
3. Why did Gandhiji consider freedom from fear more important than legal justice for the poor peasants of Champaran?
4. The story' The Tiger King ' is a satire on the conceit of those in power.Elaborate
5. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less that the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. Explain with respect to the characters of the story On the face of it.
6. What kind of a person was the governor of the prison in Evan tries an O level ? Mention any four lapses in his arrangement for Evans' O level exam that helped Evans escape?
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