

RAISINA BENGALI SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 1, 2017 – 2018
CLASS – XII
SUBJECT – ENGLISH CORE

TIME – 3 hours

M.M.100

The question paper is divided into three sections – A, B, and C.

- Instructions :
1. All questions are compulsory.
 2. You may attempt any section at a time.
 3. All questions of that particular section must ^{be} attempted in the correct Order.

SECTION A READING – 30 MARKS

1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follows : (12 Marks)
1. The foremost target of the Internet has always been speedy communication and it has excelled way beyond expectations. Newer innovations are only going to make it faster and more reliable. Now you can communicate in a fraction of second with a person who is sitting in the other part of the world. For more personal and interactive communication, you can avail the facilities of chat services, video conferencing and so on. Besides, there are plenty of messenger services in offering with the help of such services, it has become very easy to establish a kind of global friendship where you can share your thoughts and explore other cultures.
 2. Information is probably the biggest advantage that the Internet offers. It is a virtual treasure trove of information. Any kind of information on any topic under the sun is available on Internet. The search engines like Google, Yahoo etc. are at your service. These search engines provide you access to a huge amount of information about every subject known to man, ranging from government laws and services trade fairs, market information and technical support, the list is simply endless.
Students and children are among the top users who surf the internet for various purposes. Even teachers have started giving assignments that require extensive surfing on the Internet.
 3. Entertainment is another aspect for which millions of people surf the Internet all across the globe. In fact, the Internet has become quite successful in trapping the multifaceted entertainment industry. Downloading games and films or just surfing the celebrity websites are some of the uses people have discovered. Even celebrities are using the Internet for promotional campaigns. Also online games such as Candy Crush keep millions busy all over the world.
 4. Nowadays, one cannot imagine an online life without Facebook or Twitter. Social networking, these days, has become so popular amongst the people, especially the youths that it might one day replace physical networking. Social networking has evolved as a great medium to connect with thousands of people with similar tastes and interests. Apart from finding long-lost friends you can also look for jobs, business opportunities etc. Besides, there are 'chat

rooms' where users can meet new and interesting people. Some of them may even end up finding their life partners.

5. The concept of e-commerce is used for any type of commercial discovering or business deals that involves the transfer of information across the globe via the internet. It has become a phenomenon associated with any kind of shopping, business deal etc. You name a service, and e-commerce with its giant tentacles engulfing every single product and service will make it available at your doorstep. Websites such as eBay allow you to even bid for homes, buy, sell or auction stuff online.
6. The Internet has made life very convenient. With numerous online services you can now perform all your transactions online. You can book tickets for a movie or play, transfer funds, pay utility-electricity, water bills, taxes etc., right from your home. Some travel websites even plan an itinerary as per your preferences and take care of airline tickets, hotel reservations etc. Introduction of volunteers guides relaunching of museum's website etc. have made travelling more educative and fulfilled.

Questions:

A. Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from those given the question :

1. The passage expresses the possibility that _____ due to the use of the Internet.
 (a) physical networking will vanish (b) children will stop going to school
 (c) people will stop going to cinema halls/theatres
 (d) small shopkeepers will lose their livelihood
2. Search engines provide us
 (a) better communication (b) faster speed
 (c) information (d) all of these
3. The passage does not suggest that the Internet
 (a) has become quite useful to us (b) helps us find life partners/friends
 (c) saves us a lot of money (d) helps buyers as well as sellers
4. Besides chat services, video conferencing has/have helped in establishing global friend ships and exploring other countries.
 (a) messenger services (b) communication
 (c) speedy communication (d) information

B. Answer the following questions in brief :

5. What is e-commerce especially associated with ?
6. Some 'chat rooms' users get a special benefit. What is it ?
7. For which special purpose do celebrities use the Internet ?
8. Why is the Internet called a virtual trove of information ?
9. Name any two users of online services.
10. What help(s) people with similar tastes and interests connect with each other ?

C. Find the words/phrases which have the same meaning as :

11. Having many sides/aspects — Para 3
12. To move from one site to another on the Internet — Para 2

2. Read the poem given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:
 (10 Marks)

COMPLAINT OF THE WATER

"I am confounded by drains
 Everywhere opening under my fins
 Netting my progress
 Labyrinths of stinking darkness:
 I am confounded by the rush of myself

Everywhere the downpull
Hurl of me and sinking
My gross weight and hopeless
Onrush of longing to
Lose myself in the sea.
All that I love I flee from: air
That opens its wings, mountains
And rock and all that is steadfast
I knot myself against, fling myself
Out and away from. All things
Eat me: veins and capillaries
Suck me from my chosen
Adventures and fasten me into
Usurping fat flowers and leaves.
O you false blossoming dryness
That I must creep through unseen
And humbly, one day I shall
Drown the world- all things will live
And swim in me."

-Jeni Couzyn

2.1 Choose the most appropriate option:

(1x4=4)

1. By the expression "my fins", the water means

- A. wings of birds
- B. holes in fishing net
- C. little waves
- D. fins of fish

2. 'Labyrinths of stinking darkness' are

- A. systems of rivers or lakes
- B. filth and garbage in water
- C. underground network of pipes
- D. weight of water and force of gravity

3. The word 'usurping' as used in the poem means

- A. binding
- B. plucking
- C. seizing
- D. tying

4. 'I' in the poem refers to water. This is an example of

- A. simile
- B. metaphor
- C. personification

2.2 Answer the following questions:

(10)

- How is the progress of water upset?
- Where must the water creep through 'unseen and humbly'?
- What prediction does the poet make?
- What two things confound the water?
- What does the water flee from?
- Give another word for 'flee'.

3. Read the passage given below :

(5+3 = 8 Marks)

It is surprising that sometimes we don't listen to what people say to us. We hear them, but we don't listen to them. I was curious to know how hearing is different from listening. I had ^{thought} both were synonyms, but gradually, I realised there is a big difference between the two words.

Hearing is a physical phenomenon. Whenever somebody speaks, the sound waves generated reach you, and you definitely hear whatever is said to you. However, even if you hear something, it doesn't always mean that you actually understand whatever is being said. Paying attention to whatever you hear means you are really listening. Consciously using your mind to understand whatever is being said is listening.

Diving deeper, I found that listening is not only hearing with attention, but is much more than that. Listening is hearing with full attention, and applying our mind. Most of the time, we listen to someone, but our minds are full of needless chatter and there doesn't seem to be enough space to accommodate what is being spoken.

We come with a lot of prejudices and preconceived notions about the speaker or the subject on which he is talking. We pretend to listen to the speaker, but deep inside, we sit in judgement and are dying to pronounce right or wrong, true or false, yes or no. Sometimes, we even come prepared with a negative mindset of proving the speaker wrong. Even if the speaker says nothing harmful, we are ready to pounce on him with our own version of things.

What we should ideally do is listen first with full awareness. Once, we have done that, we can decide whether we want to make a judgement or not. Once we do that, communication will be perfect and our interpersonal relationship will become so much better. Listening well doesn't mean one has to say the right thing at the right moment. In fact, sometimes if words are left unspoken, there is a feeling of tension and negativity. Therefore, it is better to speak out your mind, but do so with awareness after listening to the speaker with full concentration.

Let's look at this in another way. When you really listen, you imbibe not only what is being spoken, but you also understand what is not spoken as well. Most of the time we don't really listen even to people who really matter to us. That's how misunderstandings grow among families, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters.

Questions :

- On the basis of reading the above passage make notes on it in points only by using headings and sub-headings. Use abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum five). Also suggest a suitable title to it.

SECTION-B
ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

30 Marks

4. Every year in the central park of the city a flower show is held in the month of February. Your school has received a circular from the District Collector inviting your students to visit it. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the show and advising them to go and enjoy it. You are Navtej/Navita, Head Boy/Head Girl, Sunrise Public School, Surat.

(4 Marks)

OR

You are Mohan /Mohini, General Manager of P.K. Industries, Hyderabad. You need an accountant for your company. Draft, in not more than 50 words an advertisement to be published in "The Hindu" in classified columns.

5. You are Rishabh /Ritu, 131 Jagriti Vihar, Gurgaon. While reading a newspaper you came across an advertisement for the post of chemist from Charak Research and Development Ltd. C-82, Noida Industrial Area, Noida, You wish to apply for it. The qualifications mentioned in the advertisement are :

- Graduate with good command of English
 - 5-7 years of experience of production of Ayurvedic products
 - Should be able to handle production independently
 - No. of Vacancies -2
 - Location- Delhi
 - Salary -will not be a constraint for the right candidate
- Apply with full details to the manager, Production Unit

(6 Marks)

OR

Recently you went to your native village to visit your grand parents. You saw that some of the children in the age group -14 (the age at which they should have been at school) remained at home, were working in the fields or simply loitering in the streets.

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national daily analyzing the problem and offering solutions to it. You are Navtej/Navita,, M-114 Mount Kailash, Kanpur.

6. Emotionally as well as intellectually a woman is as good as or man if not better. Yet we don't allow her the same status as a man enjoys in society. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Status of Women in Society'. You are Navtej/Navita.

(10 Marks)

OR

Reintroduction of Class X Board exam for CBSE School will benefit students. Write an article in 150-200 words expressing how it will raise the standard of education. You are Naresh Samridhi.

7. You are Sampreet, an educationist. You have noticed that the youth of today are often unable to cope with stress and become frustrated and bitter. Write a speech in 125-150 words to be delivered at a college function on "Youth", their problems and solutions.

(10 Marks)

OR

"The policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the interest of students", write a debate in 150-200 words either in favour of or against the motion.

SECTION C

TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT

40 Marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

(1+1+2=4 Marks)

"Perhaps the Earth can teach us
As when everything seems dead
And later proves to be alive
Now I will count upto twelve
And you keep quit and I will go."

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| a. What does the Earth teach us? | 1 |
| b. What does the poet mean to achieve by counting upto twelve? | 1 |
| c. What is the significance of "keeping quiet"? | 2 |

OR

Surely Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example, with ships and sun and love tempting them to steal --

For lives that styly turn in their cramped holes From fog to endless night? On their slag heap, these children Wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel With mended glass, Like bottle bits on stones.

- (a) Why is Shakespeare described as wicked? (1)
- (b) Explain : "from fog to endless night". (1)
- (c) What does the reference to slag heap mean? (2)

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each (3X4= 12 Marks)

- (a) What unusual scene did Franz notice in the school and how did his feeling about Mr. M. Hamel and the school change?
- (b) Why did Gandhiji consider freedom from fear more important than legal justice for the poor peasants of Champaran?
- (c) What lesson did Douglas learn when he got rid of his fear of water?
- (d) Describe the miserable conditions of ragpickers of Seemapuri.
- (e) Why does Jo call the skunk's mommy stupid?
- (f) What makes human beings love life inspite of troubles and sufferings as mentioned by Keats in his poem "A Thing of Beauty".

10. Answer the following in 120-125 words: (6 Marks)

To be grateful is a great virtue of a gentleman. How did the peddler show his gratitude to Edla.

OR

Giving a bribe is an evil practice. How did the Tiger King bribe the British officer to save his Kingdom? How do you view this act of his?

11. Answer the following in 120-125 words: (6 Marks)

"It is his Karam, his destiny" that made Mukesh's grandfather go blind. How did Mukesh disprove this belief by choosing a new vocation and making his own destiny?

OR

What efforts did William Douglas make to overcome his fear of water? When and how did he conquer it?

12. Answer the following in 120-150 words (6X2 = 12 Marks)

Mrs. Hall seems to be a typical working class woman. Do you agree? Give example to support your statement.

Justify the title of the chapter "The Furniture that went mad" (The Invisible Man)

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