

ANNUAL EXAMINATION – 2012-2013

Class – I X
SUBJECT – English (Language)

Time – 2 Hrs.
 M.M. – 80

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

The intended Marks for questions or parts of questions are given in the brackets [].

Question 1 Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.

Write a composition [350-400 words] on any one of the following - [25]

- a) Do you think that the elderly are always wise? Describe one incident from your life to prove your point of view.
- b) What are the most sought after college courses today? Why are they so?
- c) "Life in our forefather's time was more difficult than it is now." Describe this statement.
- d) Look at the cartoon given below and write a descriptive account of what happens, bringing out its message clearly.



No, no, son, son you will fall sick if you eat this exposed food!

- e) Study the picture given below, Write a story or a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, but there must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Question 2 Select one of the following [Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question] - [10]

- a) One of your closest friends has moved to another school for the new academic year. Write a letter to him or her about how much you miss him or her. Provide him or her news on your campus. (You may want to include news about new faces on campus and new changes in the school and any such information)
- b) You have brought a new fashionable bicycle with the pocket – money that you had saved up. But the bicycle does not meet your expectations, and you are very disappointed. Write a letter to the manufacturer of the bicycle expressing your dissatisfaction, giving details of the purchase and reasons for your disappointment.

Question 3

Read carefully the passage given below and then answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:
 The revolutionaries are out on the streets. They're also in the parks, beside the rivers and lakes, down by the oceans and high on the mountains.

You'll know them by their uniform – shorts, tee-shirts, tracksuits and those beautiful, brightly coloured running shoes. They are the joggers.

They've become a phenomenon in America, where some recent estimates have put their numbers as high as 20 million. They're more and more evident in Britain, joining fun runs and lunchtime jogging groups in the parks. And they've even been reported on the streets of Peking.

Their numbers are growing by the week, and their revolutionary message is simple enough.

It is that bubbling physical fitness and the good health it brings are no longer the exclusive birthright of the young, the talented, the monastically dedicated, the ex-sports star or the nut.

It is for everybody and anybody. Fitness is for you... and for me. The converts to the jogger's vision of the new society include the old, the young, the famous, the unknownall of them are there with just one thing in common – they jog.

And many of them are there because of the western world's biggest killer – the heart attack.

The experience of journalist Tony Barnes is typical. Fear of a heart attack drove him into exercising. He woke up one day to discover that he was a way overweight 16-stone 33 -year-old, with a dangerously abnormal pulse rate and the threat of a fatal heart attack hanging over him.

Today he's a streamlined sub 12-stone athlete, with a heart like a horse's that bumps along at about 48 beats to the minute. He says he looks and feels about ten years younger. 'Gentle exercise like jogging or cycling is the easiest way to keep your heart healthy,' he says. 'My own choice was jogging. I run at least once and sometimes twice a day. It's the most convenient and efficient way to stay healthy my own doctor reckons it literally saved my life.'

Like many of the revolutionaries, Tony Barnes has carried his journey into jogging way beyond the original pursuit of health. He's found that he now loves running for its own sake.

Just why the jogging boom, which started back in the 1960s, has grown so big, and why its converts stick to it with almost religious zeal, is something that has baffled many.

The truth is that there are probably dozens of reasons why people take up jogging, and that once they've taken it up their reasons for staying with it change. Certainly it brings fitness and good health, but this, as we shall see, is only part of the story.

Take, for instance, Jan Hildreth, a British business leader and a longtime jogger/runner. His job as Director – General of the Institute of Directors is a high stress one, and he knows it. He seems to thrive on it though, and perhaps thanks to his running he looks younger than he is. ‘I’d probably kill myself working if I didn’t run,’ he says, ‘but I also need to run to think. When I’m working on a new idea, a speech or an article, I find I can do all my best thinking while I’m running. There seems to be some sort of magic in movement. I often feel that I ought to carry a miniature tape recorder with me to get down the thoughts I have on the run.’

- a) Five words or phrases from the passage are given below. Give the meaning of each as used in the passage; One word answers or short phrases will be accepted - [5]

i) by the week ii) revolutionary iii) hanging over him
iv) pursuit of v) boom

b) Answer the following questions in your own words -

i) Suggest a reason why joggers have been described as 'revolutionaries'. What evidence has been cited for the growing popularity of jogging? [2]

ii) What is the 'revolutionary message' of the joggers? [2]

iii) What were the effects of jogging on Tony Barnes? [2]

iv) Why did people begin to jog, and for what reasons do many people jog? [2]

v) What are Jan Hildreth's reasons for jogging? [2]

c)

i) Summarise the main arguments of this passage, in about 60 words. [8]

ii) Add a suitable title to the passage, giving reasons. [2]

Question 4

- a) Rewrite the following sentences correctly, according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but without changing the meaning of any sentence. [6]

i) If they don't find a doctor, they'll kill us. (Begin: Unless.....)

ii) A man spoke last. He was the most enthusiastic of all.
(combine into one sentence without using either 'and' or 'but')

iii) It is much easier to break things than to make them. (Rewrite using 'easy')

iv) If you'd called a week earlier, we could've saved him. (Begin: Had.....)

v) The picture was all he had of his father. (Begin: He....)

vi) Sunil is the fastest runner in the school. (End:..... as Sunil.)

b) Complete each of the following sentences with a suitable form of the word given in brackets: [5]

i) The aircraft _____ fire before it crashed. (catch)

ii) Exit polls _____ that the Democratic candidate will win. (show)

iii) Unless I _____ from him, I shan't send you there. (hear)

iv) By 2200 India _____ a lot. (change)

v) Panini _____ a great Indian grammarian. (be)

c) Fill in the blanks with suitable words: [6]

i) Her parents live _____ Karol Bagh ____ New Delhi.

ii) Sumit cut the mango _____ a knife.

iii) Kailash's schoolbag is different _____ Archana's.

iv) Arush's parents are sick _____ his behaviour.

v) The commander congratulated the soldiers _____ their great success.

d) Re write the following sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so': [3]

i) You will surely be late, Hurry up!

ii) The trekkers got lost in the heavy fog. They also lost their map.

iii) She has to apologise. He will not meet her again.

