



BK BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION
SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



PRE-BOARD I EXAMINATION 2023-24

ENGLISH CORE (301)
MARKING SCHEME

Class : XII

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)

1. Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

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i. Why did the narrator say that it is impossible to say who created grammar? Answer in about 40 words. 2

Ans: Because to find out how grammar is created, someone needs to be present at the time of a language's creation, documenting its emergence. Many historical linguists are able to trace modern complex languages back to earlier languages, but in order to answer the question of how complex languages are actually formed; the researcher needs to observe how languages are started from scratch.

ii. The language created by children of slaves with complex grammar system is called 'Pidgin'.

iii. (b) The language is based on speech and lip reading.

iv. (b) they incorporated the same grammatical system found in spoken languages

v. The main disadvantage of the sign language was that each child used the signs differently, and there was no consistent grammar.

vi. (a) Complex

vii. Some of the most recent languages evolved due to the Atlantic slave trade. At that time, slaves from a number of different ethnicities were forced to work together under colonizer's rule. Since they had no opportunity to learn each others' languages, they developed a make-shift language called a pidgin. 2

viii. How do children play a role in the creation of a language? Answer in about 40 words. 2

Ans: Complex grammar systems which emerge from pidgins are termed creoles, and they are invented by children. Although children were taught speech and lip reading in the classroom, playgrounds, they began to invent their own sign system, using the gestures that they used at home. Some linguists believe that many of the world's most established languages were creoles at first. It would appear that even the most widespread languages were partly created by children. Children appear to have innate grammatical machinery in their brains, which springs to life when they are first trying to make sense of the world around them. Their minds can serve to create logical, complex structures, even when there is no grammar present for them to copy.

ix. (d) 3 and 4

2. Answer the following questions, based on given passage.

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i. FALSE

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[the researcher indicates that educational institutions have opportunities and programmes to inculcate leadership skills]

ii. No. The aim of seeking students' perspectives was to enable a better designing/ creation/ of the leadership programmes in educational institutions **OR promote higher efficacy / betterment of leadership** 2

iii. D. certain lessons are common in more than one learning opportunity. 1

iv. because 72 of 130 students consented and were interviewed (**Note-72 out of 130 is more than half / 50%.**) 1

v. B. Students will be able to manage the responsibilities of a mentor, planner, researcher and presenter. 1

vi. This needs attention because it clearly indicates that the lessons created / student experiences do not allow sufficient opportunity for development of this crucial skill.

vii . A. collaboration

viii. I disagree because no amount of theoretical knowledge can aid students to actually apply their learning about leadership and develop various skills. (Any other / Similar but relevant answer)

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SECTION B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 marks)

3. A. 1. NOTICE : Format – 1 Content -2 Accuracy 1

Value Points-

- Correct format (as listed above)
- Drawing attention—students of X-XII
- Mentioning the event
- Giving details -D,T,V
- Sharing how donated books would benefit a charitable cause + urging them to contribute
- Line with reference to the undersigned

Vasant Public School, Bangalore
18th July 2022
NOTICE Book Donation Drive
All the students from classes X-XII are hereby informed that a book donation drive to encourage the reuse of study materials is being organised on the 28th and 29th of July. This drive will help in reducing the waste of paper and promote the sense and understanding of reusing among the students. Students are requested to show up in large numbers with their old books and support the noble cause.
Josely Mathew (President)

B. Value Points

- Correct format (as listed above)
- Drawing attention—House members of X-XII
- Sharing the changes—giving context
- Giving details -D,T,V
- Line of polite apology/ inconvenience regretted etc.
- Line with reference to the undersigned

A.B.M Public School Telangana
18th November
NOTICE Discovery—Change in Topic
All A.B.M Public School students in grades X-XII are hereby informed that there has been a modification to the deadline for submitting papers for the first round of the "Discovery" inter-house competition. Instead of 25 November 2022, the new deadline for submissions is 15 December 2022. Due to several teacher absences among the judging staff, we have made some changes. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience.
Kruthika Reddy (House Captain)

4. A. Features:

Letter type -Formal reply

- Acknowledge the invitation express gratefulness
- Express thanks in third person
- Mention acceptance or regret- (give reason)
- Use formal and polite language

Layout usually pertains to the format of a formal letter. (in a box)

57, Patel Nagar
New Delhi
28 October, 20XX

Director
Health Services
Kharagpur, WB

Subject: Acceptance of invitation to the workshop on mental health

Dear Sir

Dr Suchitra Mukherji has great pleasure in receiving the invitation from the Health Department, Kharagpur, to preside over a workshop on mental wellness on 09 November, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Public Hospital, Jammu, J&K.

She confirms her presence with thanks. She will reach Jammu on 9 November, 2022 at 8am by the Jammu Mail train.

4 B. Features:

Card type-formal invite

- a single sentence presentation in third person / end line punctuations skipped
- Use the simple present tense
- answers the questions who, whom, when, where, what time and for what
- includes name and address of the organiser /host and name/s of special invitees (if any)
- No signatures

Layout usually pertains to the following--

- ✓ Name of host /hosts
- ✓ Formal standard expression-cordial
- ✓ Purpose of invitation
- ✓ Date /time of event
- ✓ Venue (address)
- ✓ Name of special guest (if any)
- ✓ RSVP
- ✓ Contact detail/ number

Meghna Menon & family
Announce the opening of

EMONEY

An investment consultancy firm,
in the Acer mall, Kozhikode, Kerala.

INAUGURATION

ON
SUNDAY, THE 10TH OF MARCH, 20XX

At 11 a.m

All are cordially invited.

R.S.V.P
Meghna menon
882300XXXXXX

5. A. LETTER : Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1 (5m)

Value Points

Opinion—CSR looks beyond company profits & benefits community – reference to first- hand

experience + CSR efforts(cues)

Advantages (reference --cues)

Importance of making it an integral part of every organisation

Suggestions-awareness, laws to mandate companies include CSR, privileges or offers of some kind to companies that show some positive change in society via CSR, special rebates for students who take up CSR projects in collaboration with such companies etc.

Answer:

H.No. 523, Sec-B

ABC Colony

Hyderabad

15 June, 20XX

The Editor

National Daily

Hyderabad

Subject: Advantages of CSR

Sir

Through the columns of your renowned newspaper, I would like to kindly raise the public's attention to the benefits of CSR in the expanding business-non-profit partnership.

CSR, in my opinion, focuses on helping the larger community rather than just the company's bottom line. It is essential to the success of a company's brand and overall operations. Giving back to the community, taking part in philanthropic endeavours, and bringing about constructive social change are the objectives of CSR. An organization should engage in four different sorts of CSR activities: environmental initiatives, charitable work, ethical labour practices, and volunteer projects. With the growing significance of making it an intrinsic component of every organization, it has turned into a term today. CSR improves positive public attention, brand value, poverty alleviation, and increased sales contributing to the overall development of the particular organization.

Therefore, some laws for the companies need to be mandated so that there will be more and more CSR activities in practice which in turn will benefit the organization as well as the public at large. I hope my concern finds a little corner in your esteemed newspaper.

Thank you

Yours truly

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(an intern, Bipro)

OR

5.B. Content:-

- Covering Letter
- Reference to the advertisement
- Conveying suitability for the position-CSR (Head) / CSR Manager (as advertised)
- Submission of application

Bio data as separate enclosure

- Profile of self
- Educational Qualifications (include advertised requirements)
- Work experience/s (if relevant)- include as it is a senior post
- References

Any other relevant information

Answer:

H.No. 103, C21

ABC Society

Hyderabad

23 July, 20XX

The Manager
Credit Sage Pvt. Ltd.
Hyderabad

Subject- Apply for Corporate Social Responsibility Manager (CSR) Head

Dear Sir

I am writing in response to the advertisement in the newspaper for the position of CSR Manager at Credit Sage Pvt. Ltd. As an Asst. Manager for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in my current company, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to apply for this role.

I have a passion for CSR and have dedicated my career to making a positive impact on the world. With seven [number of years] years of experience in CSR, I have developed a deep understanding of the importance of corporate responsibility and the ways in which companies can make a positive impact on society. In my current role, I have successfully managed a number of CSR initiatives, including [list examples]. I am confident that my skills, knowledge and experience make me a strong candidate for the position at Credit Sage Pvt. Ltd. I have attached my resume for your review, which provides additional details about my education and experience. I am available for an interview at your convenience and would be happy to provide additional information or references if required. Thank you for considering my application.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the success of Credit Sage Pvt. Ltd.

Thanking you

Sincerely,
Shubham Patil
Encl: Bio-data
Documents copy

BIO- DATA

Name	Shubham Patil
Mother's Name	Anima Patil
Father's Name	Naveen Patil
Gender	Male
Date of Birth	20 th June, 1985
Address	B-94, Radission Road, Nasik
Contact no.	820xxxxxxx
Email id	ashitakapoor@gmail.com

Academic Qualification

Exam	Board/ University	School/college	Passing Year	Percentage
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X	CBSE	Delhi Public School, Nasik	2000	95%
XII	CBSE	Delhi Public School, Nasik	2002	92%
B.A	Amity University	Central College of Management	2006	90%

Work Experience – 1) 2 yrs experience in Hind Chemicals, Pvt.Ltd.

2) 3 yrs experience in Hindustan Lever, Mumbai

Achievements- 1) Employee of the year (20XX) Hindustan Lever

2) State champion in Chess

Hobbies – 1) Composing music

2) Gardening

Languages known – 1) Hindi

2) English

Reference : 1) XYZ, Dean, Central college of commerce, Pune

2) ABC, HRD Manager, Hindustan Lever, Mumbai

I do, hereby, certify that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Shubham Patil

DATE: 07/07/20XX

Signature

6. A. ARTICLE : Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation of ideas -1 Accuracy 1 (5m)

Importance of worker safety in construction zones

--By XYZ

The construction industry is thought to be quite hazardous and to have the highest number of fatal work injuries because, among other reasons, stakeholders in this industry tend to disregard safety regulations.

The nature and demands of the task determine the workers' schedules. As a result of their excessive workload and exhaustion, people become more likely to be involved in accidents. Sometimes people put in extra hours of work without thinking about getting tired. Construction workers' health problems are another factor in fatalities because they are uninsured in India. As a result, individuals become ill in severe weather but are unable to go to the hospital because of a lack of funds. Due to a lack of safety precautions in the mining sites, another cause of the fatalities is that they are buried under the ground. Construction company managers view their employees as mere machines and feel superior to them. Such an emotion breeds miscommunication among the staff. Last but not least, deadly incidents on construction sites are also brought on by a lack of training.

Safety is a vital part of any project to reduce the cost of the project. Safety on construction sites protects the public. Safety also reduces work-related accidents. Hence, a culture of safety should be developed on the construction site. So, give workers training to improve their safety and the safety of the public.

6.B.

OR

Safety fair by Building Safely

--By XYZ (Junior correspondent, HT)

Mysuru , Karnataka, 17th August, 20XX: The training on construction worker safety was organised by "Building Safely," an NGO in Mysuru, Karnataka. A debate about the value of toolboxes for construction site employees opened the programme. The Safety inspector spoke and emphasised the value of the toolbox for the overall safety of construction workers. At these locations, a movie was played in memory of the deceased, and at other locations, people paid their respects to the workers who had passed away. The IT unit of "Building Safely" organised safety activities for the employees. These electronic games were being played by the workers.

A safety demonstration was organised at the construction site by the "Building Safely" safety staff. DLF Construction Pvt. Ltd. organised a drill in case of an emergency. The safety exhibition, which SDM, Mysuru inaugurated, had representatives from various insurance firms. The insurrectionary campaign was organised at a reduced cost for the

workers. The safety exposition concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the CEO of "Building Safely". Picnic and lunch was also arranged for the employees.

SECTION C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

Q7- Read the extract given below and answer the following questions :

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- A**
- b) When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.
 - a) 1, 4 and 5
 - c) 1 and 4
 - b) deafening silence
 - d) an edge at the top
 - d) To enjoy immense happiness

OR

- B.**
- d) Option (iv)
 - c) introspective, aware
 - b) challenges finiteness of life.
 - b) understanding
 - a) violence because of unthoughtfulness of the people
 - d) Free verse

Q8. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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- c) 1, 3 and 6
- d) Option 4
- c) dismal
- d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred from the passage.

OR

- B.**
- The very moment when the astrologers reveal their secret prediction.
 - b) Ten-day old child uttered a question to the astrologers
 - The child asked the prophets to reveal the manner of his death.
 - d) They were stupefied

Q9. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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- (C) similar feelings of devotion
- (B) Reason 1 can be inferred but Reason 2 cannot be inferred from the assertion.
- Her pride is the result of being an avid fan and her sense of closeness with Danny.
- (B) Scenario 2
- Sophie, father, Derek and Geoff
- (D) A.R. Barton

OR

- B.**
- d) patriotic magnification
 - d) Option (iv)
 - c) Franz was inspired and had found a new meaning and purpose to learning.
 - a) receptive.
 - a) 1869 – 1870
 - b) patient, dignified, emotional, courageous

Q10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 30-40 words each.

2X5=10marks

(i) For Saheb, how was work at the tea stall different from rag picking?

Answer : Saheb took up a job at a tea stall where he got eight hundred rupees a month. Though his earnings were better than what he got in rag picking, he was not happy there, as he had become a servant. He was no longer his own master and had to work according to the whims and fancies of the tea stall owner. He had lost his freedom.

(ii) How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer?

Answer : Douglas' instructor was a dedicated person. He took immense pain and drove fear out of Douglas' mind by making him practice hard. He made Douglas practice for five days a week, an hour every day. First, he taught him

to swim up and down by tying rope to a pulley, then the breathing exercise and finally, he made him kick his legs. He taught him different steps one by one and then asked him to swim. Finally, Douglas was able to overcome his fear of water and he became a good swimmer by rigorous and systematic practice five days a week.

(iii) What might be the significance of setting the story's events during Christmas? Justify your opinion.

Answer : "The Rattrap" is a Christmas story by virtue of setting and thematic concern. The story opens with the rat trap seller wandering in a forest "late in December" in which "darkness was already descending." He finds his way to the Ramsjö Ironworks where he can warm himself at the forge fire where the ironmaster and his blacksmiths are still gathered "during one of the long dark evenings just before Christmas." This setting clearly establishes this story as a Christmas story.

EXPLANATION

The predominant theme of the story is that of redemption through the gift of charity and peace. The rattrap seller is mistaken for an old friend of the ironmaster and taken home for Christmas festivities. There, even though his true identity of vagabond and petty thief is disclosed, he is given peaceful rest, plentiful good food, and the gift of a suit of clothes. In response to being treated as an elevated person, he delves inward and acts like an elevated person. We aren't told what he continues to do, but we are told that he now thanks the ironmaster's daughter for her courteousness and generosity and gives her the money to return to the crofter, a tenant farmer, from whom he stole it after receiving the crofter's hospitality of supper, conversation, a bed, and breakfast. This theme and these redemptive acts surely mark this as a Christmas story.

(iv) Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter moon'?

Answer : The mother has been compared to the 'late winter moon' because she has become pale like the moon in the winter. She is dull and lifeless. Her face has lost its glow and is misted with wrinkles, as the winter moon is shrouded with clouds.

(v) What is the meaning of the phrase 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band'?

Answer : 'Massive weight of uncle's wedding band' refers to the responsibilities of marriage and oppression in a male-dominated society which Aunt Jennifer experiences.

(vi) How was the make-up room in the Gemini Studios a fine example of national integration?

Answer : The author refers to the make-up department as the symbol of national integration. People from various parts of India belonging to different regions and religious groups worked there together in the same department.

Q11. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40–50 words.

2X 2 = 4 marks

(i) Dr. Sadao and his servants were only partly loyal to their country. Comment.

Answer :

The servants felt that they could not stay if Sadao hid that white man anymore in the house. People would think that they liked Americans. The servants grew more watchful daily. Sadao wanted the prisoner to get up on his feet. He didn't pay much heed to the servants' reaction. Finally, the servants left Sadao's house, as they were frightened of the repercussions of helping an enemy soldier. But they didn't complain against Dr Sadao as they were indebted to him as he was a genuine person. Dr Sadao was performing the duty of a doctor first and so he didn't hand over the enemy to the police. Hence all of them were working on grounds of humanity cannot be termed as traitors in any way.

(ii) 'Students on Ice' is a program that prepares global citizens. Discuss.

Answer :

'Students on Ice' is an educational journey to Antarctica. It takes high school students to show them the terrifying impacts of human activities in Antarctica so that, the students (future policy makers of the earth) will realise that the end of the earth is quite near and therefore, something should be done to save the planet. When one stands in the midst of the calving ice-sheets and retreating glaciers and melting icebergs, he realises that the threats to the earth are real. It is different from talking about Antarctica from the comfort zones of our warm countries and therefore, being in Antarctica is a shocking realisation. The youngsters are called the future policymakers because it is them who will steer the government-machine as they grow up. More than that, the more educated youth of today is the hope for the earth as many students are more informed and more aware of the weakening strength of the planet.

(iii) Which words of her brother made a deep impression on Bama?

Answer :

When Bama apprised her brother about an incident, her brother told her that they were born in a community of 'low caste' people and so were not given any honor, dignity, or respect. They could throw away these indignities if they study, make progress and become learned. These words had a deep and lasting impression on Bama and she started studying very hard and stood first in the class.

Q12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120–150 words.

1X 5 = 5 marks

(i) Imagine that the peddler and the crofter meet after a few years. Create the exchange of dialogues between the two.

Answer :

Crofter: Why are you trying to sneak away? Wait, I have seen you somewhere.

Peddler: I am not trying to sneak away. By the way, we met a few years ago when I took shelter for a night at your place.

Crofter: Oh Yes! I remember now. You stole my thirty Kronor. It was not good on your part.

Peddler: I am sorry for that. But now I have changed my ways. I don't steal. Now I work in a big firm and do work honestly.

Crofter: But what brought a change in you?

Peddler: It was the kindness shown by Miss Edla Williamson. Despite knowing the fact that I was a thief she didn't turn me out of her house. It was at that moment that I realised that kind and compassionate behaviour work wonders and I decided to transform my ways.

Crofter: Well done my boy! God bless you!

OR

(ii) Imagine Sophie's father finds out about Sophie's going to the canal to meet Danny Casey which leads him to think that she has lied to everyone about the whole affair. He is infuriated and prohibits Sophie from going anywhere except to school.

As Geoff, write a diary entry disapproving of your father's punishment by citing your reasons for being sympathetic to Sophie.

You may begin this way:

Monday, 2 September 1940

9 PM

I cannot get myself to stand with my father in his tirade against Sophie. Sure, she is not the most.....

Answer :

I cannot get myself to stand with my father in his tirade against Sophie. Sure, she is the most careless girl I know and is always lost in her dreams. She is just a kid at heart. She at times sheds her responsibility and lies to everyone over insignificant issues. She wants to become famous but is not sincere enough to understand that her dreams require putting in sincere efforts. I am afraid it will be disappointing and depressing for her when realises that dreams have shattered but I believe she will be able to handle it once she matures enough. Father's punishment was very harsh. I never meant it to be this way. I can't see Sophie in such a sorry state and told father about the fact believing he will teach Sophie a lesson maturely. I never expected my father to be so enraged.

Q13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120–150 words.

1X 5 = 5 marks

(i) The play 'On the Face of It' depicts the unusual behaviour of the people towards the physically disabled, which makes them feel lonely. Comment.

Answer :

The lesson 'On The Face of It' aptly depicts the loneliness and sense of alienation experienced by Derry and Mr. Lamb on account of a disability. The actual pain and inconvenience caused by the disabilities is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the disabled person. Derry suffered from severe negative complexes because of his burnt face. He became a pessimistic loner who indulged in self-pity and was always suspicious of the intention of others. His anger and frustration made him withdrawn and an introvert. Mr. Lamb, on the other hand, was inwardly a loner who craved company and acceptance. Though outwardly he was always jovial, outgoing and optimistic; he was an extremely sensitive person. Derry and Mr. Lamb's physical disabilities caused pain and suffering, not only to their body, but also to their mind and soul.

OR

(ii) In the story 'The Third Level', Charley wants to go to Galesburg, Illinois in the year 1894. If you had an opportunity to go to another time and place, where would you like to go? Why? How would Sam analyze your choice of alternate time and place?

Answer :

We all would have heard about concepts like Time Travel and Time Machine. An unproven concept still amazing to imagine – Time Machine can take us either to the past or to the future. This gave me a thought for a while – What if I had a time machine? My friends and I were discussing this topic and we came up with so many interesting and funny ideas. While we were in a debate about what to choose – past or future, most of us opted for the past. Yes, going to the future might be a bit risky since we never know how the world would be after any particular time. But, at the same time, choosing to go to the past at least is more or less a known path. Since we know the past, we can go to the time period we wish to be in. We discussed what changes we can make if we had a Time Machine and were able to make a journey to 1900. Roughly 125 years of the journey is what we decided to make if we had a Time Machine and we came out with plans like:

- Re-framing the past in such a way that we have useful and effective social reforms.
- Changing the course of Science and Technology towards a pollution-free environment.
- Banishing armed forces, weapons, and such other violence from the world.
- Eradicating the systems of the society which leads to extremely different sets of people – Very rich people and beggars. We will design the past in such a way that people live prosperously. Our ideas were accumulating and we decided to make the changes, if possible, in the present and become great visionary of the same.