

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**Practice Question Paper-2 (SOLUTIONS)****SUBJECT : ENGLISH****CLASS : XII****Time: 2 Hours****Marks : 40****General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains **THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.**
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A – READING (14 marks)**1. Read the following passage carefully :****[1 × 8 = 8]**

- (i) The most significant thing mentioned in the passage is the fact that 80 per cent of mothers cradle their infants in their left arms, holding them against the left side of their bodies.
- (ii) It emerges that 83 percent of right-handed mothers hold the baby on the left side, but then so do 78 per cent of left-handed mothers. In other words, only 22 percent of the left-handed mothers have their dominant hands free for actions.
- (iii) The sound of heartbeat has a calming effect on an infant. Groups of new-born babies exposed to sound of heartbeat cry less and gain more weight. Those listening to heartbeat fell asleep quickly.
- (iv) The baby feels more at peace against the left side of the mother's body because it is where the heart of the mother is and the sound of heartbeat has proved to have a calming effect on babies.
- (v) The painting of Madonna-and-Child prove the explanation of the mother's left- side approach to baby-holding.
- (vi) It was found that 50 per cent carried the parcel on the left and 50 per cent on the right.
- (vii) The Careful American studies have manifested the fact that 80 per cent of mothers cradle their infants in their left arms, holding them against the left side of their bodies.
- (viii) The beatless groups were burning up a lot more energy as a result of the vigorous actions of their crying.
- (ix) Frail/Weak

2. Read the following passage carefully.

- (i) The type of items people have started shopping online during pandemic are groceries, books, beauty supplies, inflatable children's pools, etc.
- (ii) Amid Covid-19, e-commerce helped us to get things to our doors, contact-free and fast, and this has brought a surge in online shopping.
- (iii) Online shopping only made up just more than 6% of all retail sales.
- (iv) In May 2020, sales from "non-store retailers" in the US were up 30.8% from May 2019.
- (v) A couple of decades ago, online shopping was a novelty, just as the internet itself still was.
- (vi) Online shopping offers to sell groceries, books, beauty supplies and inflatable children's pools.
- (vii) The online shoppers trapped at home were scooping up canned quail eggs, sitar strings and trampolines for the kids in Canada in April.

SECTION B – WRITING (8 Marks)

3.

Shri Dheeraj Garg solicits your gracious presence on the auspicious occasion of the marriage
of their elder daughter

Drishti

(daughter of Mrs. and Mr. D. Garg)

With Manish

(son of Mrs. and Mr. L.K. Arora)

on the 30th of July 20XX at 7:30 PM.

VENUE:

Marriage heaven banquet hall

New Gurugram, Sec 51

With best compliments from all relatives.

RSVP

Shri Vinod Garg

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4. 56, A Block, Saket Agra

10th March 20XX

The Principal

Agarsen Public School

Agra

Subject: Application for the post of Hockey Coach

Sir/Madam,

In response to your advertisement in 'The Indian Express' dated 5th March, 20XX for the position of hockey coach, I hereby offer my candidature for the same. I believe that my experience and background fit your requirements for the position.

I have had the pleasure to be the hockey coach at Dayal Singh school for 3 years.

I am a Bachelor in Physical Education. Coaching students in sports has been my passion and I am sure that I can work well with the team.

As requested, I have enclosed my resume with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Shobha/Sushil

End.: Resume

BIO DATA

Name	:	Shobha/Sushil
Father's Name	:	Mr. Ravi
Date of Birth	:	25th June 1986
Age	:	32 years
Address	:	56, A Block, Saket Agra
Hobbies	:	Music, Reading, Researching, Photograph
Language	:	Hindi, English
Nationality	:	Indian
Qualification	:	Graduation with First Division in B.R Ed from Delhi University B.Ed, with First Division from Delhi University
Experience	:	Worked as a Hockey Coach in Dyal Singh CoEd school for 3 years
Contact No.	:	9911000XXX
Email ID	:	sh@gmail.com
Nationality	:	Indian
Martial Status	:	Married
Expected Salary	:	Negotiable
References	:	1. Mr. R S. Anand (HOD, Physical Education- Dyal Singh CoEd school), 9897000XXX 2. Mrs. Kamini Sharma: Associate Professor- Physical Education: B D Jain College, 9127000XXX
Declaration	:	I, hereby, declare that the information furnished above is true to best of my knowledge.
Date	:	10th March 20XX
Place	:	Agra
Signature	:	Shobha / Sushil

OR**Massive fire at Sadar Bazar**

Pooja Sharma, Staff Reporter

New Delhi, 8th February 20XX : A massive fire occurred in Sadar Bazar market of Delhi. It was found that the fire took place due to the short circuit in shops which lead to outrage of fire in several other shops that were closely linked.

Severe casualties have been reported. The death toll is believed to have crossed a hundred. Many goods has been damaged and destroyed completely.

The police came into action as soon as the incident was reported. The entire market was blocked by the police to ensure that chaos does not increase further. The Director of Municipal Corporation is being asked for an explanation on the incident.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (18 Marks)

5. (i) The ironmaster planned to feed his emaciated friend well and get some flesh on his body. He also decided to help him do something more worthwhile and respectable for earning his living than just go about making and selling ratttraps.
- (ii) Generally 'wedding band' is a symbol of joy and happiness. But in case of Aunt Jennifer, it has become a symbol of torture and oppression. Her relationship with her authoritative husband has become a painful burden to carry. Her 'wedding band' has brought her a world of pain, misery and torture. She has lost her freedom and entered a world of humiliation and oppression.
- (iii) Everything was in order for the examination to start on its scheduled time. The governor, who was still apprehensive, ordered a last minute change in plan. As a precautionary measure, he ordered frisking the invigilator before allowing him to carry out his assigned job. The examination started as 9.25 am, ten minutes later than the scheduled time.
- (iv) In India small children of Jo's age invariably sleep with their parents. But in America the set up is different. Right from their infancy the children are made to sleep separately. So for Saturday naps Jo could sleep on the parent s bed as it was empty at that time. However when Jo was ill, the conditions were relaxed to comfort her.
- (v) The Champaran indigo sharecroppers were the victims of injustice of the landlord system in Bihar. Most of the arable land in Champaran belonged to English landlords who compelled their Indian tenants to plant indigo in 15% of their holdings. They demanded the entire harvest as rent and thereby increased their poverty and miseries.
- (vi) Man treasures beautiful thoughts and sights in his mind for they provide him respite and relaxation in his gloomy days. Beauty thus leaves its imprint in the form of sweet dreams. The feelings of serenity and positive vibrations it inculcates, soothe and relax the turbulent mind.
6. **Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120-150 words each. [4×2=8]**
- (i) Keats worshipped Beauty both at its sensuous and spiritual level. All his poetry reveals a yearning for that lofty loveliness which is real and true. His passion for Beauty, however, did not keep him untouched with the pain and suffering of life which he saw as the central fact of life. As an escapist, he found refuge from the pains and sufferings of life in Beauty itself. He believes that beauty 'moves away the pall from our dark spirits', making us love life despite its sorrows and suffering.
- (ii) When the news of the synthetic indigo reached the peasants, they were able to see through the manipulative game of the British landlords. Realising that they had extorted compensation illegally and deceitfully, the peasants demanded their money back. The landlords tried to silence the peasants with muscle power. It was at this point of time that Gandhiji arrived in Champaran. An indepth study of the cases laid bare the blatant injustice of the Britishers. Gandhiji's thorough investigations, documentation and collection of evidence became a cause of concern for the authorities. Edwards Gait, the Lt. Governor of Bihar summoned Gandhiji and after four protracted interviews with him constituted a commission of inquiry comprising landlords, government officials and Gandhiji as the representative of the peasants. Gandhiji's diligent collection of documents and evidence made them agree in principle to refund the money. The landlords expected that Gandhiji would demand full repayment of the money which they had extorted from the sharecroppers, but Gandhiji asked for only 50% as the settlement. After some deliberation it was

settled that the peasants would be refunded 25% of the money. Gandhiji accepted the settlement because he did not want a deadlock between the landlords and the farmers. Taking it to be a victory of principle, he didn't attach much importance to the amount of money the peasants got. He gave more importance to the victory of principles. Thus the issue got resolved.

- (iii) The beauty of the story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy ?" lies in the fact that it can be read at a variety of levels and can have at least three different endings. The first two endings belong to the grandmotherly narration level. It could end at the Skunk bearing rose smell and living happily ever after. The second level of ending is philosophical where the Skunk is accepted by the woodland children suggesting that nothing in this world is unwanted, redundant and worth rejecting. Everything in this world has its utility and should be accepted as part of our life. However, the third ending is at the psychological level, where John Updike actually ends the story and lands the protagonist "in an ugly middle position," to highlight the pitiable fate of the modern struggling youngmen like Jack.