

Self Assessment Paper - I (Answers)

Ans. 1.

- (i) (d) all the above
- (ii) (b) both (a) & (c)
- (iii) (b) 10-15 years
- (iv) (d) Bengal tiger
- (v) (c) poor
- (vi) (a) white
- (vii) (a) A big meal
- (viii) (b) one third
- (ix) (c) encouraging
- (x) (c) lowest
- (xi) (d) World Wildlife Federation
- (xii) (c) endangered

Ans. 2.

- (i) (d) all of these
- (ii) (a) 60 years
- (iii) (c) helps to accomplish something
- (iv) (d) strong and powerful
- (v) (a) People should not be disappointed if they do not succeed.
- (vi) (c) To enjoy common things of life
- (vii) (d) God given
- (viii) (b) Nature
- (ix) (a) disappointment
- (x) (c) infinite
- (xi) (a) flourishing
- (xii) (d) thrilling

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Self Assessment Paper - II (Answers)

Ans. 1.

- (i) (d) She didn't have a true friend
- (ii) (b) To share her secrets with a trusted source
- (iii) (c) Unfortunately
- (iv) (d) tell someone your secrets or personal information
- (v) (a) 30

Ans. 2.

- (i) (c) green and white
- (ii) (d) Overhead bars
- (iii) (c) Clock
- (iv) (c) Luxurious
- (v) (a) Devoured

Ans. 3.

- (i) (c) Lomov
- (ii) (a) Baked bricks for grandmother of Lomov's Aunt
- (iii) (d) Honour
- (iv) (b) Implore
- (v) (a) Peasant

Ans. 4.

- (i) (b) Mortals
- (ii) (a) The wise
- (iii) (d) Option 1 & 5
- (iv) (a) lamenting
- (v) (c) Gautama Buddha

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Self Assessment Paper - III

(Answers)

- Q. 1. (a) (iii) recently
(b) (iv) in
(c) (iv) earned
(d) (i) and
(e) (ii) participated
- Q. 2. (a) (iv) where he was going
(b) (i) that he was going
(c) (iii) if he had completed
(d) (i) he would come back
(e) (ii) was not the right way to answer
(f) (i) he would not repeat it again
- Q. 3. (a) (i) is
(b) (iii) between
(c) (i) rule
(d) (i) the
- Q. 4. (a) (iii) his wife was unwell
(b) (i) he might know what would be the total expenses
(c) (iii) he would have to pay only six lakhs
(d) (iii) if there was any concession
(e) (ii) the complete amount together
(f) (ii) that he couldn't pay that big amount

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Self Assessment Paper - IV

(Answers)

1. A-6, 258, Paschim Vihar
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6 November, 20××
The Editor
The Hindustan Times
Kasturba Gandhi Marg
Delhi

Subject : Poor Maintenance of Public Parks

Respected Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the poor maintenance of the public parks.

It saddens me to say this that parks that serve so many purposes in a community-providing playing space to children, socializing space to adults and a healthy environment to people, are in a pathetic state these days.

Heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere and the boundaries too are broken, leading to the unwanted entry of street dogs and buffaloes.

There is cow dung all around, making the place a breeding ground for insects and they in turn welcome diseases. The same public park once used to be the pride of our society and a common place for community interaction. Children too are forced to play on the streets due to its unkempt condition.

I request you to give some space to my voice in your esteemed newspaper and help me arouse the attention of the concerned authorities.

Thanking You

Yours truly

Reshma

OR

C/43, Hauz Khas

New Delhi

December 1, 20××

The Editor

The Indian Express

New Delhi

Subject : Problem of Child Labour

Respected Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to raise my voice against the worst social evil—child labour. Childhood is the best period of one's life. But it is unfortunate on the part of children that, despite the ban on child labour, imposed by government, the practice is still prevalent in our society. Data shows that there are 12 million child workers in our country.

The root cause of the problem is lack of awareness and poverty. Poor parents send their children to earn, rather than sending them to school. They seek financial support from them. But this practice has adverse impact on their well being—physically, mentally and emotionally.

I hope, through media, the general public should be made aware of the children's plight. Poor parents should otherwise be compensated. Rules against child labour should be followed strictly.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Aryan

2.

Smoking is Hazardous

Smoking is one of the major causes of deaths throughout the world. The Ministry of Health published an advertisement stating that the number of smokers in smoking. There are around 260 million smokers and the number fact that smokers have 20-25% higher risk of developing lung cancer and 2-3 times higher risk of having a heart attack. The risk of sudden death is three times higher. Not only the smokers, even the passive smokers have the risk of having bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma and reduced rate of lung growth. If the current patterns continue, smoking will cause 10 million deaths every year. Smoking brings brain strokes, heart attack, lung cancer, sperm deformities in males and cancer of cervix and infertility in females. It is high time people should become aware of the hazards and quit smoking. It is not only harmful to the one who smokes but also to the people around him.

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Self Assessment Paper - V

(Answers)

I. [A]

1. The young seagull was waiting for his mother because he was very hungry. He dived at the fish which his mother had in her beak.

2. Desire for freedom of his people.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016] (Modified)

Detailed Answer :

The narrator / author realised at a stage of his life that the freedom of everyone was curtailed whether it was the narrator or his family members or anyone who looked like him. So his desire for freedom of the people animated his life.

3. Amanda imagines herself to be an orphan roaming the streets and making patterns on soft dust with her feet. She wants to be an orphan because her parents nag her all the time and she doesn't like it.

I. [B]

1. Mathilde, the main character of the story was a pretty young lady who was born in a middle class family and didn't have much to enjoy the pleasures of life. That's why 'error of destiny' has been used in this story.
2. Griffin slipped into a big London store to save himself from the unbearable cold. He drank and wore warm clothes. He found cold meat, coffee and sweets there. At last, he slept on a pile of quilts and enjoyed himself.
3. During his training period, he was sent to the dirty and shadowy corners of the city to serve summons to a man called Oliver Lutkin witness in a law suit.

II. [A]

1. Valli could not see anything outside as the blinds of the bus covered the lower part of the window. So, Valli stood up on her seat. Now, she was able to see the canal and the greenery beyond it.
2. Mandela dreamt that his country should be free from poverty and discrimination. No country man should be oppressed on the basis of colour and creed. He wished the Sun of freedom to shine on his country forever.
3. The poet exhibits the miserable life led by the animals in the zoo. He shows the two different lives i.e., in the zoo and the life at a natural habitat. According to the poet, animals should not be caged. They should be let free in the wild.

II. [B]

1. Richard Ebright had some innate character traits that are the pre-requisites for the making of a scientist. He had, besides an intelligent mind, the curiosity to seek information, keen observing powers, perseverance, patience as well as self-discipline, which are the basic requirements for any scientific research. And the credit also goes to his mother for recognizing his inclinations and curiosity. She not only encouraged and supported him, but also provided the required stimulus through books and other materials.
2. Mrs. Pumphrey had a dog named Tricki. Indirectly, she was responsible for the dog's illness. She gave him little extra between meals i.e., malt, cod-liver oil, etc. He was not given any physical exercise. So, the dog fell ill and started vomiting also. It made Mrs. Pumphrey so much worried that she had to call the veterinary surgeon, Dr. Herriot for his treatment.
3. On seeing the door of the scientist's room open, the Halls went inside to investigate. They saw that the bed clothes were cold, his clothes and bandages were lying loose in the room. Suddenly, they heard a sniffing sound although they could not see anyone in the room. The Halls got terrified and decided to leave the room.

III.

- Valli had set the target - to have a joy-ride to an unknown destination and realised her dream
- One example from the life experience of some great man who had set the goal and taken risk to achieve the goal.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer:

Valli made detailed plans about her bus ride. She gathered information about the distance the bus travelled, the time it took and the fare by listening to the conversations of others and asking discreet questions. She planned the time, i.e., when she would board the bus and when she would return. She saved money for the trip by not buying peppermints and sweets and also by not going to the fair.

Two characteristics which made Valli to fulfil her dream bus ride was her courage and ability to plan. These are the traits which need to be consciously developed so that a person can undertake what he wants to do. Courage to do something by taking risk and ability to plan will make a person go ahead in life.

OR

The poet has compared fire to the dark side of humanity i.e., hatredness and lust. According to the poet, lust is a greater evil. Desire or lust is the cause of war. Hatred is also harmful. So the poem 'Fire and Ice' represents the two evils hatred and lust which lead to the destruction of the world. According to the poet, fire stands for desire, greed and avarice. The more you try to satisfy them, the more they grow. There is no end to it. They spread rapidly like fire and ruin your whole life. On the other hand, 'ice' according to the poet, stands for hatred, coldness and rigidity. One becomes insensitive and indifferent towards the feelings of others. One becomes selfish and sometimes cruel also. The poet says that both fire and ice are growing with such a rapid speed that the world would soon perish either way, in fire or in ice.

IV.

For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, i.e., by changing name, by making excuses, by making new ways of making money etc. Anil was the most trusting person Hari Singh had ever met. But, he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a

false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change of heart. Anil knew that but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life over-powered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for the simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was a good decision of Hari Singh.

OR

Richard Ebright conducted an experiment on a flock of butterflies and raised the eggs of female monarchs. In addition to this, he also studied the cause of a viral disease that killed all monarch caterpillars. He also tried to find out similarities between viceroy butterflies and monarch. The study of insect hormones helped him in giving a new theory on the life of cells. Eventually, he was able to find the hormone behind the full development of a butterfly wings. All these experiments led him to conclude that cells grew from a monarch's wings. He found that cells would divide and grow into a normal butterfly if they were fed a hormone that was found in the gold spots of the monarch. Hence, he proved a new theory which formed the blue print of DNA. The DNA is the substance in the nucleus of a cell that controls heredity. It determines the form and function of the cell. This DNA is the blueprint for life. The experiments conducted by Ebright amply showed him how to be a successful scientist.

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