

# Self Assessment Paper

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## Section 'A' : Reading

20 marks

1. (i) (b) 6075 (1)  
(ii) (d) 1929 (1)  
(iii) (b) golden orange (1)  
(iv) (c) 14 days (1)  
(v) (a) Uttarakhand (1)  
(vi) (a) Central (1)  
(vii) True (1)  
(viii) Switzerland of India. (1)
2. (A) (a) Russell viper injects poison to their prey, while rat snakes catch and push their prey against the ground. (2)  
(b) The Sand Boa produces secretions particularly poisonous to birds. It crushes its prey and injects poison as an extra step. (2)  
(c) It is due to the struggle for existence. If the hunting animals don't hunt for their food, they will die of starvation. Similarly, if the prey can't save itself from the predator, it can't survive. While hunting animals try their worst to kill most efficiently, their prey use many tricks to avoid becoming a meal, such as developing immunity to poison. (2)  
(d) When the writer visits remote parts of India, his hosts offer him tough meat. His jaws begin to ache while chewing it. If he spits it, the hosts feels offended. (2)
- 2.(B) (a) (ii) alternative (1)  
(b) (i) secretions (1)  
(c) specific (1)  
(d) venom (1)

## Section 'B' : Writing and Grammar

30 marks

3. A-9/GE  
Ganpati Apartments  
Mathura  
25 Feb 20××  
The Works Manager  
PQR Builders  
Sector 59  
Mathura.

**Subject : Complaint against the Defects in Flat**

Dear Sir,

Through this letter of mine, I would like to inform you that I had bought a flat in the month of May from PQR Builders at Ganpati Apartments, but I am very disappointed that the quality, that you had promised, has not been delivered.

Not even a year has passed and we have already started facing a lot of problems. There is seepage in the walls and ceilings. The wall paint is peeling off and even the sanitary fittings are leaking. But the greatest inconvenience is caused because of the lift. It gets stalled every now and then and we, especially the senior citizens, have to face a lot of problems.

We did not expect these kind of services from a renowned builder like you. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely  
Nidhi

OR

New Agra Public School  
Ram Nagar  
Agra  
Date : March 30th, 2017  
The Editor  
Navjiwan Times  
Agra

**Subject :** Traffic - menace in front of a School

Through the column of your reputed newspaper, I wish to draw immediate attention of the concerned authorities towards the traffic menace on the road in front of new Agra Public School, Ram Nagar. The road is always congested and traffic jams are common here. The major concern arises due to the movement of heavy vehicles on the road. To add to the woes, there are no speed breakers and zebra crossing on the road. This makes it tough for the people specially the children of the school to cross the road. This road has become accident prone.

So, on behalf of the students of New Agra Public School, it has been requested to the authorities to look into the problem and take necessary actions. Having put up traffic lights and zebra crossing on that road would, undoubtedly improve the situation. After these changes crossing the road would not be life threatening task for the children and other citizens.

Thanking you  
Yours truly  
Amita/Amit

4. Rhinoceros unicornis is also known as the Indian Rhinoceros or the Asian One horned Rhinoceros. It is a large mammal but its population is becoming less. A survey was conducted to find out of the population of this mammal between 1910 to 2005. It showed different results. The result showed only 125 rhinoceros in early 1900's i.e. 1910 which reached almost 740 in 1948. Then the number plummeted down and touched 600 in 1964. It kept fluctuation and ranged between 600-750. The number again rose in 1966 but did not cross 750. By 1983 it has again reached 600. But after that there was a considerable increase in the number which touches 1750 in the year 1986. The graph then shows a plateau till 1990 and the number again rose to 2100 by the year 1995. There is hardly any increase in the next three years. The graph shows a sharp rise in the number of rhinoceros in 2000, when it touched 2500. It remains stable for the next two years, but again the number again decreased by almost one hundred in 2005, when it was an estimated 2400. The population has increased because of the conservation as its hunting has also been prohibited.

OR

The bar graph clearly illustrates that even in the 21st century the status of women is not equal to that of men when it comes to occupying high positions in various occupations. The lowest number of women in National Parliament can be seen in Arab States where it is only 3.6%. The percentage is a bit better in sub Saharan Africa where it is 11% though it is again very low. The number of women in National Parliament is not very encouraged in the world and pacific where it is 13.5% and 13.8% respectively. While the percentage in America, Asia and Europe (excluding western countries) is 15.3, 15.3 and 14.1 respectively. It is only the western countries where the graph shows a picture of 38.1% women in the Parliament. Overall, the status of women does not come at par anywhere when it comes to occupying high positions in various occupations.

5. (a) (iii) don't (1)  
(b) (i) lack (1)  
(c) (ii) are (1)  
(d) (iii) get (1)
6. (a) his wife was unwell  
(b) he might know what would be the total expenses  
(c) he would have to pay only six lakhs  
(d) if there was any concession

- (e) the complete amount together
- (f) that he couldn't pay that big amount

### Section 'C' : Literature Textbooks

30 marks

7. (a) The two qualities of the animal are : he has stripes and velvet pads.  
 (b) He moves only a few steps because he has been put in a cage in a zoo where he has limited space to move.

OR

- (a) It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest in the hospital because Dr. Herriot and his partners didn't want to lose the treat, *i.e.*, two dozen fresh eggs and bottles of wine sent by Mrs. Pumphrey.  
 (b) Mrs. Pumphrey was informed that Tricki had recovered and she could come and collect her.
8. (a) Prince Siddhartha Gautama was deeply pained by the sufferings he saw around him and left his house to seek the truth of life. After wandering for seven years, he finally sat under Peepal tree to meditate till he received the enlightenment. Wisdom of the law that governs the cycle of birth and death dawned on him and 'The Buddha' set out to share it with the world to relieve the mortals of their sufferings. (2)  
 (b) Natalya was the only daughter of the landowner Chubukov. She was very possessive about her land and was very determined not to part with it. She was a short tempered lady who used to quarrel with anyone very often. She always pinpointed the amount of help she had offered to her neighbours. Though well educated, she did not use her education wisely and thoughtfully.

- (c) She was a young and smart thief. She was very graceful, resourceful and impressive. She spoke to Horace in an authoritative voice as if she was the mistress of the house. She was very intelligent. She was able to outsmart Danby easily. She not only robbed at Shotover Grange but also Horace Danby.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

- (d) With reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow', the underlying message for us in our hectic life is that we should enjoy nature to the utmost and we should have a positive outlook even towards simple acts because they can lead to the learning of greater lessons in enjoying life.

#### Commonly Made Error

- Some students failed to bring in the underlying message of the poem.

#### Answering Tip

- Try to read in between the lines and understand the literary meaning of the given poem.

- (e) Ebright's mother encouraged his interest in learning. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials and other equipment and helped him in many other ways. In this we can say that it was Ebright's mother who led him to become a great scientist.  
 (f) Anil was a very kind person. He knew that Hari Singh was not bad at heart. If he had handed over him to the police, Hari Singh would have become a hardened criminal and his mind would be filled with bitterness. So, Anil did not hand over Hari Singh to the police. (2)  
 (g) When the seagull's belly touched the green sea, he was scared that he would sink. He tried to fly but could not. He was exhausted and weak due to hunger. (2 × 5 = 10)
9. Lencho was a poor and hardworking farmer. He hoped for a good crop, but his fields needed rain or atleast a shower. He waited for the rain eagerly. The rain did come. One day it started drizzling. Lencho felt the falling rain drops as 'new silver coins'. The big drops of rain, according to him, were ten cent coins and the little ones were that of five. He was quite satisfied with the rainfall. But suddenly the strong wind began to blow and with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. It fell for an hour. The rain, which till then, was a hope for better future, changed into destruction. It shattered all his hopes and changed the face of his fields. It destroyed his crop completely. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. He feared that he would go hungry for whole year unless someone helped them from imminent starvation.

OR

Rajvir had been invited to spend his vacations with his classmate Pranjol whose father was the manager of a tea estate in Assam. He was quite excited about the trip and had gathered considerable amount of relevant information *i.e.* where tea originated and how it became such a popular beverage. He informed that about 80 crore cups of tea are consumed daily and that the name 'tea' itself has been originated from Chinese language.

He narrated two popular legends about the origin of tea. Rajvir exhibits an important value trait, that is the pre-requisite to gain knowledge—curiosity and eagerness to know. Moreover, he is not a passive learner but is proactive in collecting prior information to any real experience. He likes to do his homework thoroughly before going to a place. This is something very appreciable and children should develop this habit of finding out about the place they are going to visit. These are extremely desirable traits for all learners.

10. Mme Forestier was Matilda Loisel's childhood friend. When there was a party at the education minister's house, Matilda went to Mme forestier to borrow some jewel. She quite generously allowed Matilda to choose any jewel. Matilda chose a superb diamond necklace. Mme Forestier immediately agreed to lend it to Matilda. Unfortunately, the necklace was lost. Mme Forestier was considerate when Matilda could not return the jewels on time.

At the end of the story, when she learns that Matilda had given her real jewels in place of the jewels she had lost, Mme Forestier did not hide the truth from her friend. She immediately told Matilda that her jewels were fake. She did not bother about the fact that she would have to return them. Thus, we can say that Mme Forestier was a true friend of Matilda. (8)

OR

**Ans. — Lutkins impressed the lawyer with his friendly manner; led the lawyer to think that the people of the town were trustworthy.**

- claimed to know most the places where Lutkins could be found.
- befooled the lawyer.
- charged high price for the hack and food.
- alerted Fritz, friends and mother not to reveal his identity to the lawyer.
- even went to the railway station to see him off.
- on his second visit, the lawyer learnt that the hack driver himself was Lutkins.
- no one should be too trusting.

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**Detailed Answer :**

The people who easily trust others are honest and simple-hearted. But they are also the people who are easily cheated. This is fully applicable to the young lawyer. Lutkins impressed the lawyer with his friendly manner. He led the lawyer to think that the people of the town were trustworthy. He also claimed to know most of the places where Lutkins could be found. He told lies about Lutkins and befooled the lawyer. He charged him with high price for the hack and food. He alerted Fritz and his mother not to reveal his identity to the lawyer. He even went to the railway station to see him off. On his second visit the lawyer learnt that the hack driver himself was Lutkins. Hence, one should not be too trusting.

**Commonly Made Error**

- The candidates who attempted questions from this chapter failed to quote correct names of the characters.

**Answering Tip**

- Strengthen learning by practising relevant questions.