

Self Assessment Paper

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Section 'A' : Reading

20 marks

1. (i) (d) Vinson is a dietician (1)
(ii) (a) dates (1)
(iii) (c) Coffee (1)
(iv) (d) Type 2 (1)
(v) (b) primary (1)
(vi) (b) more (1)
(vii) False (1)
(viii) quit the habit (1)
2. (A) (i) The smart phones are helpful in communication because with the access of smart phones, communication has become very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all round the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. (2)
(ii) Smart phones are helpful for the younger generation as people are able to tour the cosmos by virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. (2)
(iii) Mobile phones can be considered 'life savers' because a lot of people use them in case of emergency. (2)
(iv) The two demerits of mobile phones are :
(a) Mobile phones can be like an addiction and the young people can misuse it.
(b) Young people are prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. (2)
- (B) (i) (c) invention (1)
(ii) e-mails (1)
(iii) mentor (1)
(iv) (b) negative (1)

Section 'B' : Writing and Grammar

30 marks

3. 'R' Block
Shivaji Nagar
Mumbai
27 December 20××
The Editor
The Hindu
New Delhi

Subject : Garbage Heaps on Roads

Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to draw the kind attention towards the filthy sight created by heaps of garbage on the main road of our area. The pile is increasing day by day. It emits a foul stench. It has become difficult to pass by that way. We have to cover our noses. This garbage is also breeding insects which are dangerous to human health.

I therefore, request you to publish my letter in your newspaper so as to draw the attention of the concerned authorities who are still in deep slumber.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

(8)

Surabhi

OR

Army Public School,

Agra

6th July, 20××

The Sales Manager

M/s Sethi Sports

Rainak Bazaar

Jalandhar

Subject : Supply Of Sports Equipments For School

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, our school wants to place a bulk order for the supply of sports equipments.

The list of particulars are as follows :

S.No.	Name of sports items	Quantity
1.	Hockey Sticks	15
2.	Tennis Racquets	20
3.	Cricket Kits	20
4.	Tennis Balls	10
5.	Wickets	6

We request you to give 15% discount on the purchase of the sports equipments and a further 10% discount that is usually granted to the institutional buyers. It goes without saying that you will have to bear the mail and other expenses involved in the dispatch and delivery of equipment.

Kindly ensure that all the items are in good condition and must reach us in proper condition by 15th July 20×× if our terms and conditions are acceptable to you. Please let us know the mode of payment as well.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Monika Pundhir

(Sports instructor)

4. A survey was conducted by XYZ school to discuss the role played by Computers and Information Technology in the growth and development of children. Some student representatives were also invited to add to the views given by others. Only a margin 8% of the people opined that computers enhance creativity thus showing that they were not in favour of it. As many as 10% people believed that computers cause eyestrain due to long sitting hours of children in front of it where as 12% people were of the opinion that children get access to so many sites that are inappropriate for their age. There were many others, in fact 30% people, who believed that Information Technology increases knowledge and helps in the growth and development of a child as compare to 25% people who were of the view that computers attract a child towards itself which results in the reduction of their outdoor activities. Very few people (15%) had the opinion that it helps academically. Hence, we can sum up that 53% of the people were in favour of computer usage by children where there were still 47% who did not favour it.

Commonly Made Error

- Stories are written in a haphazard manner by students. There is lack of fluency and accuracy.

Answering Tip

- Students should try to incorporate the main elements of the story *i.e.* setting, plot, character and conclusion.

OR

The given line graph shows the number of whales caught between 1985 to 2010. The graph shows the comparison between the sei whales and minke whales caught. In 1985 almost 15000, sei whales were caught as compared to minke whales which was only 1000. By 1995, catches of both the species were virtually the same *i.e.* 9000. The

situation reversed in 2000, when the number of minke whales double to 12000 in comparison with sei whales which was only 6000. The graph shows that the sei catch was reduced by 95% between 1985 and 2010 where the catch of the minke whale was eight times greater. The given trend shows a bad picture for the minke whales as the number of catches is increasing with the passage of time.

5. **Error** **Correction**
- (a) in of
- (b) on at
- (c) an the
- (d) much many
6. (a) are you working somewhere, at present ?
- (b) do you want to leave that company ?
- (c) what do they pay you ?
- (d) What package do you expect here?
- (e) we won't be able to give you this much.
- (f) I will not join your company.

Section 'C' : Literature Textbooks

30 marks

7. (a) The elders are nostalgic about the good old Portuguese days and their famous loaves of bread.
- (b) Bread-making is still popular in Goa because the bread makers are still there and so are their mixers, moulders and furnaces.

OR

- (a) A forest is a natural habitat for numerous birds and insects. When forests are cleared, no bird can make its nest, nor can insects hide in the bark of the trees and there's nothing to shade the area from sunlight.
- (b) The forests are empty and devoid of trees because they are cut down to create land for cultivation and expansion of cities.
8. (a) Kisa Gotami's only son had died. She went to the Buddha to seek some medicine to revive her son. The Buddha asked her to bring some mustard seeds, from such a house where there ever had been no death. But Gotami could not find any such house. Thus, she realized that the death is inevitable for every living being. Cycle of life and death is a normal process.
- (b) Fire stands for fury, hatred, anger, cruelty; ice is symbolic of insensitivity, coldness and intolerance-General opinion-some say ice, while others say fire will destroy the world. **[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]**

Detailed Answer :

Fire stands for fury, desire, lust, anger, avarice, cruelty and greed. Ice is symbolic of hatred, coldness, rigidity, insensitivity and intolerance. The general opinion regarding the world is that the world will end in fire and some say ice. Both the two reasons contrast each other and one equally opposite to each other. People who favour fire believe that it will be the heat and passion which will end the world. On the other hand, some people think that it will be the ice which will freeze the world.

- (c) Mrs. Hall found the scientist eccentric because he had arrived at the inn in winter, which was an unusual time for any visitor to arrive there. His appearance was that of a stranger. He did not like to speak to Mrs. Hall, rather he wanted to be left alone undisturbed.
- (d) Bholi was definitely her teacher's masterpiece because under her guidance, she overcame her handicap of stammering. The shy and reticent child bloomed into a bold and confident girl. She was a true masterpiece because she had the courage to revolt against the social evil of dowry and refused to marry the greedy Bishamber Nath. (2)
- (e) The most fascinating thing that Valli saw in the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. (2)
- (f) 10th May, 1994 is important for South Africa as the inaugural oath taking ceremony of Nelson Mandela and his colleagues took place on that day. Nelson Mandela became the first black President of South Africa after three centuries of white rule.
- (g) Maxwell put the otter in the box because he was shifting from Basra to England and he wanted the otter to get used to it. He felt sad on putting it back because the otter did not like it and so, he was trying to get out of it. He had torn the lining of the box to shreds.
9. Mr. Keesing Anne's, Maths teacher, was always annoyed with Anne because of her talkative nature. So, he had given her some extra work to write an essay on 'A Chatter Box'. She wrote in her essay, "Talking is a student's trait and I would do my best to control it. But I won't be able to cure this habit since my mother is also talkative. So moving from the inherited trait cannot be done". On reading her arguments, Mr. Keesing had a good laugh. When the teacher gave her another essay on 'An Incurable Chatter Box'. It was a punishment for Anne for

talking in the class. Anne gave a message through the poem to the teacher. The teacher got so impressed by her little poem that he decided not to punish her. She made him realize his mistake. It also reflects her fearlessness, critical thinking, humility and unbiased approach as well as her creativity and humorous approach to deal with her strict teacher. (8)

Commonly Made Errors

- Some students failed to give a proper account of the required aspects from the entire story.
- They committed many errors.

Answering Tip

- Thorough reading of the chapter is needed.

OR

Custard was truly brave and did not boast like Belinda and her other pets. Custard had the courage to face real danger, whereas other ones only boasted of their bravery. Custard faced the pirate and killed him and he proved it by not running away. Bravery and courage are qualities which are exhibited when someone actually faces a dangerous situation. Thus, these qualities are spontaneous, as we can see by the example of Custard. The incident mentioned in the poem reveals a basic truth that the real test of courage is during a crisis. The dragon though never put his strength on display but exhibited it in action when it was required to do so.

A person exhibits many qualities in his genes. The attribute of a dragon is always dangerous and fierce. How could he look for a safe cage all the time? He had a hidden quality of bravery inside him, of which he was unaware of and was mocked as a coward. In real sense, Custard was not at all a coward, he was brave by birth, but he had no chance to prove it before. Bravery reacted spontaneously, when he killed the pirate and saved all.

Answering Tip

- Attentive reading can help the students to write creative and authentic answers.

10. Think Tank feels that Martians are more beautiful than the people on the Earth. The Earthlings have a smaller head when compared to the Martians who have great and mighty balloon brains which has made them cleverer and more intelligent than the Earthlings. Earthlings are fond of eating so they always kept eating sandwiches.

Think Tank mockingly calls the Earth a meaningless place where the people are not so intelligent and brave like the Martians and himself. So, he decided to capture the Earth.

Think Tank makes guesses that the books are the kind of crude refreshment, stands and calls it a sandwich, or a communication satellite. On Noodle's suggestion, chemical vitamins are taken which enable Omega to transcribe the code of nursery rhymes on 'Mistress Mary', 'Humpty-Dumpty' and 'The Cat and the Fiddle'. All the poems make Think Tank come to conclusion that Earthlings have a high level of civilization and that they have been targeted by them. So he decides to escape from Mars, and they go to Alpha century. (8)

OR

Ausable was a smart and intelligent man who was an expert secret agent. He was very fat and sloppy. He spoke in an American accent which he had brought from Boston twenty years ago. He could speak French and German but possibly he was a spy who dealt in espionage and danger. He had a very important paper for which several men and women had risked their lives and even Max had come for that paper. He was quick witted and had a great presence of mind. He cooked up a police story and of the balcony to befool Max. The story was so convincing that Max jumped down the window. Not for a moment did he think that it might be a fabricated story. In other words, he proved to be quite dangerous for Max, though he had a great sense of humour when he talked to Fowler. Ausable was very witty who fabricated stories on the spot with the presence of his mind. He narrated stories in such a cool manner that everybody believed him and nobody suspected him even once.

Commonly Made Errors

- Students do not read the question carefully as a result they give irrelevant answers.
- Some students do not adhere to the word limit either the answers are too short or too long.

Answering Tip

- Read the question carefully. Quote lines from the text and highlight them.