

Subject- English Language
Pre- Board Test Paper -1
Solution

1. (A) Tarvi and Manav were twins. They were twelve years old and studied in one of the best schools. Both of them were good at studies. They participated in sports, and co-curricular activities as well. A boy named Rohit studied in their class. He was very naughty and bullied others. Students generally kept a distance from him in order to avoid him. Rohit was quite jealous of the twins and was always on the lookout to show them down.

One day, it so happened that their science teacher gave the class a project to work on. They were to be assessed for the internal assessment on the basis of that project. Tarvi and Manav worked very hard on it and carried the working model of wind-mill to the school. Rohit had not made any project. He said very rudely to Manav to hand over the project to him. Manav refused to do so. Rohit threatened to dismantle everything in the project, if he did not hand it over to Rohit, Manav was scared. He decided to agree to what Rohit said. But, Tarvi refused. She was bent up on tackling the matter courageously. She boldly confronted Rohit, and told him that they would not listen to his command. Soon, four friends of Rohit joined him. Tarvi and Manav were shocked at the scene. A group of bullies was scaring them and asking for their project. Both of them shouted for help. The students from senior classes reached the scene.

They all had heard about Rohit. One of the boys ran towards the staff room and informed the teachers about it. The teachers reached the spot and scolded Rohit and other boys for their behaviour. Rohit was expelled from school for a week. It was a lesson for other bullies as well. They all changed their ways and became disciplined students.

- (B) **Animals should not be used for drug development or medical research.**
(For The Motion)

Man is a selfish animal. He can go up to any extent and a pave way for his success.

He has forgotten that he shares the planet with many other living species. But, he doesn't pay heed to anything and walks on. One such cruel activity is using animals for drug development or medical research. Whenever a research is to be done, some animals are injected with the germs of that disease. Then, different drugs are used on that diseased animal to find out which drug has worked well. How cruel! How can someone make a living thing suffer to save the life of others. Poor animal suffers a lot. He has to fight with the germs as well as the side-effects of the drugs injected in him. This is very cruel on the part of human beings. I strongly oppose the use of drugs on animals for the purpose of drug development or medical research. It is inhuman. Moreover, the physiology and anatomy of human beings and animals is different. The results may be misleading and can be devastating for humans as well. The testing cannot be justified morally also. Hence, I am of the view that animals should not be used for drug development or medical research.

- (C) It was the month of June. I had gone to my uncle's house to spend my summer vacations. My uncle has two sons who are of the same age as me. We are a good company to each other. So, we enjoyed one holiday also in each other's company. One day, we all decided to go on a picnic. We were about ten in number, as my cousin's friends had also joined us. We decided to enjoy our day by the river side. We reached there and settled ourselves under the trees after spreading the mats that we had taken with us.

Suddenly, one of our friends suggested to go boating. It seemed to be an amazing idea. We all got up and went to the bank so as to hire a boat. The man gave us life jackets and suggested to take someone experienced with us. We were excited and put down his idea. Soon, we were on the water, paddling one boat. It was fun feeling, the water slipping through the fingers, when we put our hands in it. In our excitement, we

forgot to notice that clouds had appeared in the sky. Soon, the sky turned dark and we could hear the thundering of clouds.

We decided to paddle back. It had started raining. Now, we all were tense and nervous. In our nervousness, we lost control of the boat and it was about to sink. We were frightened to death. We shouted for help. We all took out the life jackets and put them on. A lot of water was in the boat due to the heavy rainfall. Then, the boat overturned and sank.

As luck would have it, the owner of the boat had sent a team of people to look for us. They all found us and rescued us one by one. We reached the shore in their boat, where a large crowd had gathered. We thanked everyone for their support and tried to overcome the shock we were in. After an hour, when we were a bit relaxed, we went back home. We thanked God for sending us help at the right time and decided never to be careless again.

(D) **A Village Fair**

A village fair is very different from a city fair. Fairs in villages are generally connected with some religious festival or harvest. The main purpose is to display their wares and sell them.

I happened to visit one such fair last month when I had gone to visit my grandparents. I was elated when my grand father told me that we would be going to a fair in the afternoon. When I reached the site of the fair, I was thrilled to see the vibrant coloured stalls. The place was beautifully decorated with buntings and fresh marigolds. There were different stalls of clothes, bangles, eatables etc. I was attracted towards the corner where there was a variety of merry-go-rounds. My grandfather allowed me to enjoy most of them. I was overjoyed. It was fun. We moved ahead and saw a man showing monkey dance. We saw a snake charmer also, showing a black snake which he had kept in a hooded basket.

The happiest in the fair were the children. They could be seen crowding the stalls of eatables. No fast food was served there. There were stalls of buttermilk, sugarcane juice, home made sweets, delicious vegetables cooked on slow fire, fruit chat etc.

Next, we saw a man who was cycling. People pinned five rupee or ten rupee notes on his shirt to motivate him. Then we moved ahead and saw a magician performing tricks. A crowd had gathered there to watch him performing. I looked around and saw a little boy holding colourful balloons in his hands. He was looking very happy. Everyone looked so happy. There was no place for hurry or worry. I enjoyed everything. Soon, it was time to go back home. I returned home in a pleasant mood and wonderful memories. It, indeed was an exciting experience.

- (E) The given picture shows Mark, the best horserider, who won the first prize in the obstacle race. Mark loved animals since his childhood. He had a way with them. One day, when he was a boy of eight, his cousin brought a white horse. He invited Mark for a ride. Mark didn't want to miss the chance. He immediately jumped to his cousin's offer and sat behind him on the horse. Both of them went for a ride. Though it was not an easy one, yet he enjoyed it a lot.

Mark himself didn't know that he had gradually grown a liking for horses. There was a stable near his house. He would go there and spend hours talking to the animals.

When his father noticed his interested in horses and horse-riding, he hired a coach to teach him how to ride a horse. Mark would practice five hours a day. He wanted to be the best horse-rider. With the passage of time, he became a skilled rider. No one could beat him in this. One day, his friend informed him of a horse-race in a nearby town. He decided to participate in it and registered his name. He practised day and night for it.

Finally, the day arrived. He and his horse were all set for it. It was a hurdle race. They had to cross six different types of hurdles to win. Mark was sure of himself. He knew that he would grab the prize. The horse crossed first four hurdles easily. But, the fifth one was higher. Mark had to push his horse to jump over something that looked like a fence. For a moment, Mark was doubtful, but he brushed his fears aside and commanded his horse gracefully. The horse cleared the next two hurdles also and Mark was the winner. His dream had come true. There were tears of joy in his eyes. He patted his horse and gave him an affectionate hug. Then, he moved towards the stage to collect his prize.

2. (A) 287, Nehru Street,

Agra.

14th July, 2022

Dear Sumit,

Hope you are keeping well as you absent from the school yesterday. I must share a comical incident with you that happened yesterday in the class.

Our science teacher taught us a new chapter yesterday. She explained it through diagrams and examples on the blackboard. Jay was, as usual, sitting on the last bench and was not listening or paying attention to what the teacher was saying. The chapter was tough and most of us could not understand the difficult terms. When the teacher finished her explanation, she asked, "How many of you have understood the chapter?" Since we were not sure about the new terms used in the chapter, we didn't raise hands. Absent mindedly, Jay raised his hand. The teacher too was surprised. She called Jay to her table to explain. We all started giggling, as we knew that he hadn't heard a single word. Jay immediately realised what had happened. He apologised and went back to his seat. There was a roar of laughter in the class. But, I had learnt one thing i.e. to be attentive in class. I wish you were also there to enjoy the moment.

Hope we will meet tomorrow.

Yours affectionately,

Rajat

(B) Jingle Bells School,

Jhansi.

14th November, 2022

Mr. Prem Prakash,

Environment club,

Jhansi.

Dear Sir,

Through this letter, we wish to inform you that the school Nature Club is organising its annual function on 22nd November 2022. It will be a matter of pride for us to have you as our Chief Guest.

We have been running one Nature club since 2017 and have been awarded many times by the local authorities. The theme of our Annual Function this year will be 'save soil', and it will be featured through dances and skits. Hope you will accept our invitation and will spare some moments from your busy schedule.

Waiting for a positive response from your end.

Thanking you,

Gajendra Singh

(President, School Nature Club)

3. (A)

Science Exhibition

Date : 15 September 2022

Time : 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Venue : Science Laboratory

Victoria Public School, Hyderabad

All the interested students of classes VII to XII are requested to register their names for participation, with the Vice Principal, latest by 10th September 2022.

(Sports Captain)

(B)

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Science Exhibition

Dear Sir

Our school is organising a Science Exhibition on 10th February during school hours in the centenary Hall of Victoria Public School.

It would be an honour if you could join us as chief guest of the event and be a part of the award ceremony.

The students are making working as well as non-working models. Your presence would be highly appreciated and would motivate our students. We hope to get a positive response from your end.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Smriti Soran

(Secretary, Science club)

4. (A)

(a) (iii) Urged

(b) (i) Left alone

(c) (ii) Untidy

(B) (a) Robinson Crusoe did not pay heed to the orders of his superiors and also had no regard for them.

(b) Robinson Crusoe urged the other sailors to leave the ship and remain on the island so as to declare a mutiny.

The crew played a judas by leaving him on island.

(c) He was petrified because Spain and England were at daggers drawn. He felt that they would kill him if they found him there.

(d) The two points of difference between Alexander's actual story and Defoe's version are:

(i) Alexander was marooned on the island and was not shipwrecked.

(ii) Alexander lived for five years on the island and not twenty eight years.

(e) The cruelty of the captains made Alexander rebellious, reckless and malevolent when he became a sailor.

(C) Alexander became adept at hunting when he was marooned on the island. He made clothes with goatskin. He spoke and sang to the cats. He learnt to milk goats. He ran barefoot after the goats as he didn't know how to make shoes. He would read bible again and again.

5. (A) (a) got

(b) stammering

(c) banged

(d) shut

(e) returned

(f) blew

(g) moved

(h) had

(B) (a) upon

(b) with

(c) to

(d) against

(e) for

(f) of

(g) in

(h) under

(C) (a) (i) Brown Bears as well as Polar Bears are ferocious land animals.

(b) (i) Although Anita prepared hard all through the year, she barely passed the exam.

Explanation: Options (ii), (iii) and (iv) have sentences which have different meaning. Option (i) joins the two sentences without changing the meaning. Hence option (i) is correct.

(c) (ii) Although the scooter is not new, it is still reliable.

(d) (ii) When the phone fell on the floor, it broke into million pieces.

(D) (a) (ii) Besides being a scientist, he is also a sportsman.

Explanation: Option (ii) is right combination of the two sentences as it retains the same meaning after transformation.

(b) (i) It was so noisy that they could hardly hear each other.

(c) (iii) Only a rogue can act.

(d) (ii) He said that he was a French teacher.

Explanation: As per the indirect speech, 'I am a' will change into 'he was a'. Hence, (ii) is the right answer.

(e) (iii) Everyone was handed a packet of sweets.

(f) (ii) He used to perform heavy exercise every morning.

Explanation: With 'used to', we use the first form of verb for the word followed by it. Hence, (ii) is the right answer.

(g) (ii) No sooner did the king come to know of this than he was furious.

(h) (i) On Saturday, a staff member found the bag in the basement of the school.