



WEST BENGAL CIVIL SERVICE (MAIN) EXAMINATION, 2018

Paper – II

English Letter Writing, Drafting or Reports, Preces Writing, Composition and Translation

Model Answers

1. a) Write a letter to a noted doctor whose practice is outside your city describing the nature of your ailment and seeking an appointment with him at his earliest convenience (write the letter within 150 words and use, X,Y,Z instead of name and address). 40

Or

- b) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your anxiety and concern about the increasing exodus of bright student from your country seeking academic and career opportunities elsewhere adding a suggestion on how this tendency may be arrested. (Write the letter within 150 words and use X,Y,Z instead of name and address). 40

Ans. b)

Sender's address

Dated:

The Editor,

The Telegraph,

Kolkata

Sub: Exodus of bright students from our country to seek academic and career opportunities elsewhere.

Sir,

I would like to ventilate my grave concern regarding exodus of bright students from our country to make academic and career opportunities through your esteemed daily.

Quizzed about the reasons for sending their ward abroad (globally) the parents diplomatically said that a shot at learning foreign language gaining international work experience and exposure to new ideas were the main motivations.

But what remains unsaid for Indian parents is the widespread belief that the quality of foreign educational institutions their faculty and research opportunity are vastly superior to what is on offer at house. Upgrading the quality of domestic educational institutions is therefore a must solve problem for Indian's policymakers. It can stain the draw drain, attract more international students onshore and thus help keep the balance of payments in check.

I, therefore, draw the attention of the concerned authorities to take necessary corrective measures and to create an awareness among the masses.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

XYZ

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2. Draft a report (within 200 words) on shifting the city-zoo to a suitable place outside the metropolis. 40

Shifting the city-zoo outside the metropolis

By a staff reporter,

Kolkata,

Date :

Our city zoo is inside the metropolis. It causes serious problem to the administration because there is huge rush specially in the festive seasons. Moreover, the families with their children are used to visit the city-zoo. So as far as safety of the visitors is concerned, there may rise serious problem. Moreover, the city becomes untidy and full of garbage. This shows an unimpressive image. So it would be wise if it is shifted to some other place which is in the outskirts of the city, but not far away from the city. It is advisable to enlighten the city of joy, if it is outside the metropolis. People will also enjoy in full swing and the problem of accidents due to traffic rush will not be there. Even the animals, birds, will enjoy the warmth of nature in absolute solitude.

3. Write a composition on **any one** of the following topics. 40
- Noise;
 - Music as therapy;
 - Lighter school bags for primary school children;

Ans. (b)

Music as therapy

Music therapy is a fascinating concept, artists use it to perfection to help patients get rid of their health problems. Men's artists combine various important facets like emotional facet, aesthetic, social spiritual and many more to help patients. This is what is referred to as the inventive genius. Inventive genius is a concept that appreciates and encourages, people to think out of the box and come up with concepts that would impact and change the lives of human beings for the better.

Music therapy improves cognitive functioning and there are even two ways about this, it has been found that a person who undergoes music therapy starts feeling positive and his cognitive functioning also becomes better.

Music therapy also improves social skills greatly, this can have also positive impact on the patient's life. At times human beings, feel lonely and isolated, music therapy can help them greatly, it can have a positive impact on the patient's life. At times human beings face loneliness and isolation and get bogged down with work, here music therapy works a lot.

Music therapy as it exists today began in the 1960's as scientists and doctors began proving the healing power of music with clinical trials.

In the 1970's 'New age' music emerged as a genre of music without recognizable harmony, rhythm or melody that is used for yoga, meditation and relaxation.

The connection between music and emotion has long been acknowledged, along with the ability of music to influence both mental and physical health. Pythagoras, Plato and Aristotle all wrote about how music affects health and behaviour, aboriginal tribes from all over the world have used music as part of their healing arts.

Music therapy works on a number of different levels and in a number of different ways. It has been proven that music, especially pieces with a strong rhythmic element can affect heart rate and breathing and promote the release of endorphins, natural painkillers. It has also been shown to reduce muscle tension and can be helpful in promoting relaxation. Music can also be helpful in releasing memories or negative feelings that may have been repressed, which can help to change behaviour and affect behavioural issues. Playing music can improve skills such as communication and physical co-ordination.

Music therapy can be used in healthy individuals in a number of ways. Playing an instrument or beating a drum can alleviate stress and listening to music can help with relaxation. Music can also be an important tool to use while exercising, for motivation and encouragement.

4. Write a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title. 40

The balance of nature is a very elaborate and very delicate system of checks and counter-checks. It is continually being altered as climates change, as new organisms evolve, as animals or plants permeate new areas. But the alterations have in the past, for the most part, been slow, whereas with the arrival of civilized man, their speed has been multiplied manifold.

Everywhere man is altering the balance of nature. He is facilitating the spread of plants and animals into new region, sometimes deliberately, sometimes unconsciously. He is covering huge areas with new kinds of plants or with houses, factories, slag-heaps and other products of his civilization. He exterminates some species on a large scale, but favours the multiplication of others. In brief, he has done more in five thousand years to alter the biological aspect of the planet than has nature in five million. [145 words]

Ans.

Title : Alteration of the biological aspect of nature.

Nature was in its own form. With the arrival of civilised man the speed of the alteration of nature has been multiplied. Man exterminates nature in some places but multiplies it in other places. Thus he has altered the biological balance of the planet.

5. Translate **any one** of the following passages into English:

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a) ১৯১৪: প্রথম বিশ্বযুদ্ধ তখন তুঙ্গে। ফ্রান্সের সীমান্ত ফ্ল্যান্ডার্সে, বিস্তৃত বার্লি ও শালগম ক্ষেতের মাঝে ছিল যাকে বলা হত নো ম্যানস ল্যান্ড। আর সেই নো ম্যানস ল্যান্ডেই সে বার বড়দিনে অদ্ভুত এক কাণ্ড দেখল গোটা বিশ্ব। বড়দিনে এক রকম যুদ্ধবিরতি ঘোষিত হল। ইংল্যান্ড ও জার্মানি দুই পক্ষের সেনা নিজ ট্রেঞ্চ থেকে বেরিয়ে এল। দুই যুযুধান পক্ষের ওই সন্মুখসময়ের মাঝমাধ্যখানে আচমকা এক ইংরেজ সেনা বের করে ফেললেন একটি ফুটবল। এর পরেই বদলে গেল গোটা আবহ, সহসা। বারুদগন্ধ মাঝে জাগিয়ে তোলা হল ফুলের আবহ। ওই সুবর্ণগোলক! দুই পক্ষ তৎক্ষণাৎ দল গড়ে একটি প্রাণখোলা ফুটবল খেলায় মগ্ন হল। তার পর এমন অনেকগুলিই খেলা হয়েছিল, কিন্তু এই প্রথম বেড়াভাঙা আজও ইতিহাস।

Ans. 1914, First World War was in full swing. The frontier of France Flandarse was entended between Barley and Turnip field, which was called 'No Mans Land'. On that very land on the day of Christmas the entire world witnessed a strange incident. On the Christmas day armistice was announced. The troops of England and Germany came out from the trench. Amidst the armed combat between two arch rivals all of a sudden an English soldier found out a football. Immediately, after that the entire environment had changed. Suddenly the smell of gun powder got vanished, there emerged an essence and fragrance of flower – that Golden Globe. Both the sides instantaneously formed a team of virtually lively/ vivacious and absorbed in playing football. After that historic incident a plenty of football matches have been played, but by crossing the barrier of enmity and transforming it into friendship is even today a history.

b) একবিংশ শতকে পদার্পনের পর প্রায় দু'দশক অতিক্রান্ত। ভারতীয় বিজ্ঞানের সাফল্য সাহিত্য শিল্প আধুনিকতা পিছনে ফেলে উত্তরাধুনিকতার দিকে ধাবমান। কিন্তু ভারতের সামাজিক মনোবৃত্তির গতি প্রকৃতির একটি সাম্প্রতিক সমীক্ষায় যে ছবি প্রতীয়মাণ তা উদ্বেগজনক। পশ্চিমবঙ্গ সহ ছ'টি রাজ্যে কিশোরদের মধ্যে করা একটি সাম্প্রতিক সমীক্ষার ফলাফল জানাচ্ছে ৫৯ শতাংশ কিশোরের বিশ্বাস গেরস্থালি সামলানোই মেয়েদের যোগ্য কাজ, ৫৪ শতাংশের ধারণা বাড়ির শেষ সিদ্ধান্তের মালিক হওয়া উচিত ছেলেদেরই, ৩১ শতাংশ মনে করে ভর্তসনার জন্য মেয়েদের চপেটাঘাত করা যেতেই পারে এবং প্রতি তিনজন কিশোরের মধ্যে এক জনের মত, ধর্ষণের পরিস্থিতি তৈরি করে মহিলারাই। সমীক্ষাটির এই ফলাফলে যা সবিশেষ উদ্বেগের বিষয় তা হল প্রাচীনতায় আক্রান্তদের বয়স ১৫ থেকে ১৮ র মধ্যে, অর্থাৎ যারা ভবিষ্যতের প্রাপ্তবয়স্ক নাগরিক, যাদের উপর ন্যস্ত হবে সমাজের অগ্রগতির ভার।

Ans. Almost two decades have passed since the inception of 21st century. The success in the field of Indian science has surpassed literature, arts and it has been advancing towards super advancement. But it is a matter of grave concern that the momentum of social attitude in India which is quite transparent from a latest survey and it is quite annoying. It is quite evident from a recent survey concluded among the teens of six states including West Bengal reveal that 59% teens believe that it is the perfect job of the women to look after household activities, 54% of them is of the opinion that the ultimate decision maker of the house should be the male, 31% of them is of the strong conviction that a girl should be slapped for scolding and it is quite alarming idea of a teen out of three that the situation of rape has been created by women only. The most alarming and matter of grave concern that the teens between age of 15 and 18 are worstly affected by backwardness and old beliefs vise-vis those who are future adult citizens of India who will be take over the charge for the development of India.