

[Section - A]

1. i. a) against herself.
- b) as it had taken 15 years to persuade her to buy a microwave.
- c) she was eager to get started, sat mesmerized as the screen lit up on, making notes in a spiral book.
- d) does not matter and a willing spirit is capable of anything.

1.2. (2) The author and her husband decided to give a computer to the mother because she used to play scrabble against herself. They wanted to give a computer to play against.

(b) The language the mother newly acquired was the technical language of computers. She used to talk about RAM, ROM and the CPU.

(c) After the coming of the computer a number of changes were noticed in the parents. Mother had acquired a new technological language. She used to speak about her ~~game~~ ^{own} computer. Because of the computer the ~~father~~ ^{over} ~~came~~ his phone allergy. As the mother used to be busy on computer, the father now answered the phone calls.

2. 21 a) no electricity, no transport or even the basic medical facilities.
b) by the School of Hope, initiative of the World Wildlife Fund.
c) is provided by the solar powered bulbs.

22. a) Ecological ~~are~~ balance of this area is disrupted because people here depend on wood smuggling or prawn seed collection for livelihood. The first encroaches on tiger territory while the second, affects the salinity of water due to excessive prawn seed poaching.

(b) WWF has taken many steps to make the environment ^{safe} for man and beast. They have constructed the School of Hope, which provides education to over 600 students. WWF has also provided the village with tillers which have increased the crop production area from 10 to 20 acres, solar powered spice grinding machines, deep tube wells and medicinal plant gardens for ~~sustenance~~ sustenance. Children have formed more than 14 nature clubs teaching the parents the importance of saving the environment and the tigers.

(c) The other resident of the Sunderbans is — the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger.

(d) The salinity of water is affected due to excessive prawn seed poaching.

- 1-3. (a) allotted duty/work — assignment ✓
(b) convince — persuade ✓
(c) hypnotised — mesmerised ✓
(d) against — versus ✓

Section - B.

3.

MESSAGE

21 March 2008

5:00 pm

Dear Arjun

Your classmate Ramesh rang up to inform you that your tomorrow's extra class has been cancelled as your chemistry teacher, Mr Anil is ill. He has also asked you to bring your practical record for submission on Monday.

Raju

4.

Chennai

22 April 2008

Dear Balram

Hi! How are you? I'm fine. It's my fifth day here and I am enjoying it. The coaching facilities provided here are world-class, and the food provided in the ~~rest~~ canteen is also good.

We have also been provided with a gym and a swimming pool. I've made a lot of friends here. Pay my regards to Mom and Dad.

Your loving brother
Sanjay



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Sir

Sub: The need to create awareness of the spread, prevention and treatment of diseases like cholera and diarrhoea.

Even after 61 years of independence, the Indian Government is not able to provide the basic necessities of good health and medical facilities. The recent news of Dhoni village in UP, where about 20 people died and several hospitalized, does not shock anybody.

Though the media keeps on publishing such news but I don't think this has any effect on our dormant government.

Such diseases like cholera and diarrhoea are results of improper hygiene and lack of sanitation. Though this problem is universal in nature but it can be seen widely in the rural areas and the illegally established colonies as these places lack any kind of sanitation and no proper medical facilities are provided here. The ~~heaps~~^{heaps} of garbage and disposed-off materials can be seen along the roadsides. These places serve as the breeding ground for all such diseases. Also no proper drainage system is there which leads to stagnation of drainage water on roads and open spaces, making home for disease carrying flies and mosquitoes.

I wish that the government should wake up from its long sleep

and take a look into the matter. Till then, we only can make a difference by creating awareness among the people, about the need of for proper hygiene and sanitation. They should be informed and educated about the spread, prevention and treatment of such diseases. I, therefore, appeal to the general public to stand for this cause and help in reducing such diseases and ^{creating awareness.}

Yours Truly,

Vivek
(VIVEK)

6.

GIRL CHILD - A CURSE

"Science doesnot solve a problem, without creating ten more."

This is true, as indicated by the survey conducted by the Civil ministry, which shows that for every 1000 boys in 2006 in Delhi, there are only 831 girls in the city. Though ^{the} technology was developed for better treatment of the child in womb and to know its condition, but this in turn has proved

before. Oh God! Save me from this! Let them have
what they want. They can even have my share.
May God keep them happy and Prosperous!

Ramesh

fatal for the girl child who is often killed even before taking its first breath. 'Female foeticide', as scientifically termed, is a black spot on the face of the Indian Society.

Though women have come a long way since the times of Raja Ravi Mohan Ray, they are still considered the inferior sex in this patriarchal society. These women have proved their metal in every sphere of life and have outdone their male counterparts many a times. But still they are considered a burden on the family, on the society and on the country.

When a boy is born, celebrations are done for several days but when a girl child takes birth, the whole family comes in deep sorrow and mourn. The biggest boon of God is considered as a 'curse'. That is why, most parents

seek to kill the girl child inside the womb itself. This phenomenon of selective abortions will lead to the situations when no girl will be there to be married to the boys. The situation of girls is pathetic. It is ~~worse~~ ^{worse} acute in the northern states as compared to the southern states. Even the most prosperous state of Punjab has a girl ratio less than 850. The hip and happening city of Chandigarh has the lowest sex-ratio whereas the completely literate state of Kerala has the highest sex-ratio, above 1000.

This problem cannot be solved by the Government alone, though it can raise awareness campaigns in rural areas and check the working of such illegal hospitals which continue on doing this heinous crime. This is an evil which can be overcome only when the society will come out of the narrow grooves of ignorance and ~~enlarge~~ ^{broaden} its outlook by giving

Social equality to both boys and girls.

Section - C

7. (a) a small body with long arms
(b) time of birth it is
(c) licking dew or rain
(d) maintaining their territory

8. (a) being beings
(b) date dates
(c) by as
(d) but or
(e) value valuable
(f) who which
(g) provides provide
(h) is are

9. (a) the ✓

(b) are ✓

(c) of ✓

(d) with ✓

(e) which ✓

(f) through ✓

(g) been ✓

(h) by ✓

10. (a) if he was going to Singapore ✓

(b) if he was also going ✓

(c) whether his parents would allow him ✓

(d) to tell them that it was a grave chance ✓

- 11(a) has organised a free eye camp
(b) is organising Navaratri Celebrations
(c) killing ^{four} messengers
(d) ~~set~~ has set record

Section - D

12 (a) 'Maenad' is the female follower of Bacchus, the ~~greek~~ Greek God of wine and fertility. The poet compares the clouds lifted by the west wind to the bright hair of Maenad, uplifted from the head.

(b) The west ^{wind} is driving the locks of storm (clouds).

(c) The poetic device used is simile. - like the bright hair uplifted from the head.

13 (a) Poem - The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
Poet - Samuel Taylor Coleridge

(b) Though the wedding guest was getting late for the wedding, but the glittering eyes of the Ancient Mariner had casted a spell on his mind and he could not leave him.

(c) Mariner spoke about how his ~~ship~~^{ship} which had a cheerful beginning, was sailed off to the far south by the fierce winds, to a place of ~~fog~~ mist and snow. They were surrounded with ice with no signs of life. Suddenly an Albatross comes out of ~~air~~^{fog}, whose whose entrance coincides with blowing of south wind. But after ~~some~~ nine days when the bird had become a fellow of ship, the Mariner wantonly killed it. And as a consequence ~~the ship~~^{the ship} was struck between the silent sea, without any ~~drop~~ drop to

drink, their throats were choked with the soot. As a symbol of guilt, the dead albatross was hung around the Mariner's neck instead of the cross.

Ans 14. In the poem, "Night of Scorpion", the mother is shown as a symbol of self-sacrifice. Just like any traditional woman, she took the sufferings in her stride, even when she was bitten by scorpion, she rolled and writhed in deep anguish and pain, she considered it to be a part of her ~~faith~~ fate. Her pain increased when her husband put the bitten toe on fire, but ^{she} suffered all ~~that~~ lovely. Even when she recovered from the pain, she sent a prayer of thanks to God that the scorpion picked on ~~her~~ and spared her children. This shows the great love and affection the mother had for her children.

CHAPTER 207 - 08

15) Calpurnia has been seeing nightmares and three times in her sleep she cried 'Help! they killed Caesar'. Calpurnia ~~to~~ in her dreams has seen that Caesar has been killed ~~and~~ ~~because~~ at the foot of statue of Pompey and the fellow Romans were bathing in his blood. She had also seen the guards watching a woman giving birth to cubs on street ~~and~~, soldiers fighting in full formation ~~of~~ on clouds and their blood raining on the capital and Ghosts were seen and heard on the streets. All this were premonitions and bad omens, warning something ~~amiss~~ is going to ~~happen~~ happen. So Calpurnia begged Caesar not to go to the Senate and she told Decimus Brutus ^{who came to pick ~~Caesar~~} to say that Caesar will not come because of his ill-health. This ~~harmed~~ ^{and pricked} the ego ~~of~~ of ~~the~~ Caesar who refused to send a lie to the old men and

16. Cutie-pie was an alien captured by the spaceship Questar from the planet Outa-pi. He was scooped up when ~~then~~ the spaceship was collecting samples of the land. Though ~~a~~ Cutie-pie was found on Outa-pi it was not his real planet. He was there just for initiation - to go as a boy and come back as an adult.

But his initiation nearly turned into ~~his~~ his elimination when he was forced to live in the toxic atmosphere created by the scientists for him. But he escaped his glass prison and made way to his planet and making a friend G.H. Winters on earth.

17. 11 March 08

10.00pm

Dear Diary

Not even in my worst nightmares, ^{had} I dreamt that I would have to face this day. The day of partition is

just one night away and I don't think I can sleep tonight
 Babuli has also returned after two years, I had missed him
 a lot. It was a pleasure for my eyes to see his face
 again. He has changed a lot but for me, he is still
 the ~~old~~ Babuli, I used to carry on my soldiers. But the tide
 of time has changed the circumstances. I can no longer
 feel the love and affection, we three brothers used to
 share before. Though it was a shock to me when the
 second brother asked for the division of property, but he was
 just in his demand and I let him have what he wanted. But
 I couldn't let Babuli be forced to be ~~of~~ part of family, if the
 property is going to be divided, ~~he~~ he must get his share.
~~the~~ I don't know if I can ~~&~~ bear to see the division of
 the family body our parents, ^{have nourished} since their marriage.
 I just wish that this is only a nightmare and
 when I wake up everything will be just like