

SOLVED SAMPLE PAPER -I

Subject: English Core

Class : XI

Time: 3 Hrs.]

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Q1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

1. In life we sometimes have disagreements with people. It could be with your partner, with your boss, with your parents, or with a friend. When this happens, the important thing is to try not to let a calm discussion turn into a heated argument. But of course this is easier said than done.
2. The first thing I would say is that the way you begin the conversation is very important. Imagine you are a student and you share a flat with another student who you think isn't doing her share of the housework. If you say, 'Look, you never do your share of the housework. What are we going to do about it?', the discussion will very soon turn into an argument. It's much more constructive to say something like, 'I think we'd better have another look about how we divide up the housework. Maybe there's a better way of doing it.'
3. My second piece of advice is simple. If you're the person who is in the wrong, just admit it! This is the easiest and best way to avoid an argument. Just apologize to your flatmate, your parents, or your husband, and move on. The other person will have more respect for you in the future if you do that.
4. The next tip is don't exaggerate. Try not to say things like 'You always come home late when my mother comes to dinner' when perhaps this has only happened twice, or 'You never remember to buy the toothpaste.' This will just make the other person think you're being unreasonable, and will probably make him or her stop listening to your arguments.
5. Sometimes we just can't avoid a discussion turning into an argument. But if you do start arguing with someone, it is important to keep things under control and there are ways to do this.
6. The most important thing is don't raise your voice. Raising your voice will just make the other person lose their temper too. If you find yourself raising your voice, stop for a moment and take a deep breath. Say 'I'm sorry I shouted, but this is very important to me', and continue calmly. If you can talk calmly and quietly, you'll find your partner will be more ready to think about what you are saying.

7. It is also very important to stick to the point. Try to keep to the topic you are talking about. Don't bring up old arguments, or try to bring in other' issues. Just concentrate on solving the one problem you are having, and leave the other things for another time. So, for example, if you're arguing about the housework, don't start talking about mobile phone bills as well.
8. And my final tip is that if necessary call 'Time out', like in a sports match. If you think that an argument is getting out of control, then you can say-to the other person, 'Listen, I'd rather talk about this tomorrow when we've both calmed down'. You can then continue the discussion the next day when perhaps both of you are feeling less tense and angry. That way there is much more chance that you will be able to reach an agreement. You'll also probably find that the problem is much easier to solve when you've both had a good night's sleep. Well, those are my tips.
10. But I want to say one last important thing. Some people think that arguing is always bad. This is not true. Conflict is a normal part of life, and dealing with conflict is an important part of any relationship, whether it's three people sharing a flat, a married couple, or just two good friends. If you don't learn to argue properly, then when a real problem comes along, you won't be prepared to face it together. Think of the smaller arguments as training sessions. Learn how to argue cleanly and fairly. It will help your relationship become stronger and last longer.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer each of the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the given ones (1 × 12)

- (a) _____ is easy to suggest but quite difficult to do.
 - (i) To have disagreements with people.
 - (ii) Not to let a peaceful discussion change into a heated argument.
 - (iii) "Never raise you voice"
 - (iv) To have heated argument wiht friends.
- (b) In case we are wrong we should _____ to avoid argument.
 - (i) flatmate (ii) exaggerate (iii) respect (iv) apologise
- (c) The second paragraph suggests when we _____ others, it leads to argument.
 - (i) share the work with (ii) accuse (iii) divide the work anew with (iv) only (i) & (ii)
- (d) _____ can help strengthen relationships.

(i) Learning to argue clearly, (ii) Learning to avoid arguments, (iii) Learning to argue fairly, (iv) Only (i) and (iii)

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (e) What happens if a complaint is exaggerated?
- (f) Name two activities that to help to keep arguments under control.
- (g) Raising our voice in an argument is not good. Why?
- (h) What happens if we don't learn to argue properly?
- (i) How does 'Time Out' help' in agreement?
- (j) When is your partner in an argument more ready to think about your point of view?
- (k) Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the OPPOSITE as each of the following
 - (i) Surely (Para-4)
 - (ii) Initial (Para 8)

Q.2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(8 Marks)

1. The tests of life are its plus factors. Overcoming illness and suffering is a plus factor for it moulds character. Steel is iron plus fire, soil is rock plus heat. So lets include the plus factor in our lives.
2. Sometimes the plus factor is more readily seen by the simple hearted. Myers tells the story of a mother who brought into her home - as a companion to her own son- a little boy who happened to have a hunch back. She had warned her son to be careful, not to refer to his disability. The boys were playing and after a few minutes she overheard her son say to his companion " Do you know what you have got on your back ?" The little boy was embarrassed, but before he could reply, his playmate continued " It is the box in which your wings are, and some day God is going to cut it open and then you will fly away and be an angel."
3. Often it takes a third eye or a change in focus, to see the plus factor. Walking along the corridors of a hospital recently where patients were struggling with fear of pain and tests, I was perturbed. What gave me a fresh perspective were the sayings put up everywhere, intended to uplift. One saying made me conscious of the beauty of the universe in the midst of pain, suffering and struggle. The other saying assured me that God was with me when I was in deep water and that no troubles would overwhelm me.

4. The import of those sayings also made me aware of the nector springs that flow into people's lives when they touch rock bottom or are lonely or guilt ridden. The nector springs make recovery possible, and they bring peace and patience in the midst of negative forces.
5. The forces of death and destruction are not so much physical as they are psychic and psychological. When malice, hatred and hard heartedness prevail, they get channeled as forces of destruction. Where openness, peace and good heartedness prevail, the forces of life gush forth to regenerate hope and joy. The life force is triumphant when love overcomes fear. Both fear and love are deep mysteries, but the effect of love is to build, whereas fear tends to destroy. Love is generally the plus factor that helps build character. It creates bonds and its reach is infinite.
6. It is true there is no shortage of destructive elements - forces and people who seek to destroy others and in the process destroy themselves -- but at the same time there are signs of love and life everywhere that are constantly enabling us to overcome setbacks. Solet's not look at gloom and doom - let us seek positivity and happiness. For it is when you seek that you will find what is waiting to be discovered
- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using abbreviations, wherever necessary. Also suggest a suitable title. **(5 Marks)**
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words, using the notes you have made. **(3 Marks)**
- Q3. You are going abroad. You want to sell your house, built three years ago. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words giving all the necessary details of the house and its locality. Contact no. xxxxxxxxxxxx (4)**

Or

Your school is going to organise a Diwali Mela. Design a poster to inform the students about it. (50 words)

4. **You are Deepak/Deepika 14, Mall Road Kochi. You saw an advertisement put up by Excellent coaching centre which provides coaching for Medical Entrance Exam. As you are interested in enrolling yourself, write a letter in 120-150 words to the Director; Excellent coaching centre, Chennai requesting him to inform you about the necessary details. (6)**

Or

Last month you purchased a TV set from Ram Electronics, Pushp Vihar, Ambala. It is not working properly (imagine a few defects). Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Manager asking for repair or replacement. You are Amar/Amrita, M 114, Model Town, Ambala.

5. Mobile phones have influenced children in a big way. Write an article in 150-200 words on how they have affected the younger generation. You are Ekta/Eklavya. (10)

Or

Cultural society of Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are PV Sumitha / PV Sumith.

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in front of it in your answersheet: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$)

	Incorrect	Correct
The next day during an break	(a) _____	_____
When all the teacher and students	(b) _____	_____
Was eating their snacks, the mother	(c) _____	_____
Left the school building hurriedly	(d) _____	_____
The boy saw him walking	(e) _____	_____
quickly from of the school gate	(f) _____	_____
When he was drank water after	(g) _____	_____
His meal and wonder where his	(h) _____	_____
Mother was going.		

7. Complete the following sentences by filling in the correct form of the verb. In the last hundred years, travelling (a) _____ (become) much easier and very comfortable. In the 19th century, it (b) _____ (take) two or three days to cross North America by a covered wagon. The trip (c) _____ (be) very rough and often dangerous. Things (d) _____ (change) a great

deal in the last hundred and fifty years. Now you can fly from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of hours. (1 × 4 = 4)

8. Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences: (1 × 2 = 2)

(a) the / on / forests / the / industry / oil / depends

(b) do / get / the / forests / from / what / we products / ?

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 3 = 3)

The sea holiday

Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry

With the laboured ease of loss.

- (a) Which sea holiday is referred to here?
(b) What was poetess past?
(c) Why is the poetess nostalgic about her mother's laughter?

Or

Father and son, we both must live

On the same globe and the same land,

He speaks: I cannot understand

Myself, why anger grow from grief.

We each put out an empty hand,

Longing for something to forgive.

- (a) Why must father and son live on the same globe and the same land?
(b) Explain : I can not understand myself.
(c) What does 'empty hand' signify?

10. Answer any three of the following questions in 30 to 40 words. (3 × 3 = 9)

- (a) What did the child feel when he discovered that he could use his mind according to his own thinking?
(b) "Eternal, I rise impalpable". What gives eternity to rain?

- (c) What effect did Tut's demise have on his dynasty?
 - (d) How was the common link of friendship between the grandmother and the grandson snapped?
 - (e) How did Einstein's medical certificate prove useless?
11. What social message does the play 'Mother's Day' Convey? How relevant is it in the present day context? (6)
 12. Hardships often bring out the best in people. Do you agree? why/why not?
 13. Based on your reading of the lesson "The Ailing Planet : The Green Movements's Role", write your views about the topic "Conservation – Need of the hour".

Or

"The school system often curbs individual talents". Discuss the statement with reference to the lesson 'Albert Einstein at School'.

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Answers

- Q.1. (a) (ii) Not to let a peaceful discussion change into a heated argument.
(b) (iv) apologise
(c) (ii) Accuse
(d) (ii) Learnign to avoid agruements.
(e) Makes other person think you are unreasonable / may stop listerning to your argument.
(f) Learning to agrue clearly and fairly. Time out.
(g) Makes other person lose temper.
(h) We fail to deal with conflicts which are part and parcel of life.
(i) One feels less tense and angry and it helps reach an agreement.
(j) If you keep to the topic.
(k) (i) Perhaps (ii) Final

Q.2. Title : The tests of Life the Plus factors.

Note Making and Summary Writing.

1. The Importance of the Tests of Life
 - (a) Illness& Suffering build Char.
 - (b) Simple hearted-View disability + vely eg: boy with hunch-backed companion.
2. Change of focus required
 - (a) Sayings in hospital - awaken one to beauty of universe amidst pain; presence of God
 - (i) Give strength to overcome obstacles
 - (ii) Realisation- underlying hum, strength in troubles
 - (iii) Bring Peace &Patience
3. Forces of Destruction
 - (a) Psychic & psychlgcal

- (b) Consist of malice, hatred & hard headedness
 - (c) Fear destroys
4. Forces of Life
- (a) Openness, peace & good heartedness
 - (b) Love overcomes fear. Love builds char. & bonds
 - (c) Discover signs of love, defeat destructive elements.

Key-Abbreviations

1. Char.- Character
2. +vely-Positively
3. Hum.-Human
4. Psychlgcal-Psychological
5. Destructve-Destructive
6. Elmnts- Elements

Summary

The tests of life like illness, suffering, pain and disability build character. The simple hearted have the ability to view them as signs of hope and the presence of God. Even in the midst of suffering there is God. The belief that amongst pain and suffering the universe is still beautiful and God present gives strength to overcome obstacles. One must realize there is an underlying human strength that emerges during troubles. This brings peace and patience. The forces of destruction can be overcome by the power of love.

Section B : Writing Skills and Grammar

Advertisement

- Format - Heading – 01 Mark
- Content – 02 Marks
- Expression – 01 Mark

Suggested Value points :

House for Sale

- Location
- Type
- Size / area
- Facilities (electricity, water, parking, ark, market)

- Cost / minimum prices expected
 - Contact details
 - Any other relevant details
- (Due credit should be given to given to economy of words)

Or

POSTER

- Layout — Eye catching and visually attractive — 1 Mark
- Content — Highlights of the event — 2 Marks
- Expression — Grammatical accuracy, spellings — Mark

Letter Writing

Note : No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given. Credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presentation of ideas.

Format — 01 Mark

1. Sender's address
2. Data
3. Receiver's address
4. Subject / heading
5. Salutations

Content — 03 Marks

Expression — 02 Marks

Letter to Direction, Excellent Coaching Centre

- duration
- timings
- batches
- facilities (stay/travel)
- charges / fees
- mode of payment

Letter of Complaint about 'Defective T.V'

- Details of purchase with bill number 'E' warranty
- Description of problem
- Inconvenience caused
- Request to repair or replace

Article Writing

Format (heading & Writer's name)

— 1 Mark

Content

— 4 Marks

Expression

— Marks

Mobile Phones

- Multipurpose—Phone, FM, camera, social sites, TV channels etc.
- Hazards—accidents.
- Exposure to radiation
- Judicious use.

Or

Report Writing

Format (Heading & Writer's name)

— 1 marks

Content

— 4 Marks

Expression

— 5 Marks

Adult Literacy Camp

- Reported by
- Who – Sunshine Public School
- Where – Neighbourhood
- What – Adult literacy camp
- When – date
- No. of volunteers

- Strategies developed
- Awareness spread
- People motivated
- Timings

Editing

Incorrect	Correct
(a) an	the
(b) teacher	teachers
(c) was	were
(d) hurrly	hurriedly
(e) him	her
(f) from	out
(g) drank	drinking
(h) wonder	wondered
7. (a) has become	
(b) used to take	
(c) was	
(d) have changed	
8. (a) The oil industry depends on the forests.	
(b) What products do we get from the forests?	
9. (a) When poet's mother enjoyed sea holiday with her two cousins.	
(b) Her mother's laughter	
(c) She is recollecting her past memories and missing them.	

Or

- (a) Father and son must live on the same land to rebuild their relationship.
- (b) Father's inability to understand his son and himself.
- (c) 'Empty hand' tells the failure to understand each other. (father & son)

10. (a) The child discovered that he had grown up mentally and was able to take his own decisions.
- (b) Rain water cycle makes it eternal as it rises out of the land and deep sea. It gathers in the sky, changes its form and then comes down to the earth.
- (c) King Tutankhamun was the last pharaoh of his dynasty that ruled Egypt for decade. The dynasty rattled down after the demise of king Tut.
- (d) When author's family settled down in the city, the grandmother couldn't accompany him to the school as he would go by motor bus. She was not able to help the grandson in his studies also so the common link between their friendship snapped.
- (e) Einstein got medical certificate with Yuri's help but he was expelled from the school by the head teacher since he was turning rebellious. So the medical certificate was proved useless.
11. The play 'Mother's Day' raises a serious issue. The treatment is of course, comic to show the presence and importance of housewife. She plays a lot of roles and performs all the duties with patience and all her might. The mother's excessive love, care and concern should be respected and acknowledged by the family members. She should not be taken for granted since she is the backbone of the family. Even in the twenty first century women face the same problems despite the talk of women empowerment. They face physical torment and mental anguish in modern society. This play conveys the message to resolve the issues to harmonise the society.
12. Life is not the bed of roses always. We face hazardous situations many times. But we should react to these situations with patience and fortitude. Adversity is the true test of character. dangers bring out the best in us. Fear is the negative feeling that leads to inactivity and surrender to circumstances. Such people lose against the odds in life. The persons with self confidence, courage resourcefulness and presence of mind face all the dangers boldly and overcome all disasters.
- Their caring and sharing attitude sets examples for others to tackle the adverse situation courageously and to overcome them.
13. This earth supplies all our needs. But we don't have a freehold on it. We are not its masters. We have not inherited it from our forefathers. Rather we have borrowed it from our children. And we have to give it back to them in good form. We should take from it as much as we give back to it. If we cut down forests for our use, we should plant new trees to replace them To meet our needs, we should not make an

overuse of our natural resources. We should always keep in mind the needs of the future generations also. We have to see that this earth remains livable for our children also.

If we are not consciously aware of preserving forests and natural resources to meet the needs of our future generations then we shall be leaving for them advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and an ailing environment. Thus, conservation of resources along with sustainable development is the strongest needs of the hour.

Or

In Einstein's Germany, students were not encouraged to understand things by reasoning. The teachers were not ready to listen to the reasonable arguments of the students. The parents also wanted that their wards should study in such a system and get a diploma. Without caring for child psychology and individual potential, the same type of education was given to all. The emphasis was laid on the bookish knowledge. Einstein used to read the books of science on his own. The school teachers never cared to judge the hidden talent of the students. Those who did not learn lessons were expelled from the school.

Even Einstein himself was expelled from the school by the headmaster on the pretext of history teacher Mr. Braun's observation that Albert would often disturb and distract the normal course of teaching in class. These is an urgent need to adopt a more pragmatic curriculum in schools in India even today so that the uniqueness of every child can brought out and nurtured.