

FIITJEE

CBSE PART TEST - I

ALL XTH STUDYING BATCHES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 1:30 Hour

Max Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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Part A (20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

(10)

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has banned formaldehyde in fresh fish, while the International Agency for Research on Cancer labelled the chemical a carcinogen in 2004. The evidence the IARC relied on mainly consists of studies on workers in industries such as printing, textiles and embalming. Such workers inhale formaldehyde fumes, and the studies show high rates of nasopharyngeal and other cancers among them. But there is little evidence that formaldehyde causes cancer when ingested orally.

A 1990 study by U.S. researchers estimated that humans consume 11 mg of the chemical through dietary sources every day. So, why is formaldehyde in fish a problem? For one thing, fresh fish should not have preservatives, and the presence of formaldehyde points to unscrupulous vendors trying to pass off stale catch as recent. Two, the lack of evidence linking ingested formaldehyde with cancer doesn't necessarily make the chemical safe. At high doses, it causes gastric irritation. Plus, the lack of data could merely mean that not enough people are consuming formaldehyde regularly enough for its carcinogenic effects to show — the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

There is a third complication. When certain marine fish are improperly frozen during transit, formaldehyde forms in them naturally. But this formaldehyde binds to the tissue, unlike added formaldehyde, which remains free. And so, measuring free formaldehyde versus bound formaldehyde can be one way of distinguishing a contaminant from a naturally occurring chemical. In this context, the Goan government must clarify its claim. Did the Goan FDA measure free formaldehyde or bound formaldehyde?

1. Which of the following can be inferred as the theme of the passage?

- (a) Shortcomings of Food and Drugs Administration.
- (b) Did the Goan FDA measure free formaldehyde or bound formaldehyde?
- (c) Nothing beats dynamite fishing for sheer efficiency.
- (d) Concerns over formaldehyde contamination of fish need to be addressed scientifically.

2. What does the author mean by the phrase "the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence" in context with the above passage?

- (a) Goa Government has not provided the proper evidence of absence of Formaldehyde in fresh fish.
- (b) There is a lack of evidence that inhaling formaldehyde fumes causes cancer.
- (c) There is no evidence that consuming formaldehyde shows carcinogenic effects, but this does not prove that formaldehyde is absent in fishes.
- (d) There is no evidence proving that enough people are fishes and thus no evidence of contamination of fish.

3. The IARC Study was conducted on workers of

- i. embalming
- ii. centrifuge
- iii. textiles
- iv. fisheries
- v. printing
- vi. blast furnace

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1,3 and 5
- (c) 2 and 6
- (d) 1, 4 and 5

4. Which of the words does NOT mean the same as UNSCRUPULOUS.
- (a) deceitful
 - (b) unprincipled
 - (c) ethical
 - (d) dishonest
5. According to the author, why is formaldehyde in fish problematic?
- a) fish hasn't been cleaned properly
 - b) fish is stale and the vendor passes it off as fresh fish
 - c) the fish had a diet rich in protein
 - d) the fish has been killed using formaldehyde
6. Which of the following statements is CORRECT in context with the passage?
- (a) Fish markets over the last few days wore a desolate look following the controversy.
 - (b) The researchers obtained five commonly used fishmeal products and subjected each one to a detailed genetic analysis.
 - (c) The discovery of fish food as a source of resistance genes migrating into oceanic bacteria is worrying, and the researchers say more work is needed to determine if these resistance traits can find their way into the human food chain.
 - (d) The Goa Government has not clarified the criteria on which they conducted the formaldehyde test.
7. Which of the following statements is/are INCORRECT with reference to the passage?
- i) Naturally occurring formaldehyde is different from chemically added formaldehyde
 - ii) The formaldehyde forming in improperly frozen marine fish, is free
 - iii) 11mg of formaldehyde that we consume every day, is carcinogenic
- a) 1
 - b) 1 and 3
 - c) 2 and 3
 - d) 1,2 and 3
8. The author tries to _____ the readers through this passage.
- a) scare
 - b) inform
 - c) rebuke
 - d) educate
9. Choose the closest meaning to the word CONTAMINANT
- a) purity
 - b) toxic
 - c) intoxication
 - d) adulterant

10. Formaldehyde fumes cause
- a) cancer
 - b) gastric irritation
 - c) has no effect
 - d) none of the above

II. Choose the correct options .

(5)

The rag-pickers of India _____1_____ a pitiable sight. Day in and day out they may be _____2_____ on the roads looking for cast-off clothes.

1. a) presented b) present c) will be present d) may present
2. a) see b) are being seen c) seen d) seeing
3. He is a journalist who _____detained in a city for more than a year.
a) is be b) can be c) might been d) has been
4. She said, "If you work hard, you will take good marks."
a) My teacher advised if I work hard I could take good marks.
b) My teacher advises if you work hard you will take good marks.
c) My teacher advises if I work hard I will take good marks.
d) My teacher advised that I worked hard I would take good marks.
5. The audience _____ settle before the doors are closed.
a. can b. shall c. might d. must

III Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5)

“What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over – there it is in the water!
No use to say – ‘O there are other balls’”

1. What emotions does the boy NOT display?
i) sadness
ii) joy
iii) confusion
iv) stoicism
- a) I and III
b) I and IV
c) II and IV
d) only II
2. Why does the poet say ‘No use to say – ‘O there are other balls’?
a) The poet says so as the ball was very expensive
b) The poet says so as the loss of the ball is of a major consequence to the boy.
c) The same ball would never return
d) According to the poet, the ball was a metaphor for his loneliness

3. Which figure of speech has been repeated in this extract?

- a) metaphor
- b) personification
- c) alliteration
- d) anaphora

4. Where did the ball go?

- a) had fallen in the water
- b) had fallen on the street
- c) had bounced on the street
- d) bounced on the water

5. Which of these words is closest to the meaning of the word 'MERRILY' as used in the passage.

- a) happy
- b) joyful
- c) cheerfully
- d) joyous

OR

To enhance the image of this long awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend 'Kitty'.

Since no one would understand a word of my stories to Kitty if I were to plunge right in, I'd better provide a brief sketch of my life, much as I dislike doing so.

1. Who was the long awaited friend of Anne?

- a) a classmate
- b) a cousin
- c) her diary
- d) her pet dog

2. Which of the following is/are NOT TRUE with respect to 'Diary of a Young Girl'?

- i) Anne had a diary which she named Kitty
- ii) she had lots of close friends
- iii) She wanted to write about her life for the world to read

- a) I
- b) I and II
- c) II
- d) II and III

3. Which of the following is NOT similar in meaning to the word 'PLUNGE'?

- a) fall
- b) free-fall
- c) ascend
- d) dive

4. What did she provide in her diary?

- a) stories of her life
- b) brief sketch of her family's life
- c) her experience with her teachers
- d) all of the above

5. To write down the idea as and when it occurs in mind is called

- a) jot
- b) imagination
- c) plunge
- d) enhance

PART-B (20 MARKS)

IV. You are Vaijanthi/Vijay from Prakasham Nagar, Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh. Write a letter to Book Haven Store, requesting home delivery of the books, stationery and art materials you had ordered telephonically. Share the reason for being unable to pick up the goods in person. Confirm your address details and a convenient time slot.

(5)

OR

(IV) The following table shows details about the internet activities for six categories for different age groups. Write an analytical paragraph for the table given in around 120-150 words.

Internet Activities by Age Group

Activity%	Age group						
	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

V. Answer ANY ONE question in 20-30 words.

(1X2=2)

1. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's fields?
2. What had the young seagull watched his parents doing the day before?

VI. Answer ANY ONE question in 20-30 words.

(1X2=2)

1. Anil walked away. I followed casually'. Why do you think the narrator followed Anil?

2. What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs Pumphrey?

VII. Answer ANY ONE question in 40-50 words

(1x3=3)

1. Describe the Tiger in the zoo?

2. How did the crow change the poet's mood?

VIII. Answer ANY ONE question in 40-50 words

(1x3=3)

1. Did Hari like working for Anil? Give reasons in support of your answer.

2. Briefly describe Herriot's days of content.

IX. Answer ANY ONE question in 100-120 words

(1x5=5)

1. Hari Singh didn't board the express and returned to Anil. Why did he return? On what values does this incidence put light on?

2. Describe the value of freedom for the human beings and how it is important for the growth of civilisation and humanism as described in the lesson 'Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom'.

HINTS AND SOLUTIONS

- (I)1-D
- (I)2- C
- (I)3. B
- (I)4. C
- (I)5. B
- (I)6. D
- (I)7. C
- (I)8. B
- (I)9. D
- (I)10. C

- (II) 1. B
- (II) 2. C
- (II) 3. D
- (II) 4. D
- (II) 5. D

- (III) 1.-B
- (III) 2. B
- (III) 3. D
- (III) 4. A
- (III) 5. C

OR

- (III) 1. C
- (III) 2. D
- (III) 3. C
- (III) 4. D
- (III) 5. A

(IV) **Ans-** format of formal letter

Reference

- Inform

- Give reason - Illness, family emergency, professional commitments, any other relevant reason & Request

- Details

OR

(IV) **Ans-** The given table suggests the internet activities of seven age groups ranging from teens to those in their seventies for six different kinds of activities. It is evident from the table that teens mainly use the internet for games (as high as 81%), news and downloads and are interested in searching for people or friends or doing any product research. The middle-age group (people in 20s to 60s) is highly interested in getting news, doing product research and buying products, the percentage ranging from 70-80%. The internet activity which gets the least time is searching for people. All the age groups spend less than 30% of their internet time on the same. The amount of time spent on downloads decreases with age and gets as low as 6% (for people in 70s). Overall, the table suggests that teenagers are most likely to spend time playing games and doing downloads. On the other side, older people are interested in researching and buying products. People spend the least amount of time searching for other people online.

(V) 1. Huge hailstones began to fall along with the rain. The hailstones destroyed Lencho's field. The flowers were gone from the plants, and the corn was destroyed.

(V) 2. The young seagull watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting in the art of flying and teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish.

(VI) 1. The narrator's purpose of robbing Anil had not yet been served. He followed Anil to gain his trust and look for an opportunity that may help him give shape to his plans.

(VI) 2. James Herriot's encounter with Mrs Pumphrey and Tricki made him expect a call for help. He was sure that the extra diet and no physical activity would soon put Tricki's health in danger.

(VII) 1. The tiger in the cage is just a diminished form of his original self. He paces up and down in the cage restlessly. He is confined in the narrow cell and keeps staring the stars as if longing for freedom. He is helpless and draws pity for his condition.

(VII) 2. A crow, sitting on the same tree, shook off the dust of snow, small particles of snow that remained on the surface after the snowfall, on the poet. This simple action changed the poet's mood. He realised that he had just wasted a part of his day repenting and being lost in sorrow.

(VIII) 1. Yes, Hari liked working for Anil. He was happy to carry on the chores for him and was grateful for the education he was receiving. Hari knew that Education could make his very successful in life. He used to make profit of about a rupee a day as well, which was a decent amount besides being fed.

(VIII) 2. The time of Tricki's stay at the hospital was a period of content for Herriot. He used to enjoy the treat that arrived in the name of Tricki, as he could not afford all this for himself. Herriot used to relish the fresh eggs in breakfast, wine before and during lunch and brandy in the night.

(IX) 1. Hari Singh was a thief and he had stolen Anil's money. After the theft, he realised that he had robbed not only Anil but also himself of the chance of being literate and having a bright future. His conscience pricked him to think what all he could have got had he not done this. It was difficult for him to rob Anil but it was tougher for him not to back. He realised that he could not make tea, buy daily supplies and learn how to read and write then. His inner self did not agree to bypass this and forced him to return. Hari's return to Anil shows that despite indulging in criminal acts, he still had a practical and positive attitude towards life. It is the awakening of Hari's conscience and Anil's love and care that reformed Hari's character. It teaches us that love alone can change a person. Anil's understanding nature and care changed Hari's thinking and made him mend his ways for good.

(IX) 2. Mandela always said that the political freedom was the result of sacrifices of thousands of the black people who fought for that. He said that it could not be repaid. He thought himself as the sum of all of those African patriots. He regretted that he could not thank them. He cursed the policy of apartheid that wounded the people of his country, which would take centuries to heal.

He also said that the oppression and brutality of the white people produced great freedom fighters like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, Luthuli, Dadoo, Fischer, Sobukwe and many more. They were the men of courage, wisdom and large heartedness. They really suffered a lot for the political freedom of the country.