



उत्तराखण्ड विद्यालयी शिक्षा परिषद्, रामनगर (नैनीताल)

इण्टरमीडिएट परीक्षा 'अ'
(उत्तराखण्ड) 12 पन्ने

Section - C

Question - 7

(a) In keeping our lives moving (iii)

(iii) It will kill our sadness

(c) Interrupt is a word which means to stop the progress of something.

(d) The given statement is True.

(e) An antonym of 'huge' is miniature.

(f) The poet wants us to keep quiet and introspect ourselves. The poet believes that if we take a moment to be silent and understand ourselves, we will be able to overcome the sadness that has accumulated in our lives.

Question-8

(a) Burning of fossil fuels (iii)

(b) Hardly (i)

(c) The name of the lesson is 'Journey to the End of the World' by Tishani Doshi.

(d) According to the author, we have an obligate relation with resources. Recently, there is an increase in human population which has left us battling with other species for the limited resources. Since we cannot survive without the resources, and are dependent on it, we have to compete for them.

Question-9

The stranger - - - - into the pouch.

(a) (ii) Ten-kronor notes

(b) The stranger in the above lines is the peddler, the rattrap seller.

(c) The stranger, the rattrap seller is currently in the old crofter's house.

(d) No, the stranger did not respect the confidence reposed in him by the old man. The old crofter was extremely kind to the peddler. However, the stranger did not respect that sentiment. Instead, he betrayed his trust and stole the thirty kronor that the old man had showed him.

(e) (ii) Took down a leather pouch.

(f) Incredulous means 'unbelieving'.

Question - 10

Ans (a) The young trees have been personified and described as 'sprinting'. This has been done to compare the lively, sprinting trees in motion with the old and ageing mother of the poetess, Kamala Das. Also, as the car in which the poetess is seated is moving, the trees appear to be moving backwards. Hence,

they appear to be 'sprinting' through the car window.

(b) A thing of beauty is a joy forever as its loveliness always increases and ~~never~~ never fades away. Nature is wonderful. The trees, mountains, valleys and rivers give us joy to look at and continue to give us joy throughout our lives. They are a permanent, happy memory in our lives.

(c) The title 'Lost Spring' conveys the lost childhood of many children of India like Sahel and Mukesh. Here, ~~to~~ childhood is compared to spring. Just like flowers blossom ~~to~~ in spring, children blossom to become fine individuals in their childhood. 'Lost Spring' refers to the lost childhood of these poor children of the country. They have lost their childhood as they were forced to work at a very young age due to poverty and poor living conditions.

(d) Edla^{was} happy to see the gift by the peddler because it showed his gratitude and thankfulness towards her. She was happy that her intuition had not been wrong and the peddler turned out to be a good man in the end. It gave her joy when she realized that she had not made a mistake housing the peddler and her kindness changed the peddler for ~~the~~ good.

(e) Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhi's life because it was for the first time the common man revolted and civil disobedience prevailed. The Champaran sharecroppers came to support Gandhi in large numbers. The common man learned his rights and realized he had defenders. The fear of the British declined significantly. Hence, the Champaran episode can be considered a starting point for the freedom struggle and thus, a turning point in Gandhi's life.

Question - 11

(a) Bama's reaction to the way the people of her community were treated was intense anger and loathing for the so called 'superior' castes. Being a child, Bama could not understand that such an evil practise was taking place. When her brother explained it to her, she was filled with extreme anger. The idea of untouchability sounded ridiculous to her innovative mind. She wondered how could the vadai be polluted by the people of her caste if it was first packaged in banana peel and then paper. She wanted to touch and 'pollute' those wretched vadais herself. She vowed to work hard and speak up for her community.

(b) Understanding of Antarctica is of utmost importance for the survival of the world. Antarctica has a single ecosystem and very little biodiversity. Hence, even small changes in the earth's temperature leads to massive changes in Antarctica. If we want to study the adverse

effects of our actions, Antarctica is the place to go. Researching on how even small events can lead to massive changes in Antarctica can help us to save this world. Hence, conservation and study of Antarctica is very important if we wish to see a future ahead of us.

Question-12

How does the metaphor of the rat trap serve to highlight the human predicament?

Ans In the story, The Rattrap Seller by Selma Lagerlöf, the protagonist of the story, the rat trap seller, compares the world to a big rattrap. He says that just as the rattrap offers cheese and pork in the form of bait, the world with its riches, joys, food, shelter and wealth is nothing but a big rattrap. Just like the rat trap closes around the rat once he is tempted by the baits, the world also traps people once they get

tempted by the riches and joys of life. Here, humans are compared to rats in a philosophical, yet humorous metaphor. Human beings are greedy and selfish species, who run after wealth all their lives. They do not realize that they are circling the rat trap their entire lives and their life comes to an end when the rat trap closes upon them. Hence, the metaphor of the rat trap serves to highlight human nature and predicament.

Question - 13

"There are moments — — — — —
— — — — — 'The Enemy'".

Ans In life, there are certain moments when we have to make difficult choices between our roles as private, distinguished individuals and as citizens with a sense of national loyalty. This has clearly been highlighted in the story 'The Enemy' by Pearl S. Buck. Dr. Sadako Hoki is a Japanese surgeon who lives along a sea

coast. When an American prisoner of war washes ashore his house, he is in a dilemma over what to do next. He is confused between his duty as a doctor and his responsibility and sense of citizen patriotism, being a japanese ~~doctor~~. As a doctor, his ethical values tell him to save the life of his patient. ~~The~~ Who the patient is does not matter in medicine.

However, as a Japanese citizen, he is inclined to hand over the soldier, the enemy to the Japanese army. In the end, he fulfilled both his responsibilities to the best of his capabilities. He saved the prisoner's life and performed surgery upon the soldier. However, as soon as he got better, he reported him to General Takima as a responsible citizen. Thus, even though he was caught up between his duties, he found the best solution for it.

Section-B [Creative Writing Skills]

Question - 3

You are Prakher/Mansi - - - - -
- - - - - necessary details

G.I.C. Ranikhet, Almora
NOTICE

Date - 06 March, 2025.

STORIES/ARTICLE/POEM WRITING

All students of the school are hereby informed that the school magazine, 'The Buds' is accepting short stories, articles, poems etc. to be highlighted in the school magazine. Bring out your pens and let the entire school know your literary talent!

Interested students may submit their articles by contacting the undersigned by 20 March, 2025.

Mansi,
Editor, 'The Buds'.
G.I.C. Ranikhet, Almora.

Question - 4

You are Anshu / Peehu - - - - -
- - - - - dinner at home.

Peehu
cordially invites you to
the
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
of her
grandparents
at their residence,
27, Raj Nagar Colony, Haldwani, Nainital
on 12 March, 2025 at 5 p.m.
Please confirm your availability at the earliest.
R.S.V.P.
Contact : 8979660176

Question - 5

You are Kamal/Anita - - - - detailed resume.

37, Race Course,
Dehradun.

06 March, 2025.

The Principal,
Holy Angels Senior Secondary School,
Dehradun.

Subject - Application for the post of
computer teacher.

Sir,

This is with reference to your
advertisement in the newspaper
'The Hindu' regarding the post of
computer teacher in your school.
I would like to offer my
candidature.

I have all the required qualifications
and experience for the job. I have a
pleasant personality and appreciable
working experience with students. I
have done my Bachelors from N.I.T.
Srinagar and my Masters from

Graphic Era College, Dehradun.

I am enclosing a copy of my resume for your kind consideration. If given a chance to serve your prestigious institution, I assure you that I will work with utmost devotion and sincerity upto your satisfaction. (me)

Anticipating a positive response from you.

Thanking you,

~~1/1~~ yours sincerely,
Anita.

Resume

Name: Anita Semwal

Father's Name: Mr. Manish Semwal

Date of Birth: 24 January, 1995.

Address: 37, Race Course, Dehradun.

Age: 30

Contact number: 8192881976

Nationality: Indian.

Qualifications:

Examination/ Degree	Name of Board/ Institution	Year of passing	Marks
1. Class X	C.B.S.E.	2011	98%.
2. Class XII	Uttarakhand Board	2013	97%.
3. B-Tech	N.I.T, Srinagar	2017	9.0 cgpa
4. M-Tech	Graphic Era, Dehradun	2020	8.9 cgpa

Hobbies: Reading, coding, writing.

Salary: Negotiable

References: 1) Dr. T.N. Goswami; Faculty, NIT Srinagar

2) Dr. Suman Gaur; Faculty, NIT Srinagar.

I hereby confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 06 March, 2025.

Anita Semwal.

Question-6

Mountains - My Best Friends by Anuradha

Mountains are one of the best marvels of nature. Covered with greenery, the lush forests and the hidden caves serve as a joyful and adventurous experience. I had the great opportunity to visit Ranikhet with my parents. The experience was calming and exciting at the same time.

My parents and I started for Ranikhet on 01 January, 2025 to celebrate our New Years in the hills. We took off early in the morning at 6 a.m. and it was a long 12 hour drive from Dehradun. However, the journey was just as enjoyable as the destination. We travelled past the holy Ganga and passed through three Sangams! (confluence of two rivers), Devprayag, Rudraprayag and Karnaprayag. We also passed through small streams, multiple waterfalls and an astonishing variety of trees! On reaching there, we were met with the warm welcome of the locals. The thing that I loved the most would be the welcoming and kind nature

of the locals. While we were there, we went to multiple places. We toured the Kumaon Regiment Area, went to 'Rani Gheel', and trekked 13 kilometres over a period of three days. My favourite place would be the 'Ghula Devi Temple'. With its incredible story of origin, it offered a divine atmosphere of worship and ~~for~~ peace.

Finally, the trip came to an end. I was reluctant to leave but I was extremely joyous and grateful to be carrying these incredible memories back with me. This was the adventurous trip I would remember all my life.

Section - A (Reading)

Question - 1

(a) (i) He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner.

(b) (iii) Chutzpah

(c) (i) Wash the rice

(d) (iii) 3 and 6.

(e) The father intended to say that rice is extremely easy to prepare and hardly takes time when he stated, "Who doesn't know how to cook rice?"

(f) Dexterous means showing or having skill.

(g) Yes, I feel that the author's cooking was up to the mark because the author had done extremely well for his first time cooking. Even though some rice stuck to the pot, the taste wasn't bad at all. Hence, I would say he did great for the first time.

(h) The author's overconfident nature is seen when he decided to not measure the water for boiling the rice even though he was an amateur. Professionals don't need to measure everything but the author was far from a professional. He is overconfident when pouring water for the rice.

(i) My rewarding experience would be somewhat similar to the author's. When I cooked chapatis for the

first time, I felt as if I had conquered the world! Obviously my chapatis were far from perfect and appeared somewhat disfigured, they were thankfully edible. It was a rewarding yet humbling experience at the same time!

Question-2

(a) ~~(i) The past five years have seen active applications by interns to several companies.~~

(b) (ii) Management.

(c) (iii) Jumping

(d) (iv) Reveal

(e) 'Healthy traffic' means that online internship portals are attracting a lot of people to their sites. A healthy amount of people are visiting their sites per month.

(f) The average stipend offered to interns was recorded as Rs. 7000.

(g) The 'obvious reasons' why most established companies are reluctant to take too many interns would be lack of experience and worldly knowledge by the youngsters, their unpredictable behaviour. Hiring too many interns who are not very fruitful might also lead to decrease in the company's finances.

(h) Virtual internships get more applications than in-office (approximately three times) because a large number of these students were enrolled in various courses and pursuing a college degree. Another simple reason could just be that students preferred working from home.

Ans (a) (iii) There were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in recent five years.