

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DURGAPUR
QUESTION BANK & REVISION SHEET FOR BLOCK TEST-I. (2018-19)

CLASS-XII
ENGLISH

My mother at sixty six

- a) How does the poet put away the thought of her mother?
- b) Why has the mother been compared with 'late winter's moon'?
- c) Why has the image of children spilling out of the homes been used?
- d) What does the poet do after the security check? What does she notice?
- e) How does the poem bring out the irony of human relationships?
- f) Cite one example of contrast that the poet uses in the poem.
- g) Significance of the title.

The last lesson

- a) Franz thinks, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?" What could this mean?
- b) How did Franz react to the declaration that it was their last French lesson?
- c) Why were the elders of the village sitting in the classroom?
- d) The order from Berlin aroused a particular zeal in the school. Comment.
- e) What was unusual about the school when Franz entered the school?
- f) What reason did Hamel give for the lack of interest in French?
- g) What was Hamel's reaction when Franz couldn't recite the rule of the participles?

The Tiger King

- a) The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story?
- b) Why was the tax doubled?
- c) What did the Dewan warn the king for increasing the tax? What was the king's reaction?
- d) Why did the Dewan decide to give away his own tiger?
- e) What impression do you form about the tiger king?

Lost spring

- a) Why had the ragpickers come to live in Seemapuri?
- b) In what sense is garbage gold to the ragpickers?
- c) How is Mukesh different from the other bangle makers of Firozabad?
- d) Whom does Anees Jung blame for the sorry plight of the bangle makers?
- e) In spite of despair and disease pervading the lives of the slum children, they are not devoid of hope. How far do you agree?
- f) Why does the author say that the bangle makers are caught in a vicious web?
- g) Give a brief account of life and activities of the people like Saheb-e-Alam settled in Seemapuri.

Deep water

- a) Which factors led Douglas to re-use the YMCA Pool?
- b) "This handicap stayed with me as the years rolled by." How did it affect his pursuit of swimming?
- c) Why did mother warn against river Yakima?

- d) How did the instructor build a swimmer out of Douglas?
- e) What strategy did Douglas have in his mind when he was thrown into the pool?
- f) Why couldn't Douglas execute his plan?
- g) 'I had both the sensation of dying and the terror that fear of it can produce'. Describe what Douglas refers to?

An elementary school classroom in a slum

- a) Why does the poet use the image of despair and disease in the first stanza of the poem?
- b) What message does Stephen Spender give through this poem? What solution does he offer?
- c) What does the expression 'far from the gusty waves' signify?
- d) Explain 'a father's gnarled disease'.
- e) What is the comparison drawn with the squirrels' game?
- f) Why does the poet call the map a bad example?

The enemy

- a) Why was the injured given a treatment although it was an unpatriotic act?
- b) Why didn't the General order the arrest of Dr Sadao for helping the white?
- c) Why was the Dr irritated and impatient with the patient?
- d) Why did Hana wash the wounded soldier herself?
- e) How can you say that Dr Sadao's father was a traditional and conventional man?
- f) What was the plan to get rid of the soldier? How was it executed? What character traits of the General are highlighted in this?
- g) How did Dr. Sadao rise above prejudice and save the life of P.O.W in the chapter "The Enemy"?

Keeping Quiet

- a) What are the fisherman and the man gathering salt symbolic of?
- b) What do the hurt hands imply?
- c) Write down the central theme in the poem "keeping quiet"?
- d) What does the poet call 'an exotic moment' and why?
- e) Why does the poet say that stillness should not be confused with total inactivity?
- f) "We should not be so single minded." Why does the poet say so?
- g) How does the poet Pablo Neruda tackle this sudden strangeness in his poem 'keeping quiet'?

The Rattrap

- a) Why did the crofter show thirty kroner to the peddler?
- b) When did the ironmaster realize his mistake?
- c) How is rattrap a metaphor?
- d) **Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain Von Stahle?**
- e) How does the peddler interpret the acts of kindness and hospitality shown by the crofter, the ironmaster, and his daughter?
- e) What is the theme of the story 'the rattrap' and how has it been developed?
Or, kind words can change a devil into a saint. Justify on the basis of the lesson

Should wizard hit mommy

- a) .Father has felt empty after two years of story telling to Jo. What idea do you form about his skill in the art of story telling ?
- b) Do you think the father in the story is, more or less, an alter ego of the author, as far as the childhood is concerned?
- c) How was Jo affected by Jack's story telling ?
- d) This was a new phase, just this last month. 'What new phase is referred to here in the story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy"?'
- e) Why does the wizard instruct the Skunk to "Hurry up"?
- f) After the Skunk started smelling of roses Jo "thought the story was all over." Why did she think so ?

Indigo

- a) Why did Rajkumar Shukla go to meet Gandhi?
- b) What was the conflict of duties in which Gandhi was involved?
- c) When did Gandhi say 'The battle of Champaran is won ?
- d) "Civil disobedience had triumphed the first time in India". How did it happen ?
- e) What did Gadhiji say to his friends when they suggested that Charles Andrews should be retained for the sake of the Champaran movement ?
- f) Justify the appropriateness of the title 'Indigo' to this extract.

On the face of it

- a) Mr. Lamb says to Derry; 'it's all relative, beauty and the beast', what essentially does he mean by that?
- b) Mr. Lamb has successfully learned to cope with his loneliness. How?
- c) What did Derry's mothers think of Mr. Lamb?
- d) Comment on the moral value of the play
- e) What is ironical about his mother's behaviour towards Derry?
- f) Though the play ends with Mr. Lamb's death there is still an element of hope. Explain.

A thing of beauty

- a) What is the source of the 'endless fountain of immortal drink'?
- b) To what does the poet compare the lovely tales?
- c) Explain 'the grandeur of the doom'.
- d) Explain sleep full of sweet dreams.
- e) Explain unhealthy and over darkened ways.
- f) How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
- g) Who is the mighty dead? Why are they called so? How are they beautiful?

Writing section

1. Bal Vidya Public School, Bhilai, urgently requires a post-graduate teacher to teach political science for which they have placed an advertisement in The Bhilai Express. You are Sanjay/Sanjana Sharma from 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai. Draft a letter including a CV, applying for the advertised post. (120 – 150 words)
2. You are Neeraj/Neeraja Shekhar, Principal, Vasant Public School, Pune. Your school has just started a music department. Write a letter to the Manager of Melody House, Pune, wholesale suppliers of musical instruments, placing an order for musical instruments for the school. Ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. (120 – 150 words)

3. You are Faiz/Falak Mazumdar living at 39, Udampur Colony, Shimla. You decide to hold a dinner party to congratulate your grandparents on their golden wedding anniversary. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words to all family members to attend a grand dinner at home.
4. You are Harish/Harshita of 12, Seva Nagar, Pune. You want to sell your flat as you are shifting to another city for work. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in The Pune Times under the classified columns.
5. You are Ali/Alia, Head girl / Head boy of your school. You are deeply disturbed by the rising cases of aggressive behaviour of students in your school. You decide to speak during the morning assembly about it. Write a speech on 'Indiscipline in Schools'. (150 – 200 words)
6. Recent floods in many metropolitan cities of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on the common man's woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma.
7. MMD School, Nashik, recently organised a science symposium on the topic : 'Effect of pollution on quality of life'. You are Amit/Amita Raazdan, editor of the school magazine. Write a report on the event for your school magazine. (120 – 150 words)
8. "Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career." Write a debate either for or against the motion. (120 – 150 words)
9. You are Ram/Rajani, Secretary, Social Service Club, Sun Public School, Nagpur. Your club is organizing a book fair for your school students. Draft a notice for your school notice board giving all relevant information about the event, in not more than 50 words..
10. You are Ram/Rajani. Draft a classified advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published in India Times for the sale of a used motor car giving all the necessary details. You can be contacted at 12345679.
11. You are Ram/Rajani, a resident of Nagpur. You feel students should use the Internet mostly for gaining knowledge rather than wasting away time merely on entertainment. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor, 'The Harbinger', 9, Bund Marg, Hyderabad, pointing out how schools can control students' net surfing at school and enable them to use internet fruitfully.
12. You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Rana Pratap Marg, New Delhi. Read the advertisement given below and apply for the job that suits you giving your biodata separately.

Sun University

requires Lecturers in English and Demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Botany for their new Campus at Panipat. Candidates with a minimum of 5 year experience alone can apply. Excellent command of English is a must. Excellent package and compensation for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to sununiversityjobs@gmail.com or mail their response to : Box no 123. 'The Harbinger', New Delhi.

13. You are Ram/Rajani, an academic counsellor. You have been invited to speak on 'Reading Makes a Ready Man'. Prepare a speech in 150-200 words, giving your views on reading and pointing out how reading improves our knowledge, promotes thinking and develops our emotional health, thereby promoting peace and prosperity in life.

14. Write a debate either for or against the motion : Laziness and not bad luck is the only obstacle one's success in life. (150-200 words)
15. You are Ram/Rajani. You feel that in India, with its rich and varied heritage, linguistic and cultural diversity is essential to live in harmony which alone will lead to prosperity and peace. Write an article on the topic 'Unity in Diversity', in 150-200 words, specifying the advantages of unity and how we can promote it in spite of our diversity in religion, culture and language. You may quote relevant examples.
16. You are Ram/Rajani. You are concerned about the growing problem of obesity in children which leads to type II diabetes. Write an article in 150-200 words titled 'Health, the best Wealth,' throwing light on what problems arise if we eat junk food or overeat and neglect our health, and how we can maintain good health through right food and good habits.
16. You are Vikram/Sonia, an Hon's graduate in history with specialization in Medieval India. You are well acquainted with places of historical interest in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. You are looking for the job of tourist guide. Write an advertisement in about 50 words for the situations wanted column of a local newspaper. Your contact no. 999751234.
17. While walking in a park in your neighbourhood you found a small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put on the park notice board asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Amar/Amrita 9399123456.
18. In our society we do not give to our women the respect and status that they deserve. Women are stared at, stalked and even molested. We need to change the male mindset about women. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the problem. You are Omar/Amna, A114 Mall Road, Delhi.
19. You want to spend a week-long holiday at Shimla in the month of October. You have decided to stay at Hotel Snowview. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the manager to book a room. Mention the dates, facilities in the room, food, sight-seeing facilities etc you will need. You are Amar/Amrita M114, Lake Road, Karnal.
20. Our performance in Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is time we revised our attitude. Sports should be an important part of school's daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words in 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja/Thomas.
21. Cultural Society 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 P.V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues :
no. of volunteers – hours spent in teaching – location of the class – chairs, blackboards – no. of people attending the camp – benefit.
22. Your PGT English Ms. Geetha is a short story writer also. 'Sky is not Far' is a collection of her latest short stories. This book has won a national award. Write a speech in 150 – 200 words you will deliver in her honour in the morning assembly.
23. 'Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Section	Unit/Area of Learning	Marks
A	Reading Comprehension	30
B	Writing Skills	30
C	Literature & Long Reading Text	40

	(i) Flamingo + Value Based	
	(ii) Supplementary Reader - Vistas	

READING COMPREHENSION 30

Marks Reading Unseen Passages and Note making The section A will have three passages.

A. **Two unseen passages** with a variety of Very Short Answer / Short Answer or Multiple Choice type questions to test comprehension, interpretation and inference. Vocabulary such as word formation and inference of meaning will also be tested. The total length of the two passages will be between 1100 - 1200 words.

Six Multiple Choice type question and sixteen Very Short Answer Type Questions (total 22 Marks) shall be asked from these passages.

The passage will include two of the following:

a) Factual passages, e.g., instructions, descriptions, reports. b) Descriptive passages involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, persuasive or interpretative text. c) Literary passages, e.g., extract from fiction, drama, poetry, essay or biography. A poem could be of 28-35 lines. The passages can be literary, factual or discursive to test comprehensions. The length of one passage should be between 600-700 words.

B. **The third passage** will be of 400-500 words .**Note-making and Abstraction** will be assessed . i. one Short Answer Type Question(3 Marks) ii. one Long Answer Type Question to be answered in 80-100 words (5 marks) .

SECTION B WRITING SKILLS 30 Marks

a. One question out of the two Short Answer Questions, e.g., advertisement and notices, designing or drafting posters, writing formal and informal invitations and replies. – 4 Marks

b. One question out of the two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words: Letters based on verbal / visual input.- 6 Marks Letter types include Business or official letters (for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies) Letters to the editor (giving suggestions or opinion on issues of public interest) Application for a job

c. Two Very Long Answer Questions containing internal choice, to be answered in 150-200 words: Two compositions based on visual and/or verbal Input may be descriptive or argumentative in nature such as an article/a debate/ a speech or a report- (10x2=20 Marks)

SECTION C LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT 40 Marks

I. Very Short Answer Questions - Based on an extract from poetry to test comprehension and appreciation. (4 Marks)

II. Four out of six Short Answer Questions based on prose / drama / poetry from both texts (4X3=12 Marks)

III. One out of two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts .(6marks)

IV. One out of two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words to test global comprehension along with analysis and extrapolation. (6marks)

V. One out of two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words based on theme, plot and incidents from the prescribed novels. (6marks)

VI. One out of two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words - based on understanding appreciation, analysis and interpretation of character sketch. (6marks)