

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DURGAPUR
QUESTION BANK & REVISION SHEET FOR BLOCK TEST-1 (2017-18)
CLASS-XI

ENGLISH CORE

HORNBILL AND SNAPSHOTS

Reference to Context (RTC) questions:

1. "That was the turning point...."
2. 'As my grandmother being young... revolting.
3. 'My grandmother... with resignation'
4. 'Even on the first day....'
5. 'I didn't want to worry... all'
6. 'we aren't afraid of dying... Sue and I'
7. 'Because you are the best daddy in the world'
8. 'Daddy are we going to die...'
9. '... the consolidated ... king's remain..'
10. '... the mummy is in very bad condition...'
11. 'I was so worried... and sleep'
12. 'Just above the entrance of Tit's tomb... the god of after life'
13. What goes under the pot.... inside it'
14. "The earth's vital signs reveal a patient in declining health"
15. 'There can be no doubt that growth of world population is one of the ... human society'
16. 'No generation has a freehold on this earth...'
17. 'I am the poem of earth...'
18. 'I descend to lave... the globe'
19. 'I give back life to my origin..'
20. The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling
Each one holding one of my mother's hands,
And she the big girl- some twelve years or so.
21. All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera, A sweet face
My mother's, that was before I was born
- 22...A sweet face,
My mother's, that was before I was born
And the sea, which appears to have changed less
Washed their terribly transient feet.
23. Some twenty- thirty- years later
She'd laugh at the snapshot. "See Betty
And Dolly," she'd say, "and look how they
Dressed us for the beach."
25. ...The sea holiday
was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry
With the laboured ease of loss
26. Now she's has been dead nearly as many years
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance
There is nothing to say at all,
Its silence silences.

THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

long answer

1. The grandmother symbolizes for the old generation while the writer for the new generation. How?
2. In the rapid pursuit of modernity we often neglect our grandparents. Prove it in reference to the character and life of grandmother.
3. How are the rural and urban sets of life exhibited in the chapter?

short answer

1. Why did the sparrows not take up the chunks of bread that day?
2. Describe the grandmother's love for religion, nature and animals.
3. The dogs and sparrows became the gap-filling friend of grandmother. Clarify.
3. Why did grandmother suffer acute loneliness and neglected? And how did she manage to overcome the depression and frustrations obtained due to it?

WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO DIE IF WE ARE ALL TOGETHER

long answer

1. How does the optimism and collaboration make the ship steer safely through life staking dangers of strong waves and storms?
2. How could they celebrate the Christmas over their boat?
3. What gift did the daughter present to their parents and what did it signify?
4. 'We are not afraid to die if we are all together'. How did it boost up the morale of father?

short answer

5. Describe the efforts and endeavors done by them to tackle the toughest and roughest weather with demoniac storm, waves and winds.
6. Why do people take risk on such expeditions?

DISCOVERING TUT: THE SAGA CONTINUES

long answer

1. How did Tut move regally ahead of his countrymen -in death, as in life?

2. Why were people afraid of the curse of pharaoh?
3. What funerary treasures were laid along the mummy of dead and why?
4. Why did the mummy of Tut draw attention of all and scanned numerously?

short answer

5. Why was the era of Amenhotep IV called 'the strangest period in the history of Egypt.'
6. What difficulties did the scanning team face and why?
7. What surprising facts of Tut were disclosed after scanning?

LANDSCAPE OF THE SOUL

long answer

1. How did Chinese art differ from the European paintings? Give at least one instance of both from the chapter?
2. What does ultimately happen to Wu Daozi and his paintings?
3. What is the Daoism of the universe? Or what is the concept of universe in Daoism?
4. What is significance of vacuum / void /white space in Chinese painting?

short answer

5. What role does man perform between earth and sky?
6. What is 'art brut' or outsider art and how did it draw international attention?
7. Why is the 'rock garden' of Chandigarh an extraordinary and marvelous feat?
8. What will be the real tribute to Nekchand?
9. An art depicts the life of an era. How?

THE AILING PLANET: THE GREEN MOVEMENT'S ROLE

long answer

1. When and why did the Green Movement start?
2. What is the holistic and ecological view of the dear planet earth?
3. Why and how is the earth considered as a living organism?
4. What is 'Sustainable development' and who popularized this worldwide concept?
5. Where and why is it written that, 'Man is the most dangerous man of the earth'? Or 'here is the world's most dangerous animal' while looking in the hanging glass.
6. Why are the millions of living species still unnamed into ignominious darkness?

short answer

7. Who said, 'Are we to leave to our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and ailing environment?' and why?
8. What are the four major biological system of the earth and how are they rapidly getting affected and depleted?
9. Why is the 'Power house of evolution' on the verge of extinction?
10. 'What goes under the pot now costs more than what goes inside it.' What the statement intends to say?
11. The rate of erosion of the forests is more than what the records say. What did James Speth say in this regard?
12. What provision given in Indian constitution to conserve forests and wildlife?
13. What is the virtual condition of the Indian forests?
14. How is the rapid growth of population responsible for all these environmental complexities?
15. 'Many hands do not many works but many hands without works'. How?
16. Why has the protection of planet become issue of concern to all?
17. 'We have not inherited it from our forefathers but we have borrowed from our children'. Who made this statement and why?
18. Why did Margaret Thatcher say, "No generation has free hold on this the earth, all we have a life tenancy-with full repairing lease?"

THE PHOTOGRAPH

1. Why did both mother and daughter suffer the loss?
2. What did the sea not change although time passed and what did it symbolize

long answer

Bring out the theme of transience vs permanence.

element of nostalgia as discussed in the poem.

snapshots

Laburnum top.

- 1) Which local bird is like the goldfinch?
- 2) To what is the bird's movement compared? What is the basis for this comparison?
- 3) Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?
- 4) What does the phrase, "her barred face identity mask" mean?

- 5) the movement words
- 6) the dominant colour in the poem
- 7) Words which describe 'sleek', 'alert', and 'abrupt'
- 8) Other sounds that occur frequently in the poem.

RANGA'S MARRIAGE

1. describe the disgraceful event at Rama Rao's house.
2. "his face shriveled like a roasted brinjal" explain
3. marriages at Hosahalli were different from today's concept.
4. Child marriages should not be supported. discuss

THE ADDRESS

Why did the narrator go to no.46 marconi street?

Why was Mrs Dorling cautious while opening the door?

How was the narrator convinced that she had made no mistake?

Why did the narrator finally decide to forget the address?

THE SUMMER OF THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE HORSE

short answer

1. What did John Byro say to the boys after looking at the horse?
2. What are the peculiarities in Uncle Khosrove's behaviors?
3. Why did the boys return the horse back to the owner?
4. Why did the cousin return the horse to John Byro?

Long answer

Describe the horse ride enjoyed by the two boys.

Explain Aram's reaction when he saw the horse for the first time.

Give an instance from the story "The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse" to prove that the...

How does Aram justify the act of stealing the horse?

What values do Aram and Mourad reflect in their character?

Albert Einstein at school

Why was Einstein's presence in the school a persistent soreness for his teachers and classmates?

What was Einstein's theory of education?

What were Einstein's views regarding rote learning? Why is mere rote learning useless?.

What made Einstein unhappy at school?

Why didn't Einstein take interest in learning the dates of wars? OR What was 'Einstein's theory of education?'

LETTER WRITING

- a) Complaining against defective items and replacement
- b) Enquiry about a course
- c) Enquiring about scholarship
- f) Rash driving
- e) Unlawful encroachment of footpath by the hawkers
- f) complain against delivery of damaged product

ARTICLES

Literacy drive

effects of advertisement on young minds

women empowerment

India emerging as a major centre for cyber crime

reading books have become obsolete

reckless animal poaching for leather made articles

lack of manner and decency amongst the youth

NOTICE

inter school debate competition

society members to stop misuse of water

all India essay writing competition

sit and draw competition

lost your pen pouch in the school premises

ADVERTISEMENT

Your school is going to stage a drama 'Macbeth'. Draft a commercial display.

Draft a commercial display for a well known Kitchen Appliance.

Draft an advertisement for :

raising fund for the orphan children

donating blood

launching new coaching centre

POSTER

Blood donation camp

Free eye checkup

water conservation

REPORT

annual sport's day
independence celebration
road accident

Grammar

Q1: I entered the manager's office and sat down.

I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset.

a) _____

"I leave the money in my desk," I said,

b) _____

"and it is not there now". The manager was very sympathetic

but he can do nothing. "Everyone loses money these days", c) _____

he said, He start to complain about this wicked world,

d) _____

but is interrupted by a knock at the door.

e) _____

A girl came in and puts an envelope on his desk.

f) _____

It contains five hundred rupees. "I found this

g) _____

outside this gentleman's room," she said.

"Well! I say to the manager, "there is still some

h) _____

honesty in this world !"

Q2. The following passage is incomplete. One word has been omitted in every line against which there is a blank. Indicate the place where the word has to be inserted with a / and write the word in the space provided.

Parmesh and his friends planning a trip

a) _____

during the summer vacations. While all of them

b) _____

keen to get away from the heat, none them were able to suggest which place to visit.

c) _____

It only draw of lots which could finally decide the matter.

d) _____

They decided on Ooty as it neither too far away nor too crowded

e) _____

The date of departure and the duration of their stay still to be decided.

f) _____

The announcement of their final exam date sheet still two weeks away.

g) _____

Until then, each of them resolved

h) _____

collect information about hill station.

i) _____

Q3. Edit the passage underlining the mistake present in every line by writing the correct word in the blank space.

My day begins on five O'clock in the morning

a) _____

It has been so since the last forty years

b) _____

except for the two years of which I was

c) _____

very ill. I wake up at the sound of an

d) _____

alarm clock bought at 1952.

e) _____

From then until today, it has never

f) _____

let me down. My routine, however turns topsy-turvy

g) _____

in holidays when I cannot sleep for ten O'clock. I have

h) _____

maintained a fairly regular routine over my working years.

i) _____

When I retire on two years' time, I hope I will be

able to continue this practice.

Q4. Underline each error and write the correction in the space provided.

India is very fortunate that it have many

a)

rivers. Their famous rivers are Sutlej,

b)

Ganga, Yamuna and Narmada. Some of
the river like Ganga, which
originated from the Himalayas, flow
throughout the year. They provide water
for both drinking and irrigational purpose.
Some river in India are considered very

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f)

sacred and are worshipped.

Q5. Read the following jumbled words and phrases. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentence.

a) tiny particles/is made/everything/atoms/at which/are the

(b) impossible/small an /it is/to imagine/how/atom is,

(c) is probably/thick/of paper/a million/a sheet/atoms

(d) particles/atoms are/subatomic/particles called/smaller/up of/made

(e) every atom/nucleus/is/in the/its/middle of.

Syllabus Block test

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A PHOTOGRAPH

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WRITING

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REPORTING, COMPREHENSION.

GRAMMAR

Integrated Grammar