

Pre-Mid Term Tests

(Periodic Tests)

Lessons-Prose (1, 2), Poetry (1, 2), Drama-1,
Novel-The Story of My Life (1-8), The Diary of A Young
Girl (June 12, 1942 - November 1942)

Answers

Test 1

Maximum Marks 10

Section A (Reading)

1. (a) intelligent
(b) touching
(c) both tool users and toolmakers.
(d) take away violently.

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

Section B (Writing & Grammar)

2. 57, Krishna Nagar colony

New Delhi

6 April 20 XX

The Sales Manager

Digital World

XYZ street

New Delhi

Subject : Complaint against Washing Machine

Sir,

I regret to inform you that I had purchased a Washing Machine from your showroom on 8th February 20 XX vide bill no. 12570, but it has stopped functioning properly though it is still in the warranty period. The drier is not working and the clothes remain dripping well even after the spin dry function of the machine is over. Through this letter of mine I request you to replace the washing machine as it is still in the warranty period.

I look forward to an early action from your end.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

Madhur

3.	Error	Correction
(a)	decide	decided
(b)	was	had

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

Section C (Literature & Extended Reading Text)

4. (a) The narrator and the two brothers, Nicola and Jacopo went on the trip.
 (b) They had gone to Poleta. $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
5. The frog was a hated singer in the bog. He had a rough voice and the creatures living in the bog loathed his voice, still he kept on singing. But with the arrival of the nightingale, the situation changed. His position was challenged. So, he posed as a great singer and offered to teach the nightingale. The nightingale, being foolish, accepted him as her teacher and tried to imitate his voice. With the result, her own voice became hoarse and uninspired. Other creatures also became tired of listening to her song. At this, the frog scolded her. In order to please the frog, she rehearsed a lot which ended in her bursting a vein and she died. 1
6. **Value Points :**
- Martha was a coloured girl, child of the cook.
 - She was servile and understood Helen's signs.
 - Dominated over her, making her do what she desired
 - Martha had a love for mischief.
 - They would do house-hold work, spend time in the kitchen
 - They would go egg-hunting, and visit stables, yards etc.
 - Was her constant companion.
- (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016) 2

Detailed Answer :

Martha Washington was the daughter of the cook who helped Helen Keller's mother. She was a coloured girl. Since both of them were of the same age group, they could always be seen together. In other words she was Helen's constant companion. Though she was a child, yet she could very well understand Helen's sign language. Whenever Helen went out to play, Martha was always by her side. But Helen always dominated her. Martha had a great love for mischief. She used to go egg-hunting for the guinea- fowl eggs in the long grass with Helen. Martha used to spend a lot of time with Helen in the kitchen kneading dough balls, helping to make ice-cream, grinding coffee, quarrelling over the cake-bowl and not to forget, feeding the hens and turkeys that swarmed about the kitchen steps. The sheds for storing corn and stables were sources of interest to Martha. In fact she was a mischievous girl who submitted to Helen's mischief most of the time. 2

Or

Anne was very shy and an introvert. She had friends but none with whom she could share her secrets. She never confided in any of them. On her thirteenth birthday, she was presented a red and white checkered diary by her parents. The first sight of the diary had made Anne grow a liking for it and she started entering her deep thoughts and feelings into it. She gave it a name 'Kitty' and in all her entries she referred to it as 'Dear Kitty'. There was no aspect of her life which she did not mention in the diary. Whenever she found time, she 'spent' it with the diary. She wrote about teenage desires, her friends, her fears, her loneliness. She had always felt a need for a friend which she found in her diary. 2

Test 2

Maximum Marks 10

Section A (Reading)

1. Expected Answers/Value Points of Test Item :

- (a) In Europe.
 - (b) The king.
 - (c) It makes the mind stronger and is an exercise for the brain.
 - (d) It is comparable to life and chess skills are useful in living life. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)
- (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015)

Detailed Answer :

- (a) Modern chess originated in Europe.
- (b) The King is the most important piece in chess.
- (c) It makes the mind stronger and is an exercise for the brain. It is like a workout for the brain.
- (d) Chess and life are comparable and moves in chess are like skills which are useful in life.

Section B (Writing & Grammar)

2.

A Terrible Collision

The night before the zonal debate competition, I was practicing my part till late night. Everyone was fast asleep. Even I was planning to go to sleep. Suddenly, there was a loud crash. I jumped out of my bed and rushed out to see the cause of that sound. The sight outside was ghastly. Two cars had collided with each other because of the dense fog. The occupants of both the cars were screaming and shouting for help. Other people had also come out of their houses after hearing the sound. In a flash of second, everyone started helping the injured. There were four young men in one car who were returning after attending a party while a family was there in the other car. The drivers of both the cars were badly injured. I called up the ambulance service and the police as well. Within no time, the ambulance reached there. It was a tough job taking the passengers out of the front seat as they had got stuck in their seats due to the collision. Many helping hands came forward and finally all the passengers from both cars were taken out. They were shifted to a nearby hospital. Two people had not received serious injuries so they were asked to inform their family members about the accident. One man from the crowd informed the authorities to send a crane as the cars had blocked the road as well. It took almost one hour for all this. Then I went inside but I could not practice any more due to the terrible scenes flashing in my mind. The only good thing was that nobody had lost their life and all were safe. 3

3. (a) about (b) introduced ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

Section C (Literature & Extended Reading Text)

4. (a) a mirror.
(b) It reflects back your image objectively. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)
5. In a moment, a crowd of excited natives had swarmed on to the scene, and they carried the glad news to the village, where a thumping of tom toms took up the chorus of triumph. And their triumph and rejoicing found a ready echo in the heart of Mrs. Packetide. 1
6. Helen had been a great lover of nature. She felt immense in the midst of beautiful flowers, trees and birds etc. But she knew nothing about the fury of nature. Once on a pleasant noon, Helen and her teacher decided to have lunch in their garden. Miss Sullivan helped her climbing a cherry tree and made her sit on it. Then there came a thunder storm that frightened her to death. She felt that the tree

and she would fall together. She came to know that nature could also be unkind.

2

Or

The school where Anne went to receive her education had nine teachers out of which seven were men. Her Maths teacher, Mr. Keesing, was one of those seven. He was a very strict teacher. He didn't like anyone talking in the class whereas, Anne talked too much. One day he assigned her an extra piece of home-work which was an essay on 'A Chatterbox'. Anne understood what her teacher wanted from her. She finished her assignment and decided to stay quiet in the class. She wrote the essay with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. Mr. Keesing liked her arguments that she was like her mother who was more talkative than her. Thus, it was her inherited trait. Mr. Keesing, being a hard task master wanted to ridicule Anne and so gave her two more assignments 'Quack Quack Quack' and 'An Incurable Chatterbox'. Anne took the help of her friend to write about the topic in verse and emerged successful. Mr. Keesing took the joke in the right way and allowed Anne to talk in the class. He understood that he had been wrong in telling her not to talk and in giving her extra homework. 2

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Mid Term Tests

Lessons-Prose (1-4), Poetry (1-4), Drama-1,
Novel-The Story of My Life (1-15), The Diary of A Young
Girl (June 12, 1942 - July 1943)

Answers

Test 1

Maximum Marks 10

Section A (Reading)

- (a) Man always sees the tiger as the symbol of pride, his deepest fears, desires and aspirations.

(b) The tiger is admired for its lithe muscles, courage and beauty.

(c) The fat in the tiger's body is used to cure rheumatism.

(d) They have forelimbs and broad shoulders, with the help of which tigers grapple their prey and hold onto it with the retractable, long claws of their broad forepaws. $(\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2)$

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015)

Section B (Writing & Grammar)

- 136 New Kamla Nagar

Agra

27th May 20××

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject : Poor Condition of Heritage Sites

Sir,

Last Sunday I went to visit the Taj Mahal along with my parents. I was quite excited but all the excitement was only short-lived as the place was not as beautiful as it should have been. The Taj, no doubt, is an epitome of beauty. But the place outside was littered with plastic plates, broken bottles, leftover food, etc. Many tourists come to Agra to view the Taj, but the mess around the monument leaves a bad impression on the tourists. People must acquire some good civic habits. Dustbins should be provided at short distances and people should use them. They should throw their waste and leftovers in the dustbins. Spitting of pan-masala should not be done, and the offenders should be fined. Children should be inculcated with civic sense right from the beginning. Parents should ensure that their children develop good habits. There is a dire need to check all this and to take preventive steps.

Through this letter of mine, I want to create awareness among general public that we must not neglect our archaeological and heritage sites. We must take good care of them by following good civic habits and by following the code of conduct ethically.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Archit Mahajan

3. (a) Change is the basic truth of existence.
 (b) Every moment of entire cosmos is changing. $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

Section C (Literature & Extended Reading Text)

4. (a) It refers to the old age of Ali.
 (b) He took a new turn as he had realized the meaning of love and separation. $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

5. Value Points :

They were always calling them and asking them questions which they had to answer. 1

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2012]

Detailed Answer :

The ghost was angry with the Ouija Board fanatics because their number had increased. Helen and other ghosts could not take it as they were called upon quite often and they had to answer their questions for long.

6. When Helen was summoned by the investigative body to answer to the charges of plagiarism, Keller was very distressed. In the beginning, she pleaded innocence and assured that she could not recall Miss Canby's 'The Frost Fairies' being read out to her. Miss Sullivan also had not even heard of the book called 'Birdie and his Friends'. Later, it was found that Ms. Sophie had read many books to Helen in Anne's absence. Whereas, Mr. Anagnos thought that Helen and Miss Sullivan had copied someone else's stories to impress him.

She found that irrespective of her explanations, the committee had already decided that Helen had copied 'The Frost King' from Miss Margaret T. Canby's 'The Frost Fairies'. This had frightened Keller so much that she refused to resume writing. Even while writing letters to her mother, she would double-check them to ensure that each and every word or expression was her own creation. She was very upset and got many consolations. Even Miss Canby kindly sent her a letter. But still this was a black cloud in Helen's garden of childhood. 2

Or

Value Points :

Anne's resentment due to the strange circumstances she was in - confined to a small place with fear being her constant companion - initially mother was jovial - teased her about her boyfriend - praised her for her school reports but later Anne did not like to be treated like a baby - did not want to be sermonized - felt that her mother was not an ideal mother who would support her emotionally - felt mother was more fond of her sister - blamed Anne for everything - jealous of her father's attention to her sister - blamed Anne for everything - jealous of her father's attention to her mother - mother's sarcasm - lack of sweetness - accusations affected her, so did not confide in her.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016] 2

Detailed Answer :

Anne's relationship with her mother was of a complex and complicated nature. The complexities arose from the difference in disposition and temperament between the two and the complications stemmed from these complexities. Anne felt that she did not fit in with them, she saw her mother as being very sentimental and that always trying to put up a picture of a family that got along well together without taking into account individual feelings which might be different than the ones she imposed upon them. She felt detached from her; there was a gap in understanding between the two. She did not get along with her mother and felt alienated from her, their fractious relationship notwithstanding, Anne's mother would fiercely defend her daughter if anybody raised a finger against her. Sometimes Anne couldn't stand her mother because she thought that her mother was not interested in what went on in her daughter's mind and Anne felt that she knew her girlfriends better than her mother. Anne believed that her mother, in spite of being well-educated, did not know much

about the world and did not care for it either. Anne realised that her mother was not an ideal mother who would support her emotionally. She felt that there was lack of sweetness and more of sarcasm in her mother. Her accusation affected her so much that she did not confide in her. She never felt one with her mother. Anne was an independent spirit and could function in life without her mother's support. We can look at it this way that her mother somewhat knew about this and in order to retain the parent child relationship, she treated Anne like a child because it is hard for a parent to come to terms with a child who doesn't need a parent to live life, who is capable of taking care of herself without being nurtured by her parents. But every child needs their parent no matter how strong and capable they are, so her mother did not understand that and continued to follow the parents' template of behaviour. Fact of the matter is, every child is different and there are no rules when it comes to bringing up a child. So, there seems to have been a gap in communication from both sides and this led to a difference of understanding between mother and daughter. However, as Anne grew up, she forgave her mother for her failures and decided to be more considerate towards her.

Test 2

Maximum Marks 10

Section A (Reading)

1. (a) Invention of the computers
- (b) Solve mathematical problems / put thousands of unrelated facts in order.
- (c) Providing information in the best way to prevent traffic jams/used in industries / used in universities / carry out complicated work in all branches of learning (**Any one**).
- (d) They need detailed instructions from human beings to operate/cannot make decisions of their own (**Any one**).

($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015)

Section B (Writing & Grammar)

2. ABC Public school

Pune

9 September 20xx

The Manager

Aradhya Tours and Travels

Pune

Subject : Enquiry Regarding Conducted Tours

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, we wish to enquire about the tours organised by you as we are planning a five day educational trip to Jaipur for the students of class IX and X

Please let us know the terms and conditions of the conducted tours by you, the charges including boarding/ lodging, the fare, Volvo bus service and any other relevant information. We request you to give a reasonable discount as well because it is an educational trip. We will appreciate if you send us printed material or brochure of your conducted tours.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Jatin

3. (a) If she had watched KBC the previous day.
 (b) She should have watched it. A man from Lucknow had played extremely well. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)
4. (a) Abel;
 (b) Family's negligent attitude towards the speaker. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

5. Value Points :

Inscription : 'I am Ozymandias', mocks at his claim to power and might. Statue is on the ground - ravaged - destroyed by time - nothing to be seen except the vast and endless stretch of sand.

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016) 1

Detailed Answer :

The condition of the statue and the inscription on the pedestal are ironical. The statue was completely shattered. Only two legs stood on the pedestal and the head was lying in the sand. Whereas, the inscription said 'look upon my work, ye Mighty and despair', and 'king of kings'. Such a mighty and powerful king who looked down upon everyone else, was destroyed. It conveys that nothing is stable in this world; everything is subject to change and decay. Everything gets destroyed by time.

6. Helen, her sister Mildred and Miss Sullivan took to the rail track on the trestle to reach home quickly. Suddenly they saw a train coming on the track and they had to climb down on the cross braces to save themselves. The smoke and ashes almost choked them. When the train had gone they regained the track and reached home. 2

Or

Value Points :

The Frank family received a call-up notice. The family was scared. The vision of the concentration camps and lonely cells was frightening. So, they decided to go into hiding even if it had to be a month earlier than what had been planned. Anne and her sister packed the most important things in a schoolbag, no Jew in that situation would dare to leave the house with a suitcase full of clothes, so they all wrapped themselves in many layers of clothes as if going off to spend the night in a refrigerator, each took a satchel and a bag full of important things, Margot-Anne's sister took her bike to reach to their destination, other three members walked in the pouring rain, Miep escorted them to the Secret Annexe. (CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) 2

Detailed Answer :

The Frank family received a call – up notice. The family got scared as the vision of the concentration camps and the lonely calls was frightening. They decided to go into hiding as the call – up notice was for Margot and not for Otto Frank. They started making preparations by sending their clothes, food and furniture to other people as they neither wanted their belongings to be seized by the Germans nor did they want to be taken into their clutches. It was a month earlier than they had planned but the decision had been taken. Anne and Margot packed the most important things in a schoolbag. No Jew in such a situation would dare to leave the house with a suitcase full of belongings. They wrapped themselves in many layers of clothes as if they were going to spend a night in a refrigerator. Margot took her bike to reach to the secret annexe where as the other three members walked in the pouring rain, Miep and Jan helped them in shifting their baggage. They left the house in a mess to create an impression that they had left in a hurry.

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Post Mid Term Tests

Lesson-Prose 1-6, Poetry-1-6, Drama-1, 2

Novel-The Story of My Life-1-23, The Diary of A Young Girl (June 12, 1942 - March 1944)

Answers

Test 1

Maximum Marks 10

Section A (Reading)

- (a) themselves in water upto the chest; attempt to drown the attacker by holding him under water.
(b) carry them over the ground / jump more than 9 meters at a time / kick their adversaries.
(c) big-footed marsupials / also found in Tasmania and New Guinea / capable of speeding up to 88 km/h for short distances.
(d) scratch themselves / clean their fur / to hold branches while they eat leaves. $(\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2)$
(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014)

Section B (Writing & Grammar)

- 112, Model Town

Delhi

17 July 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi

Subject : Growing number of road-accidents

Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the general public towards the large number of accidents taking place especially in the metropolitan cities.

The reason for this can be numerous, the foremost being the thrill of speed. People do not, generally, follow the traffic rules. They are always in a hurry to reach to the destination. Moreover, most of the people these days are under stress which leads to the loss of concentration. Drunken driving, distraction like mobile phones, music etc., can also be one of the reasons for the growing number of road accidents. Everyday, we see under-age drivers i.e., small-children driving to school or the coaching classes which again leads to rough driving or an increase in traffic.

This problem can be overcome if more policemen act as deterrents. Stricter punishments should be given for even a small violation of the traffic rules. Children should be taught traffic rules at schools so that they learn to follow them. Parents can also be held responsible for the underage drivers. Moreover, carpools or public transport should be adopted in order to have lesser traffic on the roads.

I hope you will publish this letter in your newspaper so that the general public becomes aware of this menace and collaborates up with the traffic police to solve this problem.

Or

Alfred Dussel, the eighth resident of the Secret Annexe, was a dentist and an acquaintance of the Franks who hid with them in the annexe. He shared a room with Anne, who suffered the brunt of his odd personal hygiene habits, pedantic lectures, and controlling tendencies. Mr. Dussel's wife was a Christian, so she did not go into hiding, and he was separated from her. He never cared for the feelings of others and turned out to be an irresponsible person. He was the eighth entrant of the house. The other residents of the annexe found him to be a selfish man who never bothered about others. He never cared for the feelings of others. None of them ever found him to be helpful in any matter. He was not a contributing figure. He always remained confined to himself. The people of the annexe did not like him. At many occasions, he committed a mistake, and later apologised for it but only to repeat it again. He was an ungrateful person who showed irresponsible behaviour throughout his stay at the annexe.

Anne disliked him for his self-centered nature. He used to scold her and made it a point to tell her about her shortcomings. Anne had shared her room with him but when she asked him to let her use the table for two more hours he bluntly refused, giving Anne a shock. He was not in the good books of others as later the residents found that he had started hiding eatables in the cupboard.

He was an irresponsible man as he disobeyed the restrictions posed on the residents due to the war. He died in a concentration camp in December 1944.

Test 2

Maximum Marks 10

Section A (Reading)

1. (a) (i) to go to the airport.
(ii) out of a parking space right in front of them.
(b) The taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by some inches.
(c) He compared the yelling driver to a garbage truck.
(d) skidded

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014) ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

Section B (Writing & Grammar)

2. Hari woke up at 9 am on a hazy summer morning. Realizing that he was already late for his first day at office, he rushed. His office was quite near to the place where he lived, so he was hopeful that he would reach in time.

In order to look extremely impressive on his first day, he wore the suit that was different and stylish; sprayed his imported perfume; polished his shoes with enthusiasm and drove fast towards his office. Though he reached a bit late, he was glad that he was not the last one to enter the orientation room.

By his appearance, his new boss seemed cruel and strict, who could easily make his employees miserable. But in the deepest of his thoughts, Hari hoped that his boss would turn out to be a gentleman and easy to deal with. All the new employees stood in a line, to be greeted by their new boss, who walked in a dhoti, swooshing from heel to heel. He welcomed them all and informed them about their day's schedule. It didn't seem very hard. Hari immediately decided to put in all his effort to do the work and to be in the good books of the boss. By the time it was evening, he had finished his work. It gave him a feeling of deep satisfaction that his first day of work had gone off well. 3

3.

Error	Correction
(a) then	when
(a) being	was

($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

(CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015)

Section C (Literature & Extended Reading Text)

4. (a) 'He' in the above lines is the snake.
 (b) 'He' must be killed as he is poisonous. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)
5. The aim of the game 'Dragon Quest' is to rescue the princess Aurora from the wicked dragon and to collect the wicked creature's treasure along the way; also to rescue Sebastian. 1

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Or

Calpurnia believed in omens and portents. She had seen and heard about strange sights. This superstitious woman had a bad dream about her husband. She saw Caesar being murdered. She dreamt that Caesar's statue was spouting forth blood in showers like a fountain with many spouts. Many happy and brave young citizens of Rome came flocking there with smiling faces and washed their hands joyfully in this flowing blood. She feared that the dream was an evil omen and a warning of coming danger to Caesar. She was terrified by the unnatural and extraordinary things which she thought as portents of danger to Caesar's life. 1

6. In her 1903 autobiography, 'The Story of My Life', Helen Keller has mentioned her love of the country side and outdoor sports like sailing and canoeing. She enjoyed them the most in moonlight. As a student of Wright-Humason School, she had taken riding lessons. Camping trips, walks in a fragrant garden, and spins on her tandem bicycle were among her favourite outdoor activities. But even more enjoyable to Keller was rowing in her canoe. In fact, she learnt swimming and rowing when she was very young and practically lived in her canoe during the summers as an adult. Nothing gave her greater pleasure than to take her friends out rowing. She found pleasure in rowing by the scent of water grasses and lilies, and by bushes that grew on the shore. She would know the resistance of water when the oars were evenly poised and would tell when she would pull against the current. She liked to contend with the wind and wave. It was exhilarating for her to go skimming, lightly over glistening, tilting waves, and to feel the steady, imperious surge of the water. 2

Or

Value Points :

'The Diary of A Young Girl' focuses on various themes like the fears and loneliness or otherwise of an adolescent; two selves of a person and greed and large - heartedness of humans during war.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014] 2

Detailed Answer :

Hope, faith and optimism rule the maximum part of the entries of the 1944 diary of Anne Frank. The Dutch had to face many problems like scarcity of food, cruelty shown towards them, depression setting in people, stress, tension etc. but still there was a ray of hope with the British invasion. They were of the opinion that the British troops would liberate them. There was excitement all around with the news of the British invasion and the taking over of a village at the French coast which would help them in bringing things which they wanted, Anne felt the restoration of peace and tranquility in the near future with the end of cruelty. She herself had this hope and she filled in others also with hope and optimism.

