

Sample Paper – 2008
Class – Functional English
Class - XII

SECTION - A (READING)

A1. Read the following passage carefully. (8 marks)

1. India was once considered the land of knowledge and enlightenment. In ancient times scholars from all over Asia and Europe used to flock to Taxila, Nalanda and other Indian centres of learning. Apart from the arts, culture, philosophy and religion, these scholars came to study medicine, law and martial sciences. But despite having a vastly expanded university system and historical advantages, modern India has yet to provide international or even regional leadership in higher education. From the surrounding countries of Asia and Africa only a few students come to India for higher education.

2. The United States is by far the most successful country in attracting foreign students. But other countries such as Australia, Canada and Britain also aggressively market their universities abroad through their education counselling services and recruitment fairs with the active cooperation of their diplomatic missions abroad.

3. Likewise, India should also capitalise on the advantages offered by its higher education institutions, market Indian universities abroad and facilitate the entry of foreign students into them.

4. The revenue from foreign students can be used to ease the financial crunch faced by Indian universities, improve academic facilities and subsidise the cost of educating Indian students.

5. But apart from economic advantages many other benefits would accrue to the nation. India would gain global and regional influence, goodwill and become a major provider of higher education. Many Asian and African countries, especially the smaller ones have poorly developed university systems and would look to Indian universities for the higher education of their youth. At the same time Indian students will not be deprived if 10 per cent supernumerary seats for foreign students are created in universities and professional colleges.

6. Already, professional education in India has proved accessible and affordable for foreign students, especially from Malaysia, the Middle East and South Africa. In these countries higher education training facilities are limited. Many NRI (non-resident Indian) families abroad, especially those from English-speaking industrialised countries are also keen to

send their children to study in their motherland and hopefully to become attuned to their Indian roots in the process.

A1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the sentences given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence . (1 X 3 = 3 marks)

(a) In spite of India having a historical advantage and a vastly expanded university system it

(b) Many parents send their children to India hoping that

(c) Academic facilities in India can be improved with

A1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following paragraph using one word only in each blank. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

The income from foreign students would not only (a) in educating Indian students but also in (b) global and regional influence and thus (c) to higher education (d)

The (e) of countries with poorly developed education systems usually (f) on Indian Universities for their higher education.

A1.3 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 X 2 = 2 marks)

(a) forceful (para 2)

(b) easy to approach/to enter (para 5)

A2. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

1. The newspapers have taken the place of the Gita, the Bible and the Quran with the people. For them, the printed sheet is gospel truth. The fact throws a great responsibility on the editors and newswriters.

2. Newspapers are a powerful influence. It is the duty of the editors to see that no false report or report likely to excite the public is published in their newspapers. The editors and their assistants have to be extra careful about the news they give and the manner in which they dress it. In a state of independence, it is practically impossible for Governments to control the Press. It is the duty of the public to keep a strict watch on the newspapers and keep them on the right path. An enlightened public would refuse to patronize inflammatory or indecent newspapers.

3. Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration harm the cause they profess to

espouse. I admit that there is enough untruth in enough newspapers to warrant action. But my experience is that no amount of public criticism will affect the policy of newspapers which make their livelihood by such policy. But I write this in no way to condone untruths in newspapers. I am quite clear that if newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere.

4. The superficiality, the one-sidedness, the inaccuracy and often even dishonesty that have crept into modern journalism, continuously mislead honest men who want to see nothing but justice done.

5. The sole aim of journalism should be service. The newspaper press is a great power, but just as an unchained torrent of water submerges whole country sides and devastates crops, even so an uncontrolled pen serves but to destroy. If the control is from without, it proves more poisonous than want of control. It can be profitable only when exercised from within. If this line of reasoning is correct, how many of the journals in the world would stand the test? But who would stop those that are useless? And who should be the judge? The useful and the useless must, like good and evil, go on together, and man must make his choice.

A2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1 x 6 = 6 marks)

- (a) It is the duty of the editor to see that
- (b) As it is practically impossible for the Governments to control the press,
- (c) Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration need to be rejected by the people because
- (d) The modern journalism suffers from which mislead honest men.
- (e) The sole aim of journalism should be because it
- (f) As the useful and the useless must, like good and evil go on together, man

A2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions given below in one or two lines only. (1½x2=3 marks)

- (a) What is the duty of the enlightened public with respect to the newspapers?
- (b) If newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the States or elsewhere. Why?

A2.3 Find words / phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1 x 3 = 3 marks)

- (a) intending to cause very strong feelings of anger (para 2)

- (b) not studying or looking at something thoroughly (para 4)
- (c) to go under the surface of water (para 5)

SECTION B (WRITING)

B1. Mohak is on a holiday in Goa. After visiting some places, he made some notes in his diary. Use the information in these notes to complete the post-card which he sent to his friend. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (5 marks)

NOTES

GOA
arrival 27 Jan.
wonderful place — no crime
people friendly, happy-go-lucky
landscapes : picturesque; beaches :
beautiful
good restaurants : sea food (mostly)
hotel : on beach
tours : bus, ferry
Carnival festival colour, fun and frolic.

Panaji

3 March, 20xx

Dear Vikram

I'm having a nice time here in Goa. I reached this beautiful place on 27 Jan. Can you believe, this place is totally free (a) ? What makes this place so wonderful is not only the beautiful beaches and picturesque landscape but also its people (b)happy-go-lucky. The restaurants here are (c)mostly sea food. The hotel we are staying in is situated on a beach so we (d) The carnival festival is the best thing about Goa. It (e)and frolic. There are still many places for me to see. I'll show you the photos when I meet you.

With love

Yours affectionately

Mohak

B2. Read the following telephonic conversation which took place between Sheela and Reghu. As Reghu's sister Rani is not at home and he himself has to go out of his house immediately, he writes a message for his sister.

Write the message from Reghu to his sister Rani in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. (5 marks)

Sheela : Hello ! Could I speak to Rani.

Reghu : May I know who is speaking. Rani has gone out. This is her brother, Reghu speaking.

Sheela : I am her friend, Sheela. Could you tell her that one of our friends, Tina has met with an accident and is admitted in St. Mary's hospital.

Reghu : Oh, how unfortunate.

Sheela : Tell her that I am leaving for the hospital as the visiting hours are between 4 pm and 6 pm.

Reghu : I'll definitely convey the news.

Sheela : Also tell her to inform Balu whose telephone number I am not sure of.

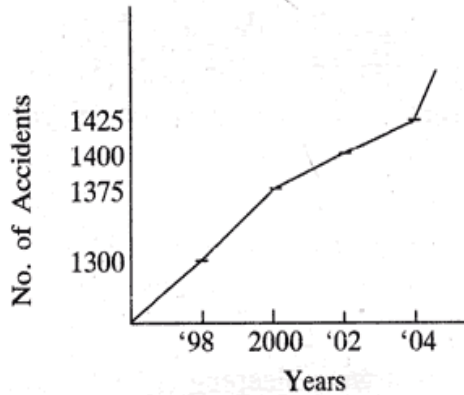
Reghu : I'll do that.

Sheela: Thank you.

B3. Rekha read the following news report about the tendency in children to stay away from any sort of physical activity. She decided to make use of the information to write an article for her school magazine. Write the article for her in about 150-200 words using ideas from the unit on 'Health and Medicine' and your own ideas. (10 marks)

The teachers and parents have expressed their disappointment about the children of today being nothing but couch potatoes. Very seldom do you find children outside their houses, playing their one time favourite outdoor games like Hide and Seek, Cricket etc.

B4. As an aware citizen of the country, you are concerned about the increase in road accidents in the metropolitan cities of India. Interpret the data given below and using your own ideas, write a letter in about 150 words to the newspaper 'The Chronicle'. You are Arun / Anita. (10 marks)



SECTION - C (Grammar) 20 marks

C.1 Raghu is the reporter of 'The Herald'. He was sent to write a report on a bomb blast in a shopping complex. Using the information from his note-pad complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (5 marks)

Shopping complex - destroyed - bomb - 7 o'clock - 80 people burnt alive - two young men - seen speeding off - police assured immediate arrest of culprits.

The citizens of Kantipur were shocked when one of its (a) by a (b) The place was crowded and about (c) Witnesses say that (d) on a two wheeler soon after the blast. The police commissioner assured the people that (e)

C.2 Given below is a conversation between Jacob and Paul. Complete the dialogue below in a suitable way. Write the answer against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1×4=4 marks)

Jacob : Why didn't you reach on time for your music practice ?

Paul : I (a)

Jacob : The instructor is furious. He (b)

Paul : I will (c) Jacob : You better do it. We don't

(d) The programme is on the 20th of this month.

C.3 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. (1/2×8=4 marks)

Incorrect Correct

Dance is an art form is e.g. is as well known, for dance as a (a)

therapy is not known in many. (b)

Dance therapy involves a synthesis (c)

of the grace and vigour on Indian (d)

classical and folk dance

movements into a innovative (e)

holistic therapy. It brings over the (f)

inner feelings for the participants (g)

and can help them with develop a (h)

healthy personality.

C.4 Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the answers against the correct numbers. (1/2×6=3 marks)

put into / as the / at low / baby can / he is / as soon / water / toddle / tide /

As soon as the baby can toddle he is put into water at low tide.

(a) water / the baby / in the / here / plays / sits and /

(b) long enough / the mother / him / does not / to weary / there / leave him /

(c) older / at low tide / as / wade about / allowed to / he is / he grows /

(d) look out / water / keep a / into deep / sharp / does not stray / so that he / his elders /

(e) permitted to / from which / judgment / he may / make small mistakes / he is / learn to make better /

(f) are given / to swim / small canoes / the children / they / own / are able / of their / when /

C.5 Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1×4=4 marks)

(a) HEAVY RAINS LASH CHENNAI

The heavy rain which (a) threw normal life out of gear.

(b) M.B.A. CLASSES TO BEGIN ON SEPT. 20th

The center coordinator informed (b) Sept. 20th

(c) THEATRE ACTIVIST BAGS TITLE

The 'kalabushan' title (c) and scholar Utpal Singh.

(d) 12 INJURED AS BUSES COLLIDE

About (d) at the K.N.P. junction here toda

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two- lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

(a) Who does 'him' refer to? (1)

(b) Why did it come in the house? (1)

(c) Why does the poet remember that night? (2)

D3. The poet reiterates the 'might' of the West Wind in the poem. Give two examples from the poem that show its 'power' and 'might'. Your answer should not exceed 100 words. (5 marks)

D4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5

marks)

“It matters very little to you. Another idol has displaced me, a golden one.”

(a) Who said this to Scrooge and why? (2)

(b) Who showed this image? (1)

(c) Where did the Third Ghost take Scrooge and why? (2)

D5. Though Cutie-Pie escaped from prison, he was unable to go to his planet immediately.

Why? Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (4 marks)

D6. Ali displays remarkable qualities of love and patience. Do you agree? Give evidence

from the story in support of your answer. Your answer should be in about 150-175 words. (8

marks)