

COMMON APEEJAY ANNUAL EXAMINATION SESSION (2022-23)
CLASS- VII
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into four sections

Section A: Reading (16 marks)

Section B: Writing (24marks)

Section C: Grammar (16 marks)

Section D: Literature (24 marks)

2. Attempt all questions.

3. Mention the question number against every question.

4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet.

5. Adhere to the word limit given with each question.

6. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

SECTION A- READING (16 MARKS)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow- (8 marks)

1. In an age when incidents of human greed and cruelty are a common feature, it is perhaps, a good idea to emulate the world of selfless children. The 24 children who have been chosen for the national bravery awards this year- five of them posthumously stood up to challenges without any concern for their personal safety, in a way that not many adults would do. They have done incredible feats like fighting off robbers, saving children from drowning, and rescuing students trapped in vans. The kind of spirit and courage that these young brave hearts showed off in the face of adversity is truly remarkable.

2. Mittal Patadiya , the 12 –year old girl who won the prestigious Geeta Chopra Award, has 350 stitches on her back and cheek as a proof of her valour in combating robbers who had entered her home in Gujarat’s Naroda. The burn injuries Om Prakash Yadav bore while saving his friends from a burning van have not in the least dampened his spirit. Kapil , a 15 year old, paid the ultimate price for trying to help his classmates cross a bridge across a brook.

3. Besides recognizing courage as a supreme human virtue and encouraging children to imbibe such a spirit, the bravery awards are reminders to all citizens of their duty towards society in general .The indifference that you get to see on the streets on a regular basis, with victims of accidents or attack lying unattended, is indeed very disturbing. If children can be brave enough to endanger their lives for the sake of others, why do adults hesitate to do the same?

Answer the following questions briefly-

(5x1 mark)

Q1.1 a) What remarkable feats of the 24 children made them win national bravery awards this year?

b) Who was awarded the Geeta Chopra Award and why?

c) What do you think is the ultimate price Kapil paid for helping his classmates?

d) What do the bravery awards remind us of?

e) What is disturbing about adult behavior in terms of duty towards society?

Q.1.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as given below- (3x1 mark)

a) imitate (para 1)

b) difficulty (para 1)

c) reduced (para 2)

Q.2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow- (8 marks)

1. These days it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transports regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks: is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it they just want to show how cool they are? Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragicomic situations.

2. The other day, an electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what needed to be done. But after he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our directions clearly because he had his earphones on. Hundreds of such earphones addict commute by the Delhi metro every day.

3. Recently I was travelling with my wife on Delhi Metro. Since the train was approaching the last station, there weren't many passengers. In our compartment other than us there were only two women sitting on either side of the aisle. And then suddenly, I spotted a duffle bag. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. Then suddenly a youth emerged from nowhere and picked up the bag. When we tried to stop him, he looked surprised. Then he took off his earpieces, lifted the bag and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station.

4. We were stunned but recovered in time to ask him where he was all this while. His answer: he was in the compartment, leaning against the door totally immersed in the music. He had no clue about what was going on around him. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could hear strains of the song.

Q.2.1 Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option- (5x1 mark)

a) Which option supports the statement that the young man in the metro was not paying attention to his surroundings?

i) The young man was standing a little distance away.

ii) The young man had forgotten about his bag.

iii) The young man was immersed in music and did not hear what was going on around him.

iv) The young man heard all the commotion but did not care to respond.

b) The word that means commute is-

i) skip

ii) travel

iii) outing

iv) avid

- c) What is meant by the word tragicomic?
- very sad turn of events
 - a funny incident
 - an incident which is more comedy than tragedy
 - an incident which is both funny and sad.
- d) Why did the electrician not follow the instructions?
- The electrician was too independent minded and followed his own whims
 - The electrician had his earphones on, so he did not hear the instructions.
 - The electrician heard the instructions but did not follow them.
 - The electrician did not feel like following the instructions.
- e) Choose the antonym of the word recovered.
- improved
 - cured
 - worsened
 - agree

Q.2.2 Answer the following questions briefly- (3x1 mark)

- What does the author usually see people doing while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transport?
- What could be the reasons, according to the author, people take such risks on the road?
- What caused the bomb scare on the Metro?

SECTION B - WRITING (24 MARKS)

Q.3 Write the biographical sketch of Raghuram Rajan, former Governor of RBI, in not more than 100-120 words using the clues given below: (4 marks)

Born- Former governor-RBI-3rd February, 1963- Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Family – Tamil family – father was senior bureaucrat

Education – graduated from IIT Delhi in 1985- management degree from IIM Ahmadabad in 1987- doctoral degree in 1991 from MIT-HKUST (Hongkong University of Science and Technology)

married to Radhika Puri-she is a lecturer of law-at Chicago Law School

Hobbies---vegetarian-loves swimming, squash, tennis, running

Job Profile - served as the Chief Economic Advisor to Finance Ministry- was the youngest Chief Economist- at IMF in 2003

Achievements – prestigious awards- Fischer Black Prize-Best Central bank Governor Award- Deutsche Bank Prize for financial economics

Q.4 Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper in about 150 words, to complain about the congestion caused by the cars parked in the service lane as well as in the market area, near your house. Suggest suitable solutions to reduce congestion in the area. (10 marks)

Hints- traffic jams –regular fights- cars get stuck- - unauthorized car parking

Solutions- impose heavy fine- construction of designated parking area

OR

Your friend Abhinav lives in Bangalore. An International Book Fair is going on in your city. Write a letter in about 150 words, inviting him to come and stay with you and visit the Book fair. You are Pulkit /Nikita living at A – 405, Vijay Laxmi Apartments, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi.

Q.5 I stopped my scooter in front of an old and dilapidated building. A haggard, skinny old man with drooping shoulders came towards me. “Don’t go in, Sir”, he whispered. “It is dangerous...” Complete the story in any suitable way in about 150 words. Give a suitable title to your story. **(10 marks)**

SECTION C - GRAMMAR (16 MARKS)

Q.6. Change the following sentences into Indirect speech- **(4x1mark)**

- a) He said to me, “How much money do you have?”
- b) My friend said, “I have been to England thrice.”
- c) Romi said, “I may come to the seminar.
- d) Sahil said to me, “When are you returning?”

Q.7. Change the following sentences into passive voice. **(4x1mark)**

- a) The people were helping the wounded woman.
- b) The player is taking extra time.
- c) The peon rang the bell.
- d) Rita will take a photograph.

Q. 8. Do as directed **(4x1mark)**

- a) My grandmother has never been to America _____ does she want to go. (Use a suitable conjunction)
- b) It is the only thing that can save him. (Identify the underlined clause as noun, adjective or adverb)
- c) The conference began late yesterday. (Identify the type of adverb underlined)
- d) They have money yet they are not content. (Identify the sentence as simple, compound or complex)

Q. 9. Identify the underlined verb as Transitive or Intransitive. **(4x1mark)**

- a) Sherin bought a phone for her mother.
- b) I ate a sandwich for breakfast.
- c) The tea pot broke all of a sudden.
- d) The mosquito bat does not seem to be working.

SECTION D - LITERATURE (24 MARKS)

Q.10 Read the following extracts and answer the questions- (8 marks)

[A] O, how glad they all were to see me come back,
And everyone wanted to give me a smack,
Dick knocked over Brownie, and jumped over Bun,
And the neighbours came in to witness the fun.

- a) How did Billy's family and friends react when he came back? (2 marks)
- b) Who had made him captive? (1 mark)
- c) Why was Billy's mother silent? (1 mark)

[B] Then a soldier
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in canon's mouth.

- a) Name the poem and the writer. (1 mark)
- b) Give an example of simile from the above stanza. (1 mark)
- c) Describe any two qualities of a soldier. (2 marks)

Q.11 Answer any five of the following questions in 30 -40 words. (5x 2marks)

- a) What was Ratan's reaction to the financial help offered by the postmaster?? (The postmaster)
- b) What did Bholenath do with the tiger? (It all began with Drip-Drip)
- c) The governor could 'see in and between the lines' of the letter. Explain the meaning of this sentence. (The Child's Letter)
- d) Describe how Lochinvar made an exit from the Netherby Hall.(Lochinvar)
- e) Where is the eagle perched? What do you think he is able to see from his perch?(The Eagle)
- f) What happened when Bholenath sat on the horse? (It all began with Drip-Drip)

Q.12 Imagine you are Ratan. Write a diary entry in about 100- 120 words, describing your feelings of the day when the postmaster decided to leave you, without any thought. (The Postmaster) (6 marks)

OR

Imagine you are the governor. Write a diary entry in about 100- 120 words, describing your feelings when you received the little child's letter. (The Child's Letter)

