

English

SECTION-A'

- (i) a) People find the plastic bags very convenient to make use of it. It is easily available and cheap too. There is no effective alternative to it.
- b) Scientists are of opinion that chemicals ^{that} leach out of the polythene bags and these toxins contaminate the ground water and agricultural land.
- c) Animals eat these bags as they smell the food that once was stored in them.
- d) Rag-pickers do not like to collect the thinner bags as they collect only heavier stuff to earn more.
- e) Thinner ^{plastic} bags create more problems. They tear easily, are not hard and disposed off quickly than thicker bags.
- f) Many animals particularly marine animals like turtle and seals get trapped in them and suffocate.

1.2 a) contaminate
b) ban

- a) sunshine
b) plains
c) flowers bright coloured little flowers
d) rain
e) shelter

3. a) At the age of 34, Florence Chadwick's goal was to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to California coast.

b) Her mother and her trainer encouraged her. They told her that the goal wasn't much farther. They urged her not to quit.

c) The fog made her quit when she was only half a mile to go.

d) Her determination and perseverance made her to succeed the second time.

e) She became the first woman to swim the Catalina channel eclipsing the men's record by two hours.

SECTION 'C'

- Q) are dangerous $\frac{1}{2}$
b) emit poisonous gases $\frac{1}{2}$
c) overpopulated $\frac{1}{2}$
d) be revised $\frac{1}{2}$
e) introduction of vehicles $\frac{1}{2}$
f) providing electricity or battery operated devices. $\frac{1}{2}$

g) Incorrect

a form
b know
c this
d than
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correct $\frac{1}{2}$

a former $\frac{1}{2}$
b known $\frac{1}{2}$
c these $\frac{1}{2}$
d then $\frac{1}{2}$
e over $\frac{1}{2}$
f and $\frac{1}{2}$

It is a ~~telephone~~ system that works without
any wire.
The popularity of mobile phone is increasing
at present.
It has become a fashion with the young people.

10 a) If he could have a bottle of juice;
b) they only had milk bottles
when it would be available?

11 a) rescued ✓
b) had fallen ✓
c) playing ✓
d) cheered ✓
e) had reached ✓
f) had ✓

SECTION 'D'

12 a) Poem - Granny's Tree climbing
Poet - Ruskin Bond

- 5) i) 'I' refers to Granny's doctor. ✓
- ii) 'I' recommended Granny to take bed rest for a week. ✓
- iii) At the last page. ✓

13) a) The speaker is ~~the~~ Annie, the cook at Mr. Hill's house and the listener ~~was~~ Mr. Hill. ✓

b) Mr. Hill had lost his job so he was not able to pay Annie. But it didn't matter to Annie. ✓

c) She was referring to Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hill's house where she had been working for nearly twenty years. ✓

d) The speaker was kind, sympathetic, understanding and compassionate. ✓

14) a) Margie's school was right next to her bedroom. She was taught by a mechanical teacher in the school. She put all her homeworks and test papers in the slot of her mechanical teacher. The mechanical teacher calculated her marks in no time. ✓

b) The bangle sellers sell bangles by calling them as virtuous tokens of radiant lives for happy women and happy wives. They also describe them as

rainbow tinted circles of light, the bangles depict the identity of an Indian woman.

- c) A person can be successful if he lives a balanced life. He should walk on the middle path and not lean over the extremes.
- d) The waiter assured that they had salmon and asparagus which were not in season then. He repeatedly asked the woman if she wanted any other food item. At the last, the waiter came a huge basket full of peaches which encouraged the woman to have a lavish and gorgeous meal.
- e) The children in the poem are selfless, truthful, patriotic and hardworking. They do not want to make maimed (half-hearted) or worthless sacrifice. They want to make their sacrifice worthy by serving the nation in its difficult times. They want to bear yoke (responsibilities) in their youth and sacrifice themselves through their

g) The narrator William Morris's hobby was to study crime and criminals. He had read books of famous writers such as Edgar Allan Poe to Agatha Christie. People generally do not have such unusual hobby. The hobby demanded keen observation and the ability to put together different pieces of the riddle. Normal hobbies don't have such requirements.

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Dear Baldev

How are you? It is with great sense of shame that I have written this letter to make a confession. The honour that you gave me yesterday for getting your son acquitted was an undeserved one. But I should have told the truth at that time. But I could not gather enough courage to confess to you. But I must tell you that I didn't contact

The district officer and didn't keep my promise as
therefore, I have no role in the release of your
son. The case was decided on its own merit.
Instead of thanking me, express your thankfulness
to God for showering justice on a your son. Hope
you will forgive me.

Please do write back soon.

Best Regards
Bablu Ram

SECTION 'B'

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURGAON

NOTICE

20 February 2020

PUBLICATION OF SCHOOL MAGAZINE

It is hereby declared to all the students that the school is going to publish its annual School Magazine on 1st March 2020. Therefore all the students are required to submit poems, drawings and articles to be published. The theme of the magazine is 'Clean and Green India'. Interested students are required to submit their articles on or before 25 February 2020 to the undersigned.

For more details -

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Editor of School Magazine

TOLERANCE - THE NEED OF HOUR

By - Amit

Tolerance of Intolerance is cowardice.

Ayaan Herisi Ali

No person can live isolated in this world. People would like to live in company of others and this calls for tolerance. Tolerance is a positive and constructive effort to understand each other's

beliefs, faiths and opinions without necessarily sharing or accepting them. It does not imply lack of commitment towards one's own beliefs and opinions. It only condemns the lack of oppression or persecution of others.

The twenty-first century we live in is marked by growing intolerance. In this period of rising menace of intolerance, people cannot stand with another, let alone loving one another. Virtues like mercy, peace and patience have been replaced by arrogance and rash behaviour. Religious intolerance has been one of the many evils. Tolerance is the only hope. It is a ~~too~~ lubricant which removes friction from our life. It enables co-existence. Without tolerance, even love would perish.

One should start implementing the habit of tolerance from home. We should not imply our own beliefs and opinions on others. Instead, we should make them understand by proper counselling if they are going on a wrong way. People should

respect other's views and faiths. Powerful nations must understand the problems of weaker nations. They must try to give them their share of power, trade and economy. Only then, wars, conflicts and terrorism can be crushed with joint efforts.

⑥ A SPEECH ON "SAVE WATER, SAVE FUTURE"

Good Morning everybody.

Respected Principal Madam, esteemed dignitaries and my dear friends. This is Sunita of class VIII here to speak a few lines on the importance of water and the need to save it.

Water is considered as the most important creation of God to sustain life on earth. It is gifted by the ultimate God in the form of seas, oceans, rivers, lakes, water vapour, etc. It is also found as a chief constituent in the human blood. As, all of us know, 97% of the total water present on the earth is in the form of oceans and seas and the rest 3% in the glaciers, ponds, melt of

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these 3%, only 0.03% of the water is fresh water and can be consumed. Hence, there is a dire need of saving water from now onwards. Water is very precious as it ensures sustenance of all of life and beauty on earth. It is a habitat of marine animals such as fish and turtles. It is mainly used for irrigation, power generation and fulfilling other daily purposes. Thus, the need of water conservation is of utmost importance.

Nowadays, the rivers and lakes near the industrial units have been polluted by directly discharging industrial sewage in the rivers. Hence, the industries should be given notice by the government to check the water pollution. Many awareness campaigns to conserve water have been started by both the government and the private sectors. It is said that habits begin at home. We should close the water tap when not in use and don't let water flow from buckets or overhead tanks. We can conserve water by using a mug and bucket instead of running water while brushing

or bathing. We can use kitchen water for gardening. People should be made aware about water conservation techniques such as rainwater harvesting.

Every drop of water is precious. Saving a drop of water can save a thousand lives. At last, I would conclude by saying "Nature has enough for everyone's needs but not for anyone's greed." Thank you for your patient hearing. It has been my pleasure to speak and share with you.

- 12) 'Sighed with relief' means to feel relieved and not too tensed or depressed. Granny's family was tensed as they believed Granny would fall from the tree someday. They 'felt relieved' when Granny was recommended to have a bed rest for a week and could not climb trees.

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