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**HOLIDAY HOMEWORK -SUMMER VACATION: 2023-24**  
**Class: XII Sub: English Core**

**SECTION : A READING**

Q.1 02 Unseen Paragraphs. (Unseen Passage 1 -10 Marks , Unseen Passage 2 - 08 Marks)

**SECTION:B WRITING**

1)An NGO has approached your school to offer book grants to the needy students. As Head girl of K.V.2 Infantry Lines Jamnagar, write a notice in about 50 words asking students who are in need to put their requests into the box kept outside the Principal's office.

2) As Secretary of the Literary Club of St. Anne's School, Ahmedabad, draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words for the inauguration of the club in your school. (Delhi 2009)

3) You are Ashish/NimmiDhar B-94 Fort Road, Baroda. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120-150 words along with a resume.

**M S University Baroda**

Requires Readers and Professors in Mathematics, English, Hindi, History and Political Science for their new campus at Panipat. Candidates with a minimum of 5 year experience alone can apply. Excellent command of English is a must. Excellent salary for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to [msuniversityjobs@gmail.com](mailto:msuniversityjobs@gmail.com) or mail their response to: Box no. 123, 'The MSU BARODA' BARODA.

4) You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals have caused traffic jam as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. So write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper telling him about the nuisance created by the stray animals. Sign your name as Preeti Krishnan, C/5, Assam.

5) The number of women in the police force seems insufficient especially when we see the increasing involvement of women in terrorist activities. Write an article in 150-200 words for 'The Hindustan Chronicle', on the need of having more women in the police force. (2010).

6) Choice of course after clearing Senior School Examination produces a great deal of stress on the minds of our students. Counselling can be of great help to them. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, '**Role of counselling in choice of course**'. You are Manav/Manavi.

7) You are Sweety/Suresh of L.M. Jain School, Ajmer. As Secretary of your School Co-curricular Activities Club, you visited a slum area in your city where the people suffered a great loss of life and property in a massive fire. The students of your school rendered their services and material help to the victims. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. (Delhi 2010)

### **SECTION: C LITERATURE**

**Q.1 Solve CBSE SAMPLE PAPER 2023-24**

**Q.2 Solve CBSE Board Question Paper of 2022-23**

**Q.3 Extract Based Questions**

**1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**"Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday**  
morning, I saw my mother, beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that  
of a corpse and realized with pain that she thought away"

**Questions:**

- (a) Where was the poet coming from? Where was she going?
- (b) Where was the poet's mother?
- (c) How does the poet describe her mother?
- (d) Who does 'she' refer to in the last line? What thoughts had she driven away?

**2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**Yes, I've taken the obvious step: I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I told him about the third level at Grand Central Station, and he said it was a waking dream wish fulfillment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape, but they don't wander down into any third level at Grand Central Station.**

**Questions:**

- i. Why did the narrator go to a psychiatrist?
  - a. Because he went through an experience no one else did.
  - b. Because he wanted to know why he was unhappy.
  - c. Because he was depressed.
  - d. Because he wanted to meet him.
  
- ii. What is 'Waking dream wish fulfillment;' according to the psychiatrist?
  - a. Charley's finding of a third level at the station

- b. Charley's realization of his wish to visit Galesburg Illinois
- c. Charley's escaping into his daydreaming everyday
- d. Charley's post stamp collecting habit

iii. What was the third level?

- a. A third platform on the station
- b. A third storey on the station
- c. A level in the game that Charley had been playing
- d. None of the above

iv. What does the psychiatrist explain to Charley?

- a. That the modern world is not an ideal one
- b. That the modern world has many mysteries
- c. That the third level is just a movie
- d. That it was the result of stress and anxiety of his mind

**3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**"My children, this is the last lesson | shall give you. The order has come from Berlin to teach only German in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The new Master comes tomorrow. This is your last French lesson. I want you to be very attentive. "What a thunderclap these words were to me! Oh, the wretches; that was what they had put up at the town hall! My last French lesson! Why, I hardly knew how to write! I should never learn anymore! I must stop there, then! Oh, how sorry I was for not learning my lessons, for seeking birds' eggs, or going sliding on the Saar! My books, that had seemed such a nuisance a while ago, so heavy to carry, my grammar, and my history of the saints, were old friends now that I couldn't give up.**

**Questions.**

i. Which of these orders has come from Berlin?

- a. closure of school
- b. no French to be taught
- c. rustication of Franz
- d. transfer to M. Hamel

ii. Why does M. Hamel want the students to be attentive?

- a. because the order has come from Berlin
- b. because it is his last French lesson
- c. because he is about to tell important questions for their exam because the government officer is on a visit

iii. Which of these seemed 'old friends' to Franz?

- a. M. Hamel
- b. the blackboard
- c. his classmates
- d. his books

iv. "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" Which of these expresses the meaning of the underlined word in the above line?

- a. loud and clear
- b. startling and unexpected
- c. pleasant and welcome
- d. encouraging and full of zeal

v. Which of these moods did Franz express when he was told that it was his last French lesson?

- a. inspired and cheerful
- b. repenting and sorrowful
- c. optimistic and serious
- d. romantic and humorous

### **Lesson 1: The Third Level**

#### **Short Questions:**

Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each: (3 marks each)

Q.1 Why was Charley not able to find the third level again?

Q.2 What was unusual about the first day cover found by Charley in his stamp collection.

#### **Long Questions:**

Answer the following questions in 100–120 words each: (6 marks each)

Q.1 Imagination is a 'temporary refuge from reality' Explain.

Q-2 Do you find an intersection of time and space in the story? If yes, give details?

Q3- Why is the fact that Sam has moved to the third level ironical?

Poem : 1 MY MOTHER AT SIXTY SIX

#### **Short Questions**

Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each : ( 3 marks each)

1. What does the poet's mother look like? What kind of image has the poet used to signify her aging decay?

2. How has the poet compared the scene inside the car with the activities going on outside?

3. Why is the poet's mother compared to late winter's moon?

4. What is the poet's familiar ache and why does it return?

5. Why does the poet smile and what does she say while bidding goodbye to her mother?
6. What poetic devices have been used in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six'?
7. What different images does the poet use to convey the idea of her mother's old age?

#### FICTION:1 THE LAST LESSON

#### **Short Questions**

Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each. ( 3 marks each)

1. What was the temptation and how did Franz resist it?
2. What was the thing that surprised the narrator the most? Why was everybody sad?
3. "We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with." Why did M.Hamel blame the parents and himself too for not showing due attention and care to the learning of French?
4. What does M.Hamel say about French language? What did he urge upon his students and villagers to do?
5. What changes came over little Franz after he heard M.Hamel's announcement?

#### **Long Answer Questions:**

1. The ban on teaching French strengthened the resolve of the French to learn their language. Give evidence from the text to prove/disapprove the above statement.
2. The day of the last lesson was full of regret and sadness. Describe the events of the day in the classroom in light of the above remark.
3. The people in the story suddenly realize how precious their language is to them. What shows you this? Why does this happen?