DEHRADUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
ASSIGNMENT (2019-20)
SUBJECT- ENGLISH (184)
CLASS-X

Writing Section

A. Article
1. People in metro cities face the problem of stray animals. A few heartily want them to be fed, given shelter, loved but some show cruelty towards these speechless creatures. Write an article on how we can tackle this problem.
2. You are Astha/Ashwin of class X. Write an article on ‘Cricket is a religion in Our Country’.

B. Story Writing
3. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided:
   One day a dog found a piece of meat. He reached the bank of the river ............................
4. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided:
   Last week I went to market on bicycle to buy some books. I placed my bicycle outside the shop ....................

C. Letter to Editor
5. You are Arun/Aruna, a resident of A-20, Aurbindo Marg, New Delhi. You are deeply troubled by the sale of alcohol to underage people. Write a letter to the Editor of the “The Hindustan Times” drawing attention to this problem.
6. Public park is the heart of a residential area. Children play, elders go for a walk and even ladies do yoga and other exercises there. But unfortunately the park in your area has become a place for stray animals and anti-social elements. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu, K G Marg New Delhi, to draw attention of the civic authorities towards it.

D. Formal letter of Enquiry
7. You are interested in a short-term course in computer graphics during the holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Fortune Graphics Computers, inquiring about their short-term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Anuj/Anju of 28 A, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.
8. You are John/Urmila, the Tour Incharge of Grant Public School, Agra. During the summer break, you are planning to organize a tour to a place of historical importance. Write a letter to The National Travel agency, Agra enquiring about the charges, facilities and all the other necessary details.

E. Formal letter of Placing order
9. Write a letter to Delhi Sports, New Delhi, placing an order for sports articles to be supplied to your school, Sign as Ravi/Raveena, Sports Secretary.
10. You are Smriti, Librarian of S.M. Public school,Kolkata. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Usha Publications Limited, Kolkata placing an order for the books that you wish to purchase for your school library. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.

F. Formal letter of Complaint
11. You are the Physical Education Instructor at St. Jesus and Mary School, Agra. You had placed order for sports goods with Student Sports Enterprises. When the items arrived you found that some of them were defective. Write a letter to the Manager, Student Sports Enterprises, asking him to replace the defective items.
12. You had bought a mobile phone from a reputable showroom in Mumbai but after a month it developed a serious fault. Write a complaint letter to the manager asking for immediate repair or replacement of the same. You are Sadiq/Razia, 123, TT Nagar, Bhopal.

Literature

BOOK-1 (FIRST FLIGHT)

A Letter to god

Short Answer
1. What was the effect of the rain on the crops?
2. What are the raindrops compared to and why?

Long Answer
1. Describe the character of Lencho in the light of his faith and attitude towards God and man.
2. Lencho called the post office employees' a bunch of crook?
3. What does it show about his attitude towards man?

Nelson Mandela: long walk to freedom

Short Answer
1. What was the pledge taken by nelson Mandela?
2. What were the two anthems seeng on' that day'?
3. What did being free mean to Mandela as a boy, and as a student? How does he contrast these 'transiting freedoms' with; the basic and honourable freedoms?

Long Answer
1. Nelson Mandela point out same human qualities in his speech. Which of these of these questions impresses you the most?

Two stories about flying

His first flight

Short Answer
1. When did the seagull get over his fear of the water?
2. Do you sympathise with the seagull? Give reasons.

Long Answer
1. Fear and lock of confidence stop one from learning new this. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make his coward? How did he overcome these shortcomings?

The Black Aeroplane

Short Answer
1. How many fuel tank were there in the plane? How much fuel was left?
2. Why did the pilot fly straight into the storm instead of returning to Paris?

Long Answer
1. Do you think the story' the block Aeroplane' in a mystery? Do you see some elements of supernatural power in the story?

From the Diary of Anne Frank

Short Answer
1. Who brought Anne' a birthday present” and why?
2. Why did Anne think that she was alone? Give reasons.

Long Answer
1. Write a brief character sketch of Anne. How does she impress you? What will you learn you learn from her?
2. What idea do you from of Mr Keesing as a teacher? What is that you like most about him?

The Hundred Dresses-I

Short Answer
1. How do you know that Peggy was a kind girl though she was a bit harsh to Wanda?
2. Describe any two dresses of Wanda.

Long Answer
1. Why did Wanda leave school? How did the attitude of her classmate hurt her?

The Hundred Dresses-II

Short Answer
1. How did memories of Wanda haunt Maddie?
2. What was the Christmas gift to leggy and Maddie from Wanda?

Long Answer
1. Who is a better human being- Maddie or Peggy? What attributes is the personality of Maddie make
her different from Peggy?

Glimpses of India -
A Baker from Goa.

Short Answer
1. What is the rde of bread on the occasion of marriage?
2. Why is a jack fruit- like physical appearance compared to a baker?

Long Answer
1. During our childhood in God, the backer used to be our friend, companion and guide’. What does this statement tell you about the character of the narrator?

Coorg

Short Answer
1. What is the story regarding the Greek origin of the people of Coorg?
2. Why are the kandavus permitted to carry firearms without a license?

Long Answer
1. The Coorgis are known for their hospitality. They are friendly and caring. What makes them so loveable.

Tea From Assam

Short Answer
1. Why does Rajvir call the workers doll- like figures?
2. What is the Indian legend about the discovery of tea?

Long Answer
1. Rajvir felt too reaching Assam while pranjol showed least interest in his excitement. What couln be the reason behind this?

Mijbil The Otter

Short Answer
1. What did Mijbil, the otter, do in the bathroom after two days of his arrival?
2. Why was Mijbil put in a box by Maxwell? Why was there silence in the box?

Long Answer
1. How did the narrator feel when he saw blood tricking down the box in which Mijbil had been kept to transport to England? What traits of narrator's character are reflected here?

Madam Rides The Buss

Short Answer
1. What did the conductor advice Valli while on the bus?
2. Why did Valli not get down from the bus in the town?

Long Answer
1. Valli’s journey to the town is also her induction into the mystery of life and death. Explain.

The Sermon at Benares

Short Answer
1. How did’ Bodhi Tree’ get its name ?
2. What king of suffering in reflected in the Sermon?

Long Answer
1. " The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain…..”. with this statement of the Buddha, find out what kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child.

Poetry

Dust of Show

Short Answer
1. Explain the imager used by poet.

Extract based questions
Has given my heart
A Change of mood
And Saved Part
Of a d a y I had rued.
(a) What type of mood was the poet in?
(b) How did the poet’s mood change?
(c) Which word in the stanza means regret?
(d) What is the rhyming scheme of the poem?

Short Answer
1. Explain the imager used by poet.

Long Answer
1. How can you nature has a significant role in the lives of humans?

Fire and Ice
Extract based questions
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I Know toughly hate
TO Say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would Suffice.
(a) What dose Ice stands for?
(b) What could be the cause for destruction?
(c) Which word in the stanza stands for destruction?
(d) What, according the poet, would bring an end to the world?

Short Answer.
1. Why does the poet hold with those who favor fire?

Long Answer
1. Briefly write about the ideas about how the world will end.

A Tiger in the zoo
Extract based questions.
But he’s lock in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the lengths of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
(a) Why is he locked in a concrete cell?
(b) Pick out the word from the stanza that means opposite of recognize.
(c) Who are the visitors?
(d) What does the animal do?

Short Answer
1. How does a tiger create terror for the villagers?

Long Answer.
1. Why should the tiger snarl around houses at the edge of the forest?

How to tell wild Animals.
Extract based questions.
Or if some time when roaming round,
A noble wild beast greets you,
With Block stripes on a yellow ground,
Just notice it he lets you.
This simple rule may help you learn
The Bengal tiger to discern.
(a) Why does the poet call him a noble animal?
(b) How is Bengal tiger different from the other animals?
(c) Pick out the word from the stanza that means the same as animal.
(d) Name the poem and poet.

Short Answer
1. How is the Bengal tiger described?

Long Answer
1. What is the famous saying associated with crocodiles and what does it mean?

Amanda.

Extract based questions.
Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!
(a) Who in the speaker here?
(b) Why is the speaker angry with Amanda?
(c) Pick out the word from the stanza that means the same as 'bend'.
(d) What does the first line tell about Amanda?

Short Answer
1. Why is Amanda getting scolded for having chocolate?

Long Answer
1. Write a short note on the title of the poem.

Animals.

Extract based questions.
I stand and look at them long and long.
They do not sweat and whine about their condition.
(a) Who does 'they' refer to here?
(b) Why does the author keep looking at them for long?
(c) Which word in the stanza stands for 'complain'?
(d) Why does the poet find animals better than human?

Short Answer
1. Why do animals not weep for their sins?

Long Answer
1. Explain the satisfaction that animals have and humans don't.

The Trees.

Extract based questions.
........... winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
its pieces flash now in the crown
Of the tallest Oak.
(a) Who does 'them' refer to?
(b) The moon is broken like a mirror. Why is the moon broken?
(c) Write the figure of speech.
(d) When does the wind rush to meet?

Short Answer
1. What does the poet compare the branches of the trees to?

Long Answer
1. How does the poet describe the moon: (a) at the beginning of the third stanza, (b) at its end?
Fog

Extract based questions

The fog comes
on little cat’s feet.
(a) Name the poet.
(b) What has the fog been compared to?
(c) What is the significance of ’cat’s feet’ here?
(d) Which figure of speech is used here?

Short Answer

1. How does the poet compare fog to a living being?

Long Answer

1. What image does the poet give to the fog? What are the similarities between that image and fog?

The tale of Custard the Dragon.

Extract based questions.

Custard the dragon had big Sharp teeth,
And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,
Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose.
And really, truly daggers on his toes.
(a) What do the above lines tell us?
(b) What do these lines describe?
(c) Who was custard?
(d) What did Belinda think about him?

Short Answer

1. What did Custard look like?

Long Answer

1. Describe the bravery of everyone in the house.

For Anne Gregory

Extract based questions.

"I heard an old religious man
but yester night declare
That he had found a tent to prone
That only god, my dear,
Could love you for yourself alone
and not your yellow hair.
(a) Who is 'I' here?
(b) What evidence does the old man want to give?
(c) What does 'yellow hair' refer to?
(d) Name the poem and the poet.

Short Answer

1. What are Anne’s views on external beauty?

Long Answer

1. How right or wrong is it to judge someone on the basis of his/her physical appearance?

Footprints Without feet.
A triumph of Surgery.

Short Answer

1. Why did Mr Herriot inspect a call from Mrs Pumphrey?
2. Why was it tempting to keep trickle in surgery as a permanent guest?

Long Answer

1. Give a brief character sketch of Mrs Pumphrey.
2. with a brief character sketch of Mr Herriot, the veterinary surgeon. What impresses you the most
in him?

**The Thief's story**  
**Short Answer.**  
1. Why did Hari sing feel that writing book was a quiet way to make a living?  
2. Why did Anil forgive Hari Singh?

**Long Answer**  
1. Give a brief character sketch of Anil lighting his qualities.

**The Midnight Visitor**  
**Short Answer**  
1. Who was Henry? What role did he play in Ausable's plans?  
2. What story did Ausable fabricate about the balcony?

**Long Answer**  
1. Give a brief character sketch of Fowler?

**A Question of trust**  
**Short Answer**  
1. Did the young lady impact Horace to be caught after the theft?  
2. What does the writer tell us about Horace Danby's life?

**Long Answer**  
1. How did Horace Danby plan his robbery of shot over Grange?

**Footprints Without Feet**  
**Short Answer**  
1. Why were the landlord and his wife surprised to see the scientist's door wide open?  
2. Why was Mr Jaffers, the constable, surprised?

**Long Answer**  
1. Griffin was a brilliant scientist but not a true one. What made him bad scientist? What does it show about his character?

**The Making of a Scientist**  
**Short Answer**  
1. How did Ebright spend his time in Pennsylvania?  
2. How did Dr. Urquhart encourage Ebright through a book?

**Long Answer**  
1. "Failure is step towards success." How did a failure in the first competition help Ebright in becoming a successful scientist?

**The Necklace**  
**Short Answer**  
1. Describe name Loisel's experience at the ball.  
2. What were Mathilde's tensions when her husband brought her the invitation to the ball?

**Long Answer**  
1. Mathilde suffered because she was not content with what life has given to her. Do you agree we should be content with what life give us?

**The Hack Driver**  
**Short Answer**  
1. How did Lutkin's mother greet the lawyer?  
2. What sign did the lawyer find at the station "agree able"?

**Long Answer**  
1. Lutkin appeared humble but he was not. Appearances can be deception. Elaborate.

**Bholi**  
**Short Answer.**  
1. Why did bholi's parents think she's a dumb com?  
2. Why did Bholi first agree to an unequal match?
Long Answer
1. Bholi has multiple handicaps - she is a girl, she has pock-marks, she stammers. How can we change the social attitudes towards the differently abled?

The book that saved the Earth.
Short Answer
1. What did Noodle suggest about the book?
2. How did Noodle address think-tank?

Long Answer
1. Compare and contrast the character of Think-Tank and Noodles.
2. Noodle avoids offending Think-Tank but at the same time he corrects his mistakes. How does he manage to do that?