

# Pratap Public School, Karnal

Pre-Board Examination - 2021-2022

Class - X

Subject - English

Time : 2 Hours

M.M :40

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

- Read all questions carefully. The question paper contains three sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

## SECTION A (READING)

1. Read the passage given below:-

(10 MARKS)

### FOOD WASTAGE IN INDIA

As the Indian middle class is getting more affluent, the number of celebration parties is growing and so is the guest list. We have functions for birth celebration, first birthday celebration, engagements, marriages, promotions, sixtieth birthdays, marriage jubilees and even retirement policy. Lot of people get invited to each of these.

Just inviting people to such celebrations is not a problem. Because if a person eats at one place, he/she would save food he/she would have eaten somewhere else. The problem is, there is no RSVP (which is a French abbreviation that stands for 'Reply, if you please') culture in India. We send invites, but we don't ask people whether they are planning to attend or not. The host does not get any feedback and has a vague idea of how many people will show up. Certainly if more people showed up unexpectedly and had no food to eat, it would be embarrassing. So they just end up making enough for a large number of people. This results in wastage of food, cooking gas and manpower. And because electricity is costly and food storage equipment is not so easily available, huge amount of food goes waste.

Then we have people offering food and oil to gods. While so many people are going hungry, we are bathing idols of our gods in milk, honey or oil. We throw rice on the couple in marriages. There is also a lot of wastage in how we get our food. The last end of our food and vegetable supply chains are street vendors, who lack adequate infrastructure to store food to reduce waste.

Our best of the best software engineers are writing software to run banks in US and Europe. Can't we launch a website that makes it possible for people to reply to invites using an easy,



online or mobile based application? Yes, we need this one change in our culture - replying to invites and confirming whether we can make it to the celebration or not. Best of the best MBAs are launching marketing campaigns worldwide to increase market share of consumer products worldwide. Can't we launch a cultural change campaign? We make choices and every choice has consequences. Sadly when faced with consequences of our choices, we externalize the blame. We find someone else to fault. We imagine only of that evil outside somewhere is fixed, we the pious people would continue living our pristine and perfect lives.

If we saved all this food, it would suddenly make extra food available, thereby reducing food demand and eventually reducing food prices.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words five each. (5x1=5 MARKS)**

- a) What are the different ways in which food is being wasted in India?
- b) What do you understand by RSVP culture?
- c) How can software engineers help prevent food wastage in the country?
- d) What does the author mean by 'cultural change campaign'?
- e) Does the author believe that the people of the country can bring about this change? Why/Why not?
- f) What will happen if we stop wasting food?

**2. Read the following excerpt from a case study titled Impacts of Festivities on Ecology.**

Festivals are synonymous with celebration, ceremony and joy. However, festivals bring to fore the flip side of celebrations -pollution-air, water, soil and noise. This led to the need of assessing the awareness level among people about ecological pollution during festivals. So, a study was conducted by scholars of an esteemed

5 university in India. This study was titled *Awareness Towards Impact of Festivals on Ecology*.

There were two main objectives of the study. The first one was to assess the awareness level among people about ecological protection during festivities. Exploring solutions to bring awareness about celebrating festivals without harming

10 ecology was the second objective. The method used to collect data was a simple questionnaire containing 6 questions, shared with 50 respondents across four selected districts of a state in the southern region of India.

The research began by understanding the socio-economic conditions of the respondents before sharing the questionnaire. Once the responses were received,

15 the data collected was tabulated (Table 1), for analysis.



Table: 1 Awareness level among respondents

QUESTIONS	YES %	NO %	CAN'T SAY%
1. Do you feel that bursting crackers is a must during festivities?	46	54	0
2. Do you think most people abuse environmental resources during celebration of festivals?	72	28	0
3. Do you think that celebrations & festivities result in uniting people?	64	32	4
4. Do you enjoy bursting crackers for amusement?	68	32	0
5. Do you feel pressured to burst crackers during festivals as an expectation of your social status?	82	12	6
6. Are you aware of waste segregation and disposal guidelines for better ecology?	56	40	4

The study recommended the imposition of strict rules and regulations as opposed to a total ban on all festive activities which have a drastic impact on our environment. The researchers believed that such measures would help in harnessing some ill effects that add to the growing pollution and suggested further

- 20 Studies be taken up across the country to assess awareness about ecological degradation. The observations made in the study pointed to the environmental groups and eco clubs fighting a losing battle due to city traffic issues, disposal of plastics, garbage dumping and all sorts of ecological degradation. The researchers
- 25 stressed that the need of the hour is increasing awareness among people to reduce ecological pollution which can be facilitated by celebrating all festivals in an eco friendly manner.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below (5x1=5 MARKS)**

- i) Why do the researchers call pollution the 'flip side' of festivals?
- ii) Comment on the significance of the second objective of the study with reference to lines 7-12.
- iii) Justify the researchers' recommendation for limiting the drastic impact of festival pollution on the environment with reference to lines 16-21.
- iv) Why do the researchers feel that environmental groups and eco-clubs are fighting a losing battle in the given scenario?



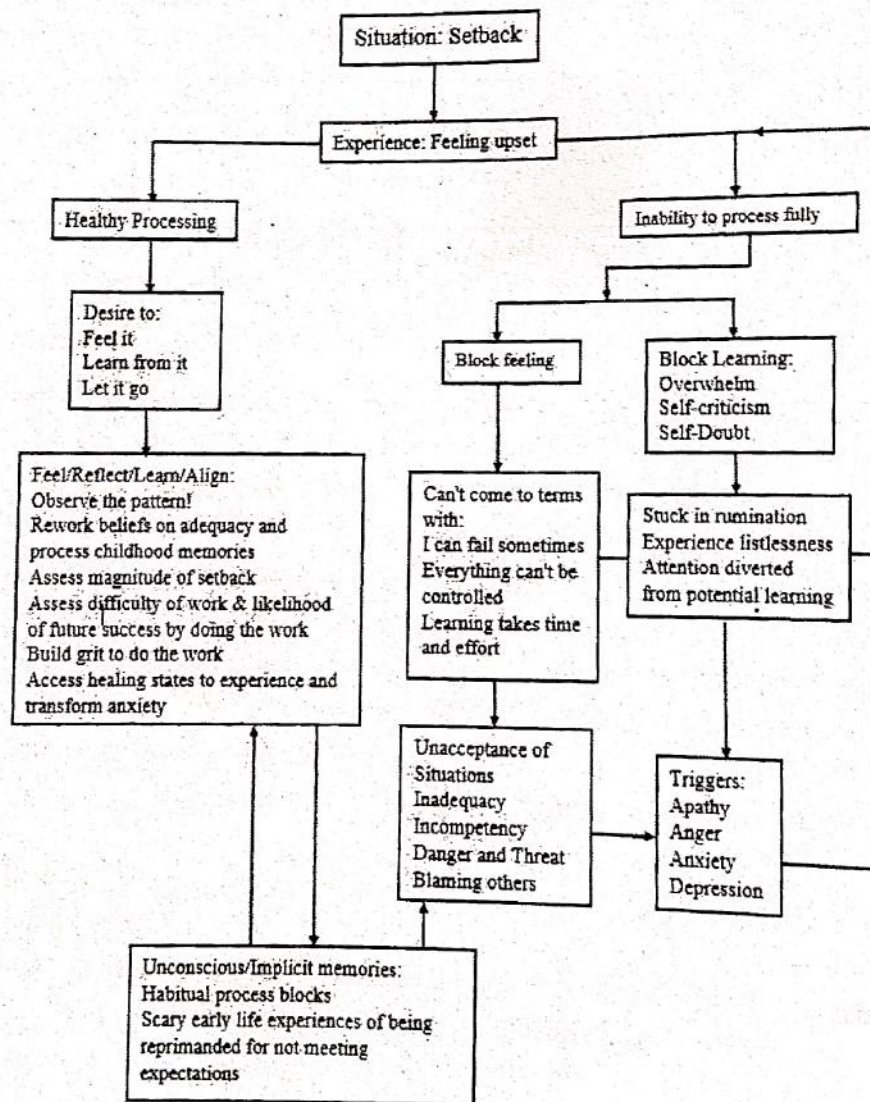
- v) Even though a larger number of people say 'no' to bursting crackers than those who say 'yes', festival pollution persists. How does evidence from table 1 support this statement?
- vi) What purpose does the 'Can't Say' column serve in the questionnaire (table 1)?

### SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (10 marks)

(5 marks)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from i and ii.

- i) You are Saurav Bhatia, a student of class X. You and your parents are planning to visit Nainital during the summer break this year. Write a letter to the Manager of a hotel enquiring about a double bedroom accommodation at the hotel from 28 May to 1 June. Also enquire about the tariff and facilities provided by the hotel. Your letter should not exceed 100-120 words.
- ii) Study the concept chart from the self-help magazine section of a monthly publication.



Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analysing the listed responses to the situation when one faces setbacks.



4. Read the conversation between two students and complete the passage that follows. (2 marks)

Pranay: Are you free this evening, Saurav?

Saurav : Yes, but why do you ask this?

Pranay asked Saurav (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Saurav replied in affirmative but he wondered (b) \_\_\_\_\_

5. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. (1x3=3 marks)

	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
The road to success is no a bed of roses. Only	e.g. no	not
those who wade on hazards and hurdles can	a)	
achieve successful. Set yourself clear goals	b)	
and define precisely what you wants to do.	b)	

### SECTION C- LITERATURE (20 marks)

6. Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each. (2x6=12 marks)

- What message did Buddha's first sermon at Benares give?
- Justify how 'Animals' by Walt Whitman is a criticism of mankind and its ways?
- Comment on the tone of the speaker when she says 'Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!
- "Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age." Why did they ask the dragon's age?
- Briefly state how Matilda invited 'a dreadful life of necessity into her family.
- The hack driver successfully trapped the narrator in his web of words. Comment.
- Why does Lomov accuse Chubukov of being an 'Intriguer'?

7. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each. (4x2=8 marks)

- Parents play a crucial role in the upbringing of their children. Critically examine the parents of Bholi and Ebright, highlighting their impact on their children's lives.
- Pranjol and Rajvir discuss their next vacation destination. They shortlist Coorg and Goa. Rajvir is keen on Coorg and tries to convince Pranjol. Develop a conversation between the two, based on your understanding of Glimpses of India.

You may begin like this:

Rajvir: Hey Pranjol! I think we should be visiting Coorg. It is a beautiful place with coffee plantations. I can smell the aroma already! Pranjol: We visited a tea plantation last year, in Assam; I want to...

- What do you understand by a marriage of convenience? Would you consider Lomov and Natalya's union to be a marriage of convenience? If so, why? Give reasons for your answer.