

PRATAP PUBLIC SCHOOL, KARNAL
PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION- (2021-2022)
CLASS-XII
SUBJECT-301 - ENGLISH (CORE)

Time allowed: 2 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING (14 marks)

Read the passage given below:

8 marks

- 1) Making a great first impression is imperative to becoming an influential leader. The ancient Greeks spent a lot of time thinking and writing about the effect of one personality on another. They broke down the process of communication into three parts, which they called ethos, pathos and logos.
- 2) The ethos of communication is defined as the ethical part. This revolves around the person you really are and, more important, the person you are perceived to be. If you are in sales or business, the way you are perceived by someone, which will largely determine the influence you have over him or her, will be strongly affected by your level of credibility, your ethos. In the area of personal credibility, the rule is that everything counts. Everything you do or don't do either adds to or takes away from your credibility and your capability to influence someone. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, in essence, that what you are shouting at me so loudly, I cannot hear a word you are saying. Ethos is very important.
- 3) Perhaps the simplest example of the application of this rule, that everything counts, involves your image or appearance. You've heard it said that you never get a second chance to make a good first impression. The fact is that when you first meet a person, he makes a judgment about you in approximately four seconds, and his judgment is finalized largely within 30 seconds of the initial contact. In a survey of the members of the American Personnel Consultants, 3/4 of those men and women who are responsible for hiring people for large companies, 3/4 of the members

generally agreed that they made their decision to hire or not to hire a person within 30 seconds of the first meeting.

- 4) Your clothes are responsible for 95 per cent of the first impression that you make on someone because, in most instances, your clothes cover 95 per cent of your body. Your grooming, your hairstyle and the other ways you can determine your appearance from the neck up also exert an inordinate influence on the way that you are perceived, on your ethos with someone. Your accessories, such as purse or briefcase, watch, tie, rings, pens and other elements, all make a statement that will or will not help to put you in a position to influence someone.
- 5) Here are two things you can do immediately to put these ideas into action. First, take complete control over every detail of your personal appearance and grooming. Resolve to look like a powerful, influential person in all your business activities. Second, study fashion and proper dressing, so you know exactly what to wear and in what combination. Read a book, take a seminar or even hire an image consultant. Small changes in your appearance can change your life.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY EIGHT** questions from the nine given below:

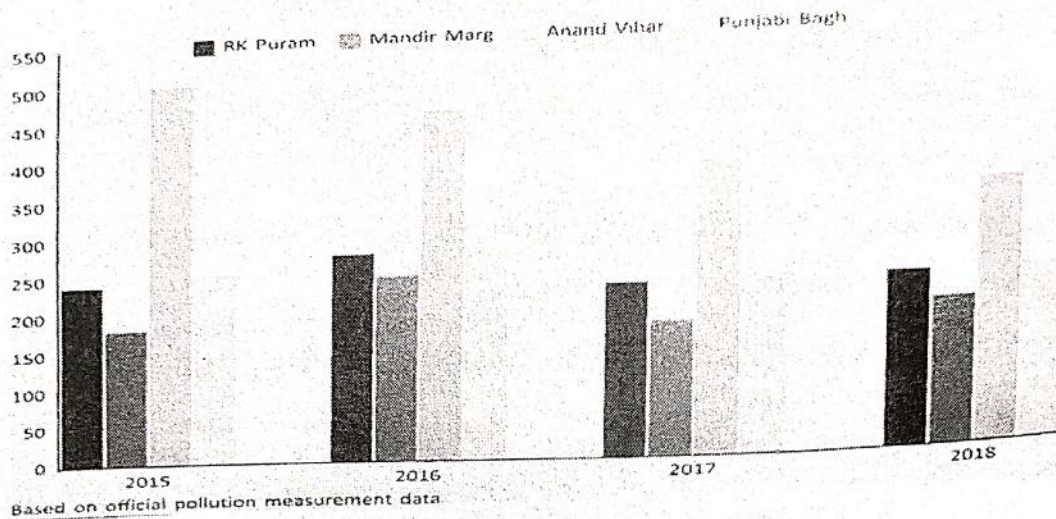
- (i) Cite a point of evidence from the text to suggest that the writer's words, "The ethos of communication is defined as the ethical part", were justified.
- (ii) Why is it important to make a great first impression?
- (iii) What does the survey of American Personnel Consultants state?
- (iv) What is responsible for 95 per cent of the first impression?
- (v) Rewrite the given sentence by replacing the underlined word with another one, from para 2.
The president will have to work hard to restore his reliability.
- (vi) What does the use of the phrase "second chance" indicate?
- (vii) Select a suitable phrase from para 5 to complete the following sentence appropriately:
The new policy effectively gave local authorities _____ building materials and labor allocation.
- (viii) What is the foremost important step that one can take to put first impression ideas into action?

(ix) The writer says, " ...the rule is that everything counts..." Where and how can this rule be implemented?

6 marks

2. Read the passage given below:

1. Delhi's chief minister, Arvind Kejriwal, made this claim in a recent tweet, adding that there was more work to do to reduce toxic air in the Indian capital. Delhi has had a very serious air pollution problem



for some years, often at its worst in the winter months. In November 2018, levels reached 20 times the recommended World Health Organization's safe limits for air pollution. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was conducted to ascertain the pollution in different areas of Delhi.

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
PM10 Pollution levels in Delhi: Average daily concentration at four locations

2. It has been caused by growing volumes of traffic, construction and industrial activity, the burning of rubbish and crops, the use of fireworks during festivals and weather patterns which can trap polluted air in the lower atmosphere for long periods of time.

There have been various measures adopted in recent years by the municipal authorities in Delhi to tackle pollution: converting vehicles to cleaner fuel, restricting vehicle use at specific times, banning

the use of polluting industrial fuel, prohibiting the entry of the dirtiest vehicles into the city and closing some power stations. There have also been measures taken by the national government, such as opening two major peripheral roads, east and west of Delhi, to take heavy goods traffic away from the capital — as well as introducing new fuel emission standards.

3. However, the report points out that Delhi still has to reduce its current PM2.5 concentrations by 65% to meet national clean air targets. Although PM2.5 is particularly dangerous for health, it's not the only pollutant in the air that causes problems.

"Also, there is hardly any attention paid to ultrafine particles which are less than 100 nanometers in diameter," says Mr. Kumar.

There are other potentially harmful substances which come from vehicles and industrial emissions such as gases like nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and ozone.

4. "We have seen rising levels of both ozone and nitrogen gases in Delhi," says Anumita Roy Chowdhury of the CSE. "And ozone is an emerging problem in the summers," she adds. It's hard to compare because air quality in Delhi is very well monitored compared to other Indian cities. The city now has 38 separate air quality testing stations, whereas some smaller cities have just a handful of, sometimes quiet, old stations.

5. That being said, one report this year, which looked at official Indian government data and WHO figures to compare 2016 with 2018, said there were declines in the amount of PM2.5 particles in other Indian cities — not just in Delhi.

It also pointed out that some industrial areas outside Delhi still had very high concentrations of both PM2.5 and PM10.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the seven questions given below:

- (i) According to the passage, write some major reasons behind the pollution raised in Delhi.
- (ii) Why was this survey on pollution levels in Delhi undertaken?
- (iii) With reference to the graph, state the depiction of pollution level for Anand Vihar and Punjabi Bagh.
- (iv) With reference to the graph, which area is the most affected by pollution?

- (v) "...air quality in Delhi is very well monitored." What does the idea of being well monitored for air pollution refer to?
- (vi) In the context of the statement 'Also, there is hardly any attention paid to ultrafine particles', what does Mr. Kumar's reaction reveal about him?
- (vii) Delhi has had a severe air pollution problem for some years. Cite evidence from the text to substantiate the statement.

SECTION B – WRITING (8 marks)

3. You are Shri Jogiraj, a certified yoga trainer from Pune. Principal, Sahyadri School, Pune has invited you to conduct a "Yoga Shivar" to commemorate World Yoga Day on the 21st of June. The shivar is to increase the awareness among students on the relevance of yoga in one's life. Write your reply in about 50 words accepting the invitation. **3 marks**

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. **5 marks**

A. You are Radha/Rajiv, resident of 186-B, Sushant Enclave, Sonipat. You have recently completed your post-graduation from Delhi University. Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sonipat, has advertised the requirement of PGT English in the local newspaper. You find this to be a great opportunity and wish to apply for the post. Write a letter in 100-120 words, responding to the given advertisement, submitting your candidature along with a signed & dated biodata.

Situation Vacant

REQUIRED by Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sonipat, 3 PGT English, for its upcoming session 2022-23. Candidates should have Master's degree from reputed university, good command of the subject, excellent communication skills, pleasing personality, a passion for teaching students. Walk-in-interview on 20th April 2022, 11:00 a.m., at 24-A, Sector 11, Huda Colony, Phase I, Sonipat-123456, Haryana. Contact: The Admin Officer, Kendriya Vidyalaya. 9800126XXX

OR

B. Delhi Metro has proved to be a boon, but people are against some of the elevated metro constructions, saying it will cause noise pollution and possible deforestation. There could also be chaos on the roads. A forum named 'Voice of Reason' organized a citywide march against the construction of the elevated metro. As a newspaper reporter, use the given cues along with your own ideas to write a report about the same in 120-150 words.

- students of various colleges
- protest against deforestation
- problem with shortening of the width of the road
- turnout more than expected

SECTION C - LITERATURE (18 marks)

3x2=10 marks

5. Attempt **ANY FIVE** of the six questions given below, within 40 words each:

- (i) From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap?
- (ii) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being "resolute"?
- (iii) How can sadness and depression be removed from our lives? Elaborate in the context of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'.
- (iv) Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character? What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?
- (v) Why does Jack insist that the wizard was hit and not the mother?
- (vi) In which section of the play does Mr. Lamb display signs of loneliness and disappointment? What are the ways in which Mr. Lamb tries to overcome these feelings?

6. Attempt **ANY TWO** of the following in about 120-150 words each:

4x2=8 marks

- (i) The story "The Rattrap" takes many turns and gives some unexpected instances. With reference to characters and the plot, comment on such instances.
- (ii) What would happen if nature does not relieve us of our pain? How does beauty change our inner self? Elaborate in the context of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'.
- (iii) "Careless leaving that question paper behind, but then, they all made their mistakes somewhere along the line," says the Governor. Was Evans careless to have behaved like this? What was the reason?