

Answers to REN/Set-1

1. (a) Tiger Woods is a famous golf player who became a corporate player in India, later on. Many top-level Indian corporates headed for a game with professionals like him. Participating in these events, where amateurs play with professionals, comes for a hefty fee. This is how the author explains about the income of Tiger Woods.
 - (b) Both Sandeep Sarkar and Butch Harman are professionals in the game of golf, but while Sandeep Sarkar travels abroad to improve his game, Butch has been training professionals such as Tiger Woods and has even helped American Presidents improve their game.
 - (c) (ii) the improvement of the player
 - (d) trail and error
 - (e) (ii) As golf is a technical game unlike other sports playing everyday, will not improve the game.
 - (f) The general consensus of opinion is that corporate playing alongside professionals can definitely improve their game skills and this was confirmed when Munjal, an amateur, played with Tiger Woods, a professional golfer.
 - (g) Golf is a technical game. Football or other sports need daily practice. Only through persistent practice, one can get skilled in these. But it is not the case with golf. It is not necessary to do its practice daily rather it is necessary to know about its technicalities.
 - (h) (i) hefty
 - (i) (i) make professionals better players among Indian corporates
 - (j) (i) In golf, marginal improvements are subtle.
 - (ii) Small changes like tweaking the hand position can be mastered.
2. (a) young people today are more dependent on digital media
 - (b) (ii) To know about digital competency of teenagers.
 - (c) Digital media has completely displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV. While it is true that digital media has become more prevalent in our daily lives, many people still enjoy reading books and watching TV as a form of entertainment and relaxation. These two are anyhow, parallel to each other.
 - (d) Sentence 1 is 'digital', sentence 2 is 'traditional'.
 - (e) (i) Anchal
 - (f) The digital activities in which the twelfth graders indulged in are:

Texting for over two hours a day on the internet which included gaming and just under two hours a day on social media. They spend about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time.
 - (g) Yes, the researchers added eighth and tenth graders to the survey deliberately. This is stated in paragraph 3, which says, "While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth and tenth-graders were added in 1991."
 - (h) (ii) Wastage of time.

3. A.

Rev. Francis School, New Delhi

NOTICE

9 March 20XX

Meeting of English Language Club

On the occasion of International Day of English Language, our school is organising its Annual English Week from 2 - 8 April 20XX in the school campus. All executive members should join a meeting on 11 March 20XX at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Discussion regarding the detailed itinerary, the arrangements and duties for the week will also be on the agenda of the meeting.

Sd/-

Jairam Reddy

(Head)

(English Club)

Or

B.

Govt. Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Jammu

NOTICE

20 November 20XX

Menace of Smoking

All Cricket Club members are requested to attend an emergency meeting to be held in the school auditorium at 8 a.m. on 26th November 20XX.

Some selected members of the club were found smoking outside the school campus, thus making a mockery of the selection criteria.

The agenda of the meeting is to discuss the deteriorating discipline among some members who might face the cancellation of their membership.

Attendance is mandatory.

Ritesh Pakhi

(Secretary)

(Cricket Club)

4. A.

**The Principal, Staff and Students
of
RAINBOW PUBLIC SCHOOL, CIVIL LINES, DELHI**

request the pleasure of your company

On

Annual Day

on 15 December 20XX, Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Hon'ble Education Minister of Delhi

has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest.

RSVP

Principal

Ph. 011-2785XXXX

Or

B. 206, Kidwai Nagar

Delhi 1100XX

17th July 20XX

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for your cordial invitation to the occasion of your brother's marriage. I, however, regret my inability to attend this auspicious occasion as I am flying to Canada to join my sister's family. Please excuse my absence.

Do convey my regards and best wishes to the couple.

Yours affectionately

Rohana

(ROHANA)

5. A. Assistant Manager

Rainwater Conservation Project

Water Tank Road

Hyderabad

20 May 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India (Hyderabad Edition)

Times of India Building

Main Street

Hyderabad

Dear Sir

Subject: Rainwater conservation in public parks and open grounds

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to bring to the notice of the readers the crucial need for water conservation in parks and open grounds, to help towards easing the extreme water shortages of the city. It has been observed that downpours leave these places unusable as also a medically vulnerable being ideal spots for mosquito breeding, accidental falls for children who play there. During the dry season, these spaces turn into public dustbins as they dry up and are unusable as public recreational areas.

It is suggested that drums be inserted in these spaces to collect water. Direct run-offs to plants should be created and even large bowls placed for water collection so that the greenery, such as trees, can be maintained cost effectively.

These simple yet effective measures can make housing colonies of the city liveable and recreational spaces for the young and old alike.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Crystemum Bhawe

(Rainwater Conservation Project)

Or

B. 323, Kale Sarai
Delhi 1100XX
24 April 20XX
The Manager
Cipla Ltd.
B-213
Connaught Place
New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Application for the post of head accountant

In response to your advertisement published in *Hindustan Times* dated 20 April 20XX for the post of head accountant, I submit my resume herewith. I am well-versed in financial matters and fluent in English too. My resume includes my qualifications and details of experience with other particulars for your kind perusal.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Gaurav Kumar

(GAURAV KUMAR)

Resume

Name : Gaurav Kumar
Father's Name : Dr Surendra Kumar
Date of Birth : 25 January 19XX
Address : 323, Kale Sarai
Delhi - 1100XX
Ph 9956XXXXXX
Educational Qualifications : • Passed Class X (CBSE), 2002, 90% Marks
• Passed Class XII (CBSE), 2004, 85% Marks
• BCom (Delhi University), 2007, 78% Marks
• MCom (Delhi University), 2009, 79% Marks
• CA (Intermediate) 2012, 85% Marks
Work Experience : 4 years as an accountant in Gluco Pharma Ltd, Delhi
Hobbies/Interests : Reading, Computer Programing
References : 1. Dr RK Wadhwa
Sr Manager, Bata India Ltd.
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2. Mr CK Rajchandani
Area Manager, Dabur India Ltd.
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6. A.

Benefits of Yoga

by Neera

Yoga is a system of exercises for body and for controlling breathing. In fact, it is an ancient art based on a harmonised system of development of the body, mind and spirit. The continuous practice of yoga leads us to a healthy life.

‘Yoga practice’ implies a holistic approach that includes *asanas*, *pranayam*, *yama*, *niyama* and meditation. It has many benefits. It rejuvenates our nervous system and tones up our muscles. Some specific *mudras* are directed towards the betterment of our internal glands. It also protects our spine. For example, Matsendrasana (side-bent posture) is good for spine. Sirsasana (head-stand) or Sarbangasana (shoulder-stand) rejuvenates pituitary and thyroid glands. It also encourages venous blood from the legs and pelvis to flow back to the heart. It is found that most of the older people are suffering from blood pressure. They will be highly benefited if they practise Shavasana (corpse pose) every day.

Thus, everyone can enjoy the benefits of yoga if they practise it regularly under the guidance of a yoga Guru. Hence, ‘yoga practice’ is the only acknowledged therapy by virtue of which we can get rid of sickness, disease and premature death.

Or

B.

Plantation Week

by Nitin Sharma

Nagpur, 16 July 20XX: The ‘Plantation Week’ was held in the school from 9 July to 15 July in the school premises. The students from classes 5 to 12 actively participated in the tree plantation programme. The school Principal, Dr Ranen Malhotra, teachers and students planted saplings in the school premises. They planted different kinds of plants such as jacaranda (*neeli gulmohur*), purple orchid, African tulip tree, Indian laburnum, mountain ebony, scarlet fountain tree (*pichkari*), rain tree, jurul and mango trees. The students also attended the orientation programme arranged by the British Council. The teachers explained about the importance of tree plantation. They also explained the negative impact, if trees are felled, on the environment and ecology. Nonetheless, the help staff told different things about the plants and their uses. At the end of the programme, there was an impressive photo session with Principal, teachers and students.

7. A. (a) The extract is a scathing criticism on the rich people.
(b) (iv) Explains roadside people to be rich and thirsty.
(c) criticise and judge
(d) livelihood
(e) (iii) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
(f) The folk at the roadside stand pray that some city traffic should stop by and buy their wares so that they could make some money to improve their life beyond mere survival.

OR

- B. (a) prance across a screen
(b) (ii) strengthened
(c) tigers
(d) courageous
(e) (iv) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
(f) The extract emphasises the hardships and tensions that a woman confronts in a male-dominated society. Aunt Jennifer is the main character representing all women who are persecuted by the patriarchal society.

8. A. (a) apologetic
(b) Sadao thought that if he sheltered a white man in his house, he would be arrested and if he did not take proper care of that man he would never do justice to his profession. This way Sadao was in a dilemma.
(c) (i) He wants to save his life.
(d) He figured out that the man was American through his cap of “US Navy”.

Or

- B. (a) undercurrent of many voices made a badlam in the class.
(b) It implies that the atmosphere was very cold that day.
(c) (ii) reveals the large bell that rang for breakfast was deafening
(d) It implies that the writer felt uncomfortable in the new environment.
9. A. (a) 1. Franz was frightened with the ruler of M. Hamel.
2. According to Franz, M. Hamel was a cranky person.
(b) friends
(c) he loves bird watching
(d) The protagonist of the story has repented for not learning the French language.
(e) (i) ‘Procrastination is the thief of time.’
(f) (ii) repent

Or

- B. (a) The spontaneous demonstration of the Indians around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British.
(b) leadership
(c) they were not in a position to control the crowd
(d) Gandhiji was giving proof to the British officials that their might could be challenged by Indians.
(e) (i) Gandhi’s leadership quality
(f) (iii) Because the crowd was listening only to Gandhi.
10. (a) Kothamangalam Subbu was on the attendant role with the story department and was No. 2 at Gemini Studio because he was quick in work, perform in a subsidiary role better than the main players. Moreover, his extravagant hospitality and a sense of loyalty made him No. 2 remarkably.
(b) The images of disharmony are exemplified through man’s massive campaign for wanton destruction of Nature. This destruction displays itself through argumentative and uncompromising proclamations, anti-green measures, destruction of natural resources, exploiting marine life, salt making from the sea, and the manufacture of nuclear arsenals and conventional armaments. These can be resolved through man’s self-introspection and corrective action.
(c) Spring is associated with childhood. Just as spring is the season when flowers bloom, similarly, childhood is the period when an individual blooms and grows.
Anees Jung here presents the horrific truth about the life of children in India who are the victims of child labour and are not allowed to grow and bloom freely. Their childhood or spring time is lost.
(d) The inquiry commission gathered mountains of evidence against the landlords. This pushed them to refund the peasants. Initially, Gandhi demanded 50% but later agreed to a refund of 25% for the peasants, thus ending the deadlock. The planters lost both the money and their prestige.
(e) Franz was scared of M. Hamel’s reaction, when he was unable to answer the question. His heart started beating and he dared not look up. M. Hamel, instead told Franz that he would not scold him. He blamed all the Frenchmen for not knowing how to speak or write their own mother tongue.

- (f) The ‘childish longing’ that the poet refers to is the longing of the roadside vendors who wish that the owners of the speeding cars would stop and buy their goods thereby giving them an opportunity to make some money. It is all in vain as the cars pass by without even giving a glance in their direction. If at all, they do stop, it is to ask for some direction or take a turn.
11. (a) In order to disprove the astrologer’s prophecy, the Maharaja had to kill a hundred tigers. He had already killed seventy tigers and the tiger population in his state had become extinct. For this reason, he wished to marry a girl in the royal family of a state with a rich tiger population, where he would kill the rest of the thirty tigers.
- (b) Derry had hardened himself against people, following unkind remarks and pitiable looks meted out to him because of his acid-ruined face. Lamb, citing his own disabled condition, told Derry that he ignored cruel remarks, welcomed strangers, took a kind view of all humanity, and enjoyed living in nature. Derry was struck by the openness of the man and went back determined to be helpful, compassionate and companionable.
- (c) Judewin overheard the white woman talking about cutting of hair. In order to avoid the cutting of her hair, Zitkala-Sa crept up the stairs and hid herself under a bed in a corner place in an open room. After being dragged out, she tried to resist by kicking and scratching wildly. However, all in vain her long thick hair was shingled tying her to a chair.
12. A. Good morning teachers, principal and my dear friends!
- The story, ‘Going Places’, describes the aspirations and dreams of the youth and the pain of unfilled promises and shattered dreams. It deals with the complexities of human relationships along with the adolescent fantasizing and hero worship. Sophie’s wish and fantasy come out of the drudgery of belonging to the lower strata of society and to go ‘places’ in her fantasies. It is a good thing to dream, but these should be realistic. Merely fantasizing and daydreaming will cause disillusionment. Unless one is hardworking and persevering, mere dreams will only lead to disappointment. However, Mukesh, in ‘The Lost Spring’, had a daydream to become a car mechanic. He fulfilled his dreams by hard work and honesty. His dream was real and thus, fulfilled with great satisfaction.

Or

- B. *Sophie’s mother* : Your embroidery is so beautiful. Do you love tigers?
- Aunt Jennifer* : Thanks for your compliments. You know I have been suffering from identity crisis till I started embroidering these tigers on the panels. Thank God! I am now being recognized for my work. I have expressed my deep-down desires and feelings through this form of art.
- Sophie’s mother* : I am also not in better position as I am burdened with the family’s responsibilities. All my time is spent in meeting the needs of my family members while they go to witness Danny Casey’s football match.
- Aunt Jennifer* : Oh! We both feel burdened with responsibilities which is so unfortunate. Moreover, we both seem to be oppressed by our domineering husbands.
- Sophie’s mother* : And our opinion has no value in family matters.
- Aunt Jennifer* : True, these are constraints of married life a woman experiences. Things are not going to change any time soon. We need to wait patiently for some transformation to happen in our lives.

13. A. Bama and Zitkala-Sa belonged to marginalized communities. Zitkala-Sa was an American Indian woman who was ill-treated by the whites who adopted force and oppression to compel the natives to shed their age old customs and traditions. The worst indignity she suffered was the cutting of her long hair. Her long and beautiful hair were cut after she was dragged out. She cried and resisted by kicking and scratching wildly as she was tied fast in a chair but still she did not submit. No one came to help her or to console her. Bama, who belonged to a Dalit community was a victim of the caste system. She was upset by the inhuman attitude of the people belonging to the ‘higher’ caste towards the ‘lower’ caste. She had experienced the evils of untouchability when she was studying in the third standard.

Both these women fought and struggled against exploitation and oppression. Zitkala-Sa does not submit but struggles when her hair is being shingled. She fights till she is overpowered. Bama fights against the evils of untouchability in her own way. She works hard and stands first in her class. People then come to her of their own accord.

Or

- B. Dr Sadao informed the General about the presence of the American prisoner at his house. The General decided that his private assassins would take care of him and even take his body away. Sadao agreed to the General's proposal. However, the General's assassins did not arrive for the next three days. Consequently, the General's plan was not executed. Sadao spent three restless nights in waiting for the assassins, ultimately he helped the prisoner escape.

When Sadao informed the General about the escape of the prisoner, the General replied that he was sick, and thus, forgot about the whole affair. He further wanted that Sadao must not inform anybody about this. This shows that the General was highly selfish. He had regard only for his own safety and pride. Also, he did not send Sadao to the battlefield as he needed his services himself. He considered himself more important than the lives of thousands of soldiers.