

Answers to REN–DS2/Set-1

1. (a) (ii) Noise is regarded as a minor irritant and dismissed.
(b) (iv) All of these
(c) The evidence traced from para 4, in the line, ‘A study by Chennai’s Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences’ confirms such conclusions. The writing style of the writer is argumentative in nature. He has substantiated the arguments by giving the proper details of the study.
(d) invariably disturb neighbours
(e) (iii) minimal
(f) Noise making seems to have become the latest status symbol, be it an election campaign, slogan shouting or advertising ownership of a TV set. TV sets are played at high volume at prime time that disturb neighbours. People see it as a way of showing off importance.
(g) ‘constantly’
(h) After reading this, readers may want to lessen any form of recreational noise that they might be using. Seeing its harmful consequences, they would not want to contribute to it.
(i) (iii) only 5
2. (a) The measures announced in the Union Budget FY24, are: rise in capital expenditure, increased focus on infrastructure development, boost to the green economy and initiatives for strengthening financial markets, etc. These measures are expected to promote job creation and spur economic growth.
(b) (i) IMF and World Bank
(c) The budget FY24 has also announced measures to increase spending and consumer demand. These include the rationalization of tax slabs and an increase in the basic exemption limit from Rs. 2.5 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh under the New Personal Income Tax Regime (NPITR).
(d) 1. Neelima Gaikwad – I’m a woman and my income is between 2 to 3 lac per annum.
(e) (iii) 6.5%
(f) The easier KYC norms, expansion of DigiLocker services, and overall impetus on digitisation and last-mile connectivity are the factors that strengthen financial markets.
(g) the cost of funds and aid small enterprises
(h) True
3. A.

Central School, Patna

NOTICE

30 September 20XX

Changes in School Schedule

All students are thus notified of a change in school hours beginning from 1 October 20XX. The school will now begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Winters have been harsher in recent years, making it impossible to start early owing to the extreme cold and dense fog. As a result, these new schedules will be followed until further notice. For further query, contact your class teacher.

Akhilesh Rajput
Principal

OR

B.

ABC Residents' Association, Delhi

NOTICE

24 December 20XX

New Year Eve Celebration

The ABC Residents' Association is organising a New Year Eve celebration in the colony on 31 December 20XX. The event will commence at 7 p.m. The residents are invited to participate in the activities and make it enjoyable. Furthermore, homeowners are advised to wear masks at all times throughout the festivities.

Kailash Mahajan

President

4. A.

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OR

B.

C-5, GK-I

New Delhi

15 July 20XX

Mrs & Mr Navin Jain thank Mrs & Mr G.L. Bansal for the invitation to the inauguration of their showroom 'Regalia' on Sunday, the 20th July 20XX, at 11 a.m. at B-12, Rohini, Delhi. However, they express their inability to be present on the occasion due to a prior commitment.

Jains

5. A. 124/A, Orchid Apartments
Bengaluru

30 October 20XX

The HR
People Gene, Cyber City
Bengaluru

Dear Sir

Subject: Application for the post of Social Media Manager (Influencer Marketing)

This is with reference to your advertisement in *The Times of India* dated 10 October 20XX for the post of Social Media Manager (Influencer Marketing). With my experience in the given field and my set of qualifications, I find my candidature suitable for the post. If selected, I will prove to be an asset to the company and give my best to the organization.

Looking forward for a positive response from you.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Rahul Bishnoi

- Encl:**
- Copy of the latest bio-data
 - Copies of educational certificates
 - Two passport size photographs

Bio-data	
Name	: Rahul Bishnoi
Father's Name	: Shri Roshan Bishnoi
Date of Birth	: 4 August 1991
Address	: 124/A, Orchid Apartments, Bengaluru
Contact No.	: 95448XXXXX
Educational Qualifications	: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class X, passed in 2007 (CBSE) with 90 per cent• Class XII, passed in 2009 (CBSE) with 80.5 per cent• Graduation in Digital Marketing, passed in 2015 (Hyderabad University) with 89%.• Post Graduation in Digital Marketing, passed in 2017 (Hyderabad University) with 76%.• Certification (Social Media) 2019 (Hyderabad Institute) with 98 per cent
Experience	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internship at a well-known Social Media influencing training agency for one year (2018)2. Worked as a trainee with Sociogene 2020-20213. Promoted to the post of Astdt. Social Media Manager 2021–till date
Salary Drawn	: 18 lac per annum
Salary Expected	: 24 lac per annum
Reference	: Prof. Deepak Kumar, Hyderabad University Mobile 97651XXXXX
The information given above is correct and authentic to the best of my knowledge.	

OR

B. 10, New Link Road
Andheri
Mumbai

3 September 20XX

The Editor
The Times of India
Mumbai

Dear Sir/Ma'am

Subject: An appeal to raise concern over littering at Marine Lines

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the unfortunate condition of Marine Lines. People have littered the place with plastic and masks which has caused waves of garbage scattered on the shore.

There is a growing concern about the risks and adverse effects of plastic. Knowledge, prevention, mitigation, and behavioural change are the key mandates that involves a host of measures. People must join campaigns that work towards cleaning the sea. People must also be appealed to refrain from throwing any waste on the beaches and use the bins provided at several intervals.

Hope you will inscribe the above.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Roshan

6. A.

Value-based Education
by Raj Sharma, Class – XII B

Value-based education is an educational philosophy; an approach to teaching and learning that promotes positive human values. Schools that adopt such an approach report that there is a qualitative improvement in pupils' attitude and behaviour. The purpose of value-based education is to help the school community think about and reflect upon positive universal values and practical implications of expressing them in relation to themselves and the community as a whole.

Value-based education also supports schools in promoting an inclusive school ethos and the methods of working raise achievements and help pupils to raise their self-esteem and take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. It also enables students to examine the kind of life that is worth living and to consider what kind of life they want for themselves. At the core of value-based education lies an agreed set of principles, deeply held convictions that underpin all aspects of school life and work. The process is holistic and developmental, demanding a greater deal from the school's community.

Steps must be taken by every school to include it in the curriculum.

OR

B.

Visit to Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home
by Sandhya

Members of the Animal Lovers Club were recently invited by the Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home for a visit where an opportunity to oversee the working of the organisation was given to us.

It is a home to abandoned pets, rescued animals and the ones injured on the streets. There were many old animals as well. It was astounding to see the quality of care the animals are being given. They have a family-like environment for them. This helps them to heal faster and stay happy. The animal home has all the facilities ranging from well-equipped medical room to a veterinary surgeon. Regular check-ups of unwell animals are carried out by a team of veterinary specialists. The surroundings are animal-friendly as well. They are not ruthlessly kept in cages. They have green surrounding with enough space for them to play and nurture.

Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home is doing a mind-blowing job by understanding and fulfilling the needs of those who can't speak for themselves. The experience was an overwhelming one.

7. A. (a) (i) Nature and humanity
(b) True
(c) make the mid forest brake beautiful
(d) make a cooling shelter for themselves against the hot season
(e) gills
(f) (ii) It is used to continue the line.

OR

- B. (a) (iv) Anxiety and concern for her loved ones
(b) The phrase 'young trees sprinting' indicates agility/youth/energy/vibrancy.
(c) (ii) aspirations of young generation
(d) True
(e) The phrase 'ashen like that of a corpse' highlights the pale and lifeless face of the poet's mother. It looks like a corpse, meaning lifeless body of a human being. She is dozing and lost to herself.
(f) free verse
8. A. (a) Professor Harley and his wife were kind people. These people were curious to help there some foreign students. The students felt bored there because the rooms were very small and the food was also not good. The professor's wife was also talkative in nature.
(b) (i) she was quite talkative
(c) Hana literally by chance at an American Professor's house
(d) The writing style of the extract is a third person narration as the narrator exists outside the events of the story and relates the actions of the characters by referring to their names or by the third-person pronouns – he, she or they.

OR

- B. (a) they were immodestly dressed
(b) (ii) Her warden
(c) The narrator was feeling uncomfortable in her new school.
(d) The word 'moccasins' refers to soft leather shoes.
9. A. (a) Two natural elements are:
1. It was a warm and bright day.
2. The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods.
(b) (iv) He found his friend in the way to school who asked him not to go to school on that day.
(c) he did not even know the first word of participles

- (d) 'I started for school very late that morning'/'hurried off to school'.
- (e) While Franz was on his way to school, he thought of running away and spending the day out of doors.
- (f) (i) The Fears of a Latecomer

OR

- B. (a) The barefoot ragpickers of Seemapuri are the acquaintances of the narrator.
 - (b) (i) A fact
 - (c) The ragpickers came from Bangladesh in 1971.
 - (d) The line is, "My acquaintance with the barefoot ragpickers leads me to Seemapuri..."
 - (e) (i) It is on the periphery, away from the main areas of development and growth.
 - (f) 1971
10. (a) William Douglas developed an aversion to water when he was three or four years old. He stood in the surf with his father at a beach when a wave swept over him and knocked him down. He was buried under water and became breathless. He was petrified and developed a permanent fear for water.
- (b) When several prominent lawyers told Gandhiji that they were ready to follow him to jail, Gandhiji exclaimed, "The battle of Champaran is won." Gandhiji made this statement because he had been able to shake the lawyers out of their stupor and they were ready to support Gandhiji. He could bring about the idea of unity among all Indians.
- (c) When the ironmaster heard that the crofter had been robbed by a man who went around selling rattraps, he sarcastically remarked to his daughter that she had let a fine man into the house and was wondering as to how many silver spoons were left in their cupboard by that time.
- (d) While leaving her parent's home, the poet's eyes fell on her mother's pallid face. She realized that over the past decades her mother had grown old and was nearing her death. Such thoughts make her nostalgic and she starts recollecting fragments of her childhood memories from the underlying fear of losing her. The idea of staying away from her mother deeply distressed her.
- (e) Despite achieving fame as a novelist, Umberto Eco preferred to associate himself with the academic community because his non-fictional work occupied him for the most part of his life. He identified himself more with the academic community and resorted to writing fiction only when he was not pursuing some scholarly work. He wrote his first novel at the age of fifty.
- (f) Sophie had cooked up the story of her meeting with Danny Casey to impress Geoff who was a great fan of the football prodigy. She knew this news would be of great interest to her brother. She had also thought her brother would keep it a secret. She did not want Jansie, who was 'nosey', to know about this. So when Geoff told Jansie, Sophie cursed him because she knew Jansie would spread her story in the entire neighbourhood.
11. (a) Charley says that the rooms on the third level were smaller than that of the second level. There were fewer ticket windows and train gates and the information booth in the centre were old looking. There were open-flame gaslights and brass spittoons on the floor. Everyone at the station was dressed in nineteenth century dresses.
- (b) A high ranking British officer wished to go for tiger hunting, but he was not given permission by the Maharaja. The officer then requested to be photographed with a tiger killed by the Maharaja. The Maharaja rejected the request and having turned down a senior British officer's request twice could have put the Maharaja in danger.
- (c) Derry suffered from a terrible complex, but his meeting with Mr Lamb was a turning point in his life. Mr Lamb was optimistic, welcoming and friendly. He developed confidence in Derry and encouraged him to have a positive attitude towards life. Derry's life had a new meaning and purpose and for this, all the credit goes to Mr Lamb's motivation and words of encouragement. These qualities of Mr Lamb attracted Derry much.

12. A. Good morning principal, teachers and my dear friends! It is an honour for me to address you all on such a stimulating topic.

Do you believe in destiny? Or do you believe in creating your destiny for yourself? People who have the fire of desire in their hearts create their own destiny. One will face hardships throughout one's path, but only they will reach the destination who have the courage to fulfill their dreams. History and even the society we live in are replete with examples of such people who fought their humble and pathetic conditions and emerged winners. In *Lost Spring*, Mukesh was determined to change his profession from being a bangle maker to a motor mechanic, and he fulfilled his dreams through hard work.

In *Aunt Jennifer's Tigers* too, destiny of common housewife in a normative patriarchal household is discussed. Her death will not change her status and the same will be reflected by her creations. Her activities were always surrounded by the difficult situation of married life. However, the tigers which symbolize the accomplishment of her aspired and cherished existence will remain in the same posture. Therefore, she has immortalized her wishes and aspirations which may find wings when the breeze of humanity not that of patriarchy blows and the situation is conducive to understanding the position of a woman with respect. Therefore, we should not forget, 'where there is a will, there is a way.'

OR

- B. Death should be accepted silently, as it is inevitable and our mind knows this fact. However, our heart is not aware of something inevitable. It understands the language of emotions. It knows how to laugh and how to cry.

We all love our near and dear ones. Love is beautiful, sentimental and the basis of life. If we love someone, his or her death definitely makes us sad. Our mind knows that death is the ultimate destination of life, yet our sadness is natural.

Similarly, the poet knows that it is probably her last meeting with her mother. She is full of pain and fear of being separated from her ageing mother. The fear of losing her mother haunts her. She is sad and her smile is an artificial mask to hide her sadness. She can't stop loving her mother, nor can her sadness cease over the departure from, and approaching death of, her mother.

13. A. The statement points out the fact that building up trivial habits and making insignificant changes can bring about a substantial change in the world we live in. If every individual takes small steps, the total impact on the world will be massive. Antarctica was a part of Gondwana land. It, hence, has a mass of lands that have existed millions of years ago and is untouched by humankind. Its present state of melting and breaking apart tells us about the crisis the environment is going through now. Our neglect of the environment has led to an increase in global warming. If the ozone layer depletes further, the phytoplankton might get depleted and its contribution to the ecosystem will be depleted which in turn would affect the globe on a large scale.

The state of earth points out the fact that if the present state continues, the earth will not sustain for long and the end is near. We need to be conscious and take small steps to protect our Earth from the potential threat and decline its heading towards.

OR

- B. The story '*The Third Level*' is the most concise and entertaining story about time travel. Charley, in the story, was a nervous person. Stamp collection was his hobby. Though he was young, he feared to live in this war-ridden world. He wanted to go to a peaceful and idyllic place. Later he went to the past. But his wife, Louisa, denied to believe in him and asked him to consult a psychiatrist.

I (Sam) was a psychiatrist, and a friend of Charley. When Charley fantasised about the Third Level at Grand Central Station, he visited me for consultation. I declared it merely a '*temporary refuge*' from his tension. He called it '*waking-dream-wish-fulfillment*'. But slowly he himself got trapped in this imaginary world. He talked to many psychic patients daily, who told him about their woes and worries. It had made my life a burdened one. He also started trying to find sojourn. He wanted to escape from the life which had become woeful after listening to the afflictions of the patients suffering from mental diseases.