

Sample Paper – 2011

Class – X

Subject – ENGLISH

Paper I

(Two Hours)

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this Question)

Write a composition on any one of the following [25]

- a) Write a narrative composition based on reflections of events that are a part of your autobiography.
- b) Imagine your house is completely automated. Describe how you go about your house.
- c) Dress codes can be enforced at School based on etiquette but not uniforms. Give your views for or against the statement.
- d) Write a story or composition based on the theme: 'It was a nightmare'.
- e) Should Euthanasia be allowed or not! Give a balanced view for this statement.
- f) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the

subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it; but there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



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Question 2

(Do **not** spend more than twenty minutes in writing this question.)

[10]

Select **one** of the following

- a) Explain to a friend in the West about the recipe of an Indian dish.
- b) Your car has been stolen. Write letter of complaint to the police.

Question 3

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions a), b) c) that follow.

Suicides by Indian School children are **burgeoning** and anti-suicide awareness campaigns have a snail mail of a start. The reasons for the increase in suicides are many. They can be given perusal under the following heads: academic stress, over expectant parental anxiety about student performance, large number of children in a class leading to **individualized** neglect, ignorant and discarding attitude of teachers towards children with problems and lack of proper counseling in schools.

Academic stress is a severe and negative force that may act as an inducement for suicide. The reasons for academic stress are heterogeneous. They could be due to the **hubris** of expectation of pupil performance by the school authorities as well as parents, development of a distorted or negative self identity due to poor-peer evaluation based on academic performance.

Over expectant parental anxiety is another area where student's mind becomes a black hole of negative emotions. Most parents do not have a clear

concept of how a child's intelligence and academic performance is related. On top of it rarely do schools in India administer aptitude tests. The parental comment most commonly heard in Indian families is: "If Gopal or Neena excel in academic performance then why can't you? Do they have more grey matter than you?" This attitude by the Parents severely negates esteem and self concept of the child, reinforces the necessity to commit suicide. Parents are under the mistaken notion that if another is the best, their wards also should not fall behind.

Another reason is most schools are overpopulated with classrooms having a number of sixty to seventy students **Only a Frankenstein** like a teacher can look into the affairs of each and every student. Most teachers tend to ignore the weaker ones or poorly performing students. This **isolationism** can create negative energies which become positive fodder for the thought of suicide.

A lack of a proper counselor within the school system is also a detriment. It is estimated that 80% of the school going children in India need systematic counseling on a regular basis. Schools rarely employ qualified counselors and appoint a teacher as a name- sake counselor.

There are environmental campaigns, traffic awareness campaigns but rarely anti-suicide campaign in schools. The schools and the government should take active steps in promoting anti-suicidal awareness through various means.

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a) Five words or phrases are given below. Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be expected.

[5]

- i) individualized
- ii) burgeoning
- iii) hubris
- iv) only a Frankenstein
- v) isolationism

b) Answer the following questions in your own words:

- i) What are the reasons given for increasing suicides? [2]
- ii) Explain what is peer -evaluation made on the basis of academic performance and its consequences. [2]
- iii) Why do you think it is important to relate intelligence and academic

- performance? [2]
- iv) What do students get isolated? [1]
- v) What is the importance of needing proper counselors
in schools? [2]
- vi) Mention at least two ways in which anti-suicide campaigns
can be promoted. [1]
- c) In not more than **sixty** words explain how ‘academic stress’ and over-
expectant parental anxiety contribute towards the making of suicide? [10]

Question 4

- a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after
each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the
meaning of each sentence

[5]

- i) You go home after doing the work.
(Begin with: **Unless**)
- ii) He signed the contract by confirming to it
(Use **confirmed**)
- iii) There is frequent monitoring of his condition.
(Use: **frequently**)

iv) His hard working nature led to success.

(Begin with: **Having worked**)

v) She cut the cake and distributed it to the students.

(Begin: **The cake**)

b) Complete each of the following sentences using the appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets. [5]

i) He hasthe car (drive)

ii) It rained and the streets..... still wet. (be)

iii) He a lottery. (win)

iv) The ideato him when he was asleep. (come)

v) They have been(confine)

c) Fill in each blank with a suitable word: [5]

i) The cars are parked the two trees

ii) The space an atom is minute.

iii) The jewels are lyingthe garbage

iv) Go the street to find the house

v) What will the matter amount.....?

d) Join each of the following pairs of sentences **without** using and or but:

i) India's Arihant is a submarine

It is nuclear powered.

ii) Almost all the conditions are agreeable.

One is not

iii) India is rich in resources.

India's population is poor.

iv) It is rainy today.

There is low pressure in the sea.

v) He hasn't done it.

So he cannot go.