

WBCS Main Exam. – 2020 (Question Paper)

Paper - II (English)

ENGLISH LETTER WRITING, DRAFTING OF REPORT, PRECIS WRITING, COMPOSITION AND TRANSLATION

1. (a) Write a letter to the Manager of a theatre enquiring about showing a movie to the children of a school in the afternoon. (Write the letter within 150 words and use A, B, C instead of name and address).

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- (b) Last Sunday you flew from Delhi to Kolkata. On arriving home you discovered that you had left your cabin bag on the plane. Write a letter to the Airline describing about the bag. (Write the letter within 150 words and use A, B, C instead of name and address).

2. Draft a report on the poor conditions of roads and public parks in your locality.

3. Write a composition on any one of the following topics :

- (a) The Civil Rights Movements and the Effects
(b) How travelling the world affects life and personality
(c) Telling fairy tales to children : The cause and effect

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4. Write a precis of the following passage and add a suitable title :

If the West was considered the place of historical progress and scientific development, then the Orient was deemed remote from the influence of historical change. 'Orientalism assumed an unchanging

Orient', it is argued. It was considered to be essentially no different in the twelfth century than it was in the eighteenth, trapped in antiquity far behind the modern developments of the 'Enlightened' West. Conceived in this way, the Orient was often considered as 'primitive' or 'backwards'. A Westerner travelling to Oriental lands was not just moving in space from one location to the other, potentially they were also travelling back in time to an earlier world. Hence in Orientalism, the Orient exists as a timeless place, changeless and static, cut off from the progress of Western history.

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5. Translate the following passages into English :

বাড়িটা তাঁর বাড়ির কাছেই। যেতে আসতে সুজাতা বাড়িটা অনেকবারই দেখেছেন, কখনো ঢোকেননি, কার বাড়ি তা জানেন না। পুরোনো দিনের দোতলা বাড়ি, সামনে টানা বারান্দা, বাড়ির ওপরে মেট্রো নকশা, গায়ে লেখা পূর্ব-গঙ্গা নগর, সম্ভবত মালিকের গ্রামের নাম। সুজাতার চোখের সামনে বিশ বছরে বাড়িটার চেহারা কলকাতার মত হয়ে গেল। খানিকটা নতুন বকবাকে, এনামেল রঙে উদ্ধত, জানালার নীচে এরারকুলার। খানিকটা জীর্ণ, পলেস্তারা খসা, জানালায় শাড়িকাটা ময়লা পরদা। নীচে রাস্তার সামনে ঘরে ঘরে ধোবিখানা, হোমিওপ্যাথি ওষুধের দোকান, রেডিও মেরামতি দোকান। শরিকে শরিকে ঐশ্বর্য ও দারিদ্র্য ভাগ হয়ে গেছে, বোঝা যায়।

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অন্ধকার প্যাসেজ পেরিয়ে শরিকি উঠোনের পাশে একটা বড়ো ঘর। বাড়িটার পেছন দিক এটা। সামনে একটা অযত্নের আতাগাছ। ঘরটার দেওয়াল ও ছাতের আস্তর খসা, মেঝের সিমেন্ট ওঠা। একটা বড়ো তক্তপোশ। আলমারিতে ময়লা ও অব্যবহৃত আইনের বই, আলমারির তলায় জং।



Answers with Explanation

1. (a) To
The Manager (Auditorium)
Rabindra Sadan/Nandan Complex
Kolkata
Sub: Appeal for a show to the children
From
The member secretary(ABCetc)
Governing Body(G.B)
R. K. Mission/Narendrapur
Kolkata.

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Dear sir/Respected Sir,
The on-going pandemic apart, our unit/running for the destitutes likes to revive the frustated lot of children through a child-movie-show in your esteemed Auditorium. The date and time slated for the show is 14th November, in the afternoon commemorating "Chacha Nehru Birthday", known as the children's day.
Obviously we should abide by the Govt. order on maintaining COVID-Protocol. Those three

basic conditions of social & physical distancing, mask a must and hand-sanitiser allocation would accompany our children .The approximate figure is some two hundred forty, which may vary, reducing the number of children.

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In fact, the continuous lock-down and home-intern had made it to some of them, for mental aberration.

Hope to be favoured

Yours faithfully Date: 27.09.2021
XYZ

1. (b) To
The Director
Airport Authority of India (AAI)
Dum Dum Airport (NSCB Airport)
Sub: Lost & found cabin bag, on a Flight
From ABC (certain passenger, boarding the Flight)
Kolkata.

Dear Sir

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If "forgetting" is consider to be a natural phenomenon, it happened to me this time.

Last Sunday, I came back to Kolkata from New delhi, but in-a-hurry, I went past the Airport terminal through Gate No 4, leaving behind the cabin bag, bearing the number 7623 (Boeing 2054) as attached during the Boarding-Pass, before the Flight from New Delhi.

For your information Sir, I am staying at Dover lane, adjacent to Gariahat in South Kolkata. Alongwith my on-line booked ticket, I am sending herewith the Boarding Pass to you through the driver of my car ; as part of an evidence. May I request you sir, to hand it over to him, the colour of which is off-white, with a photo and inscription on Lord Krishna. The name of my driver is Sreepati Yadav.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully Dated : 27.09.2021
ABC

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2. **Wretched roads : Traffic disruption**
By our Staff Reporter, Kolkata, 27 september 2021: A Saltlake bound our crowded bus was almost our-turned during the peak hours this morning, in Shyambazar today. 5 passengers including two children got minor injuries, remaning inside the ill-fated bus. The dilapidated A J C Bose road with strewn

stone-chips, was the cause of the accident. According to police sources, all the injured were discharged after First-aid from a near by hospital. However no casualties were reported. There was a total traffic dislocation after the happening. Local people and curious on lookers made the rescue operation easy for the victims. In fact, that was not an isolated case, but there were many others incidents, both in the north and south brings of the city, where poor conditions of roads affecting the on-going vehicles and the public.

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To add fuel to the fire, the public parks are also in a shabby state of-late. The civic authorities including the concerned Minister of the PWD affair, had made the incessant rain responsible for the mishap. However the promise for the early repairment of roads and parks, before the puja, was avoidable contacted.

3. (A) **The Civil Rights Movements of the Effects**
The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is celebrating its 28th anniversary this year in our country, since its inception in 1993. It was formulated on the goal of preserving and maintaining human rights to every individual, that leads to his civil rights. Therefore she Civil Rights Movements stand for at least two purposes. If one is for the awareness of the civilians (when they are not so alert), the other is for the specific lodging of a complaint with the corresponding authorities (when Civil Right for them, are violated).

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Demeaning the person in particular or the country as a whole surely indicate abuses of rights. Obviously it further endangers the democracy. On the contrary, establishing the democratic-right ensures the civil-rights also, to be ensured. Yet the fare fact is that, there may not have any defimable specific civil right without mass awareness, even political intervention may get involved into it.

We can put forward and cite an example of the recent tragedy to the fact, that the death of four protesting farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri had aroused furious criticism from all over the country. They were not at fault when they demanded civil rights. The M.P. Govt. was rocked by the cases of unexpected death of poor farmers over the issue.

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Thereby, Civil Rights Movements may exhibit how burning issues come under compulsive consideration of the authorities. In fact, the “basic needs” of various segments of people, require either to be implemented or to voice protest for implementation. Obviously, the fair-price and supply of Cooking Gas, supply of Kerosene oil to the poorest of the poor through the Public Distribution System (P.D.S.), proper allocation of irrigated-water for the cultivating land, deposit in the “Jan Dhan” accounts, public urinals, Housing, the non-stop supply chain of the Mid-day-meal for the under-privileged children, the very-recent Government decision of the 26-month-long maternity leave, out-lawing of oral triple “Talaq” and so on—are the instances of the few crucial Civil Rights Norms. Citizens and civilians must be projected as the beneficiaries of Govt. policies available for them. These are the effects, where at the cost of lives, Civil Rights are sometimes, achieved by unabated movements.

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3. (C) TELLING FAIRY TALES TO CHILDREN: THE CAUSE AND EFFECTS

Children literature, as an independent and meaningful genre of literary studies, has so far had an uninterrupted run. It has run into many directions and has thrived in the interest and attention of perspicacious readers. The field of Fairy tales has equally evolved itself into distinct category and has attracted attention from not only children but also their more mature counterpart.

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Fairy tales hold great importance in so far as it helps a child develop cognitively and imaginatively. The famous Cognitive scholar Jean Piaget is of the opinion that, even though fairy tales border on the concept of conjuring up a fictional world for children, they also offer an interface between the world of reality and that of fiction. The world of fiction is presented so persuasively with archetypal stories of gods in heaven, animals in the jungle and magicians who could conjure up golden castles and filled them up with little princesses and their pets, that the demarcation between fact and fiction merges and coalesces.

Apart from their indisputable literary value, fairy tales also help children relate themselves to various characters of those stories, thereby

initiating a sort of self-identification. Every culture fabricates its fairy tales as per the specificity and locus of its needs and desires. Hence, even though fairy tales of one language may have different representational value than those of another language, there runs a common thread of morality which is disseminated along the social fabric. The motif of the victory of good over evil is one such perennial concept to be found in all cultures. If anything, the moral value of these tales in keeping with an exploration of the Jungian unconscious is hardly undeniable. শ্রীচিডাল Scholars and psychology studies have, however, not failed to locate the debilitating effect of these tales. While fairy tales like the ones of Cinderella offer children of tender age a veritable storehouse of imagination, they also imprison young minds within a cocoon of a utopia of make-believe. The world that awaits these young minds with all its snares and temptations, follies and foibles, is the one they have to ultimately reconcile themselves to. The terrible jerk that children receive while moving from the threshold of fairy tales to the world of reality, can often be unnerving and destabilizing and may affect them in the long run. Despite all these frailties, one can hardly deny the value and importance of fairy tales in the emotional and cognitive growth of children.

4. Title : The archaic oriental nature

The western concept and the western prosperity are signalling towards advancement in all respect . Yet the Eastern domain likes to adhere to stalemate. So to take stock of oriental know-how, the surveyor goes backward.

5. The house was in the vicinity of her home indeed. On her way to and fro, Sujata noticed it severally, yet never entered into it and even did not know who owned it. It was an ancient two-stored building, with elongated balcony on the front-side, urbanite architecture all-over, flashing with inscription "Purba-Ganga-Nagar", probably the name of the ancestral village of the owner. Within twenty-years before her, the get-up of the building seemed to Sujata like that of Calcuttan. Some of the parts of the building appeared spick and span luminous. With enamel, along with the air-cooler under the window. Yet the other part of the building looked shabby,

dethroned ancient-site, untidy curtaining in the windows from mutilated piece of sarees. In front of the thoroughfare in the ground-floor, a score washerman's houses, medicinal shop of Homeopathy and even radio-repairing shops. It was easily conceived, that affluence and poverty bifurcated within legacies, continuously.

Crossing over the darkness of the corridor, there was a large room beside the litigated

yard. It was the rear side of the house. In front of it, there was a castard-apple tree, remaining uncared for. Walls of the room and the roof of the ceiling were dilapidated, cementing of the floor was rocked. However, there was a big beurgois (wooden-piece of seat) inside. There were dirty and unused books of Law in the almirah, also rusty-lair beneath the almirah.

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