

ENGLISH PAPER II

**SECTION – A
(NON-DETAILED)**

1. Appropriate Phrases

- i. the migratory birds
- ii. streamlined ‘V’
- iii. nestlings in Vedanthangal
- iv. for a short while
- v. the place of their sojourn

2. Character Identification

- i. Shelly
- ii. Hubert
- iii. Celine
- iv. Rex Coker’s brother
- v. The artist

3. Matched Answers

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|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| A. Judas | - | One of two figures for a painting |
| B. Kumar | - | young and enterprising |
| C. Mom | - | fond of playing the piano |
| D. Celine | - | caught in a drain |
| E. Hubert | - | clever little boy |

4. Chosen Answers

- i. b) Shelly
- ii. a) a thumbs up sign
- iii. c) three
- iv. b) Judas Iscariot
- v. d) with an auditing firm

5. Prose Comprehension

i. ‘V’ Shaped Formation

The sky dotted with birds flying in a ‘V’ shaped formation was seen by Kumar.

ii. The Flight’s Reminder

The flight reminded him of his childhood picnic with his parents to Vedanthangal.

iii. Kumar’s Sight

Kumar had seen flocks of birds nestled among the trees and with the help of a telescope he had a closer view of the nest, where he saw tiny little nestlings-five of them.

iv. **Importance of Home**

The behaviour of the flock flying home from where they had come taught Kumar of the importance of the 'home'.

v. **Kumar's Decision**

Kumar had decided to return home to India because he realized 'Home is where the heart is'.

6. Mind Map

i. The dog too **loved him**.

ii. **His mom put a notice in the paper** to trace the owner.

iii. One day, a lady **with dark sunglasses and a white cane arrived at Shelly's home**.

iv. The dog's real name **was Sam**.

v. The dog had to be given back, as **he was a trained working dog with an important job to do**.

7. Paragraph

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER

- Rex Coker

Synopsis

Introduction
The Wild Experiment
Initial Success
Sibling Rivalry
Happy Reunion
Quality Time
Conclusion

Characters Involved

Rex Coker and his brother

Moral Value: Optimism

Introduction

In the story 'A Close Encounter' the author Rex Coker narrates a playful incident which might have actually killed his brother. Many unschooled experts, at a tender age, being good at tinkering, out of their inquisitiveness come up with small inventions. **Rex Coker lets the story revolve around how his brother on blueprinting his ideas overexerted himself during the summer months to come out with a gripping experiment.**

The Wild Experiment

There was a damaged Schwinn bike lying upside down in the author's backyard. The author's brother, like a serious mechanic, **went on adding different things like DC electric motor, old**

battery, two cables to operate the motor and a pulley of a Yazoo lawn mower with a belt to the gear system of the bike.

Initial Success

The inventor saddled up on his beast of an invention, put his bike helmet on along with his leather gloves. He put his hand down and threw the switch. The beast came to life and the bike hurried off into the distance, but disappeared around the corner.

Sibling Rivalry

The rider of the bike was caught under the clothes line and so was thrown off the bike. The author ran to his brother thinking that he was dead. **The author turned him over and his brother began to fight for not helping him to stop the bike.**

Happy Reunion

The rider asked the author what made him feel that he was smarter than him. The author said, **“Well if you were smarter than me you would have bailed off before the clothes line.”** Hearing this both the brothers laughed and looked at the direction of the invention.

Quality Time

The tyres were warped and the battery had come loose and flew into the neighbour’s backyard. The inventor said, **“Well, look at it this way. At least we had some quality time together today.”**

Conclusion

Every child is inquisitive by nature. If this inquisitiveness is nurtured in a constructive manner, the world is sure to become fertile with all natural resources nurtured by scientific thinking entangled with a harmonious life between nature and humans.

Moral: “A man with a positive attitude is like a fruit of all seasons. He is always welcome.”

SECTION – B (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS)

II. A. 1. Note making

Title: Idiomatic English

1. What are idioms
 - a. words with different meanings
 - b. difficult to understand at the initial stage
 - c. difficult initially to the learner

2. Collins Dictionary
 - a. very useful
 - b. has idioms over 3,000
 - c. has idioms with meaning and instances
 - d. helps everyone understand and use rightly

2. Summary

Rough draft

The study of English cannot be complete without a reference dictionary of English. The meanings of idioms cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. However, 'The Collins Dictionary of English Idioms' is useful on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms, and their usage in sentences. In this dictionary the emphasis is on 'true' idioms.

Fair draft

Idiomatic English

Idioms make the study of English complete. Since they express a meaning different from the words they contain, the learner initially finds them difficult. With the reference to Collins Dictionary of English Idioms, one can clearly understand the meaning and the usage of idioms.

No. of words in original passage: 145
No. of words in rough draft : 60
No. of words in fair draft : 44

Topic Sentence: A very useful and easily available reference material to study about idioms is "The Collins Dictionary of English Idioms".

9. Dialogue Completion

1. Yes, you may. Why are you late?
2. You'd better go and inform your class teacher.
3. Please excuse m, Madam. May I inform her now?
4. Yes, but be quick.
5. Thank you, Madam.

SECTION – C (COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS)

10. Dialogue Writing

Customer : Good evening sir.
Shopkeeper : Good evening. How may I help you?
Customer : Sir, do you remember me?
Shopkeeper : Yes, you bought a Titan watch a few days ago.
Customer : Yes sir. But the watch doesn't show the correct time and stops occasionally.
Shopkeeper : Is it so? Let me check.
Customer : No doubt, the watch is new. Instead of repairing it, may I have a new one in exchange?
Shopkeeper : Yes, of course. Have you got the guarantee card with you?
Customer : Yes, sir. Here it is. I would prefer to have the same type of watch.
Shopkeeper : Sure... Here it is, sir.
Customer : Thank you sir.
Shopkeeper : You're welcome.

11. Letter Writing

B City
3rd November, 2010

From

K. Ramesh
School Pupil Leader
XYZ Higher Secondary School
B City
Pin XXX XXX

To

Mr. C. Nagaraj
Professor of English
ABC Arts College
K city
Pin YYY YYY

Dear Sir,

Sub: Invitation to preside over the inauguration of Literary Association

As the academic year has commenced, we have the inauguration of various clubs in our school. On behalf of our school, I am immensely pleased to invite you to preside over the inaugural function of the Literary Association to be held on 20th November, 2010 at our school.

The programme that will last for an hour is scheduled between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. We certainly hope that you will make your presence felt amidst us by your honourable address. We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your reply to confirm your acceptance. We earnestly look forward to your compliance and favourable reply.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

K. Ramesh
(SPL)

Address on the envelope

To

Mr. C. Nagaraj Professor of English ABC Arts College K city Pin YYY YYY

SECTION – D
(EXPANSION OF IDEAS)

13. Expansion of Headlines

- i. State Bank of India has released a new coin to commemorate the Centenary of the Big Temple in Tanjavur.
- ii. India participated in the Common Wealth Games held at Delhi and won many medals in different fields.
- iii. Due to heavy rain many parts of Bihar are flooded and a heavy loss of crops in Nalanda district is reported.
- iv. The students of Pachaiyappan College took out a rally in the city to create an awareness about AIDS which is one among the worst kinds of diseases prevalent today.
- v. Barack Obama plans to visit India during the month of November to discuss economic and trade policies with the Prime Minister of India.

14. Non-Verbal Communication

- i. c) food and rent
- ii. True
- iii. c) education
- iv. b) the same as
- v. a) twice

15. Developing Hints

Nation's Wealth

If good habits and healthy food contribute to a man's wealth, trees contribute to a nation's wealth. Trees do more than just giving shade. They nourish the soil and prevent soil erosion. They aid human beings with fresh air, cool shade and nourishing rainfall. Man's selfish needs have become so innumerable that the situation of wiping away the natural resources has slowly crept in. This ultimately leads to global warming and a complete ruin of fauna and flora.

Therefore an awareness should be created among the public to stop felling trees. Students in schools and colleges should be encouraged to plant at least two saplings in their life-time. If afforestation in schools and colleges is encouraged, the students will gradually become apostles of this noble tree-planting mission and create the same awareness everywhere. Let us save the surviving trees from the axe and man's greed. If the earth should live, tree should live.

Moral: Save trees, save life!

16. Products and Slogans

Products		Slogans
1. Wrist watch	-	e) On your guard
2. Jewellery	-	d) Dazzle and Sparkle
3. Clothes	-	b) You are what you wear

4. Pens - c) The Magic of Words
5. Slippers - a) Get set, go

17. Road Map Instructions

- ❖ Turn right and go down from park along the main road.
- ❖ Turn left and walk past the temple on the left.
- ❖ Turn left again and go further.
- ❖ Turn right.
- ❖ You can find Abirami Textiles on the left beside the Hotel.

18. Poem Paraphrase

- i. not pay heed
- ii. water to drink
- iii. a water rationing schedule is released today
- iv. not to cut down
- v. wise her pleas were

19. Translation

- ❖ Go straight from the bus station along Mahatma Gandhi Road.
- ❖ Walk past the road opposite the large Post Office which is on the right.
- ❖ Get into the lane beside the Indian Bank.
- ❖ You can find Malar Hospital, the second building on the left.

Enjoy Every Exam

Before Exam

- ✍ Method of Study: It is highly recommended to have a few sheets of paper along with a pen or pencil so that every chapter once studied can be recalled rightly by way of a self-written test.
- ✍ Personal Time Table: One must decide in advance what subject and when it is to be studied for which a person must be able to frame a personal time table in such a way that the person is able to spend minimum of 12 hrs in personal studies in which 10 hours is spent in studies and 2 hrs spent in revision. After every 1 hour it is better to have 10 min of break.
- ✍ Check list- list that has the contents to be studied in a day: One must frame a check list on one's own free will and check if the person has completed studying all the contents for the day before going to bed.
- ✍ Revision: It is better that a person stops studying before two weeks of the exam. In other words, stop studying new things and spend the weeks revising what is already studied.
- ✍ Short notes: It is better to have personal short notes for equations, formulae and for any tough content to be used only at revision.
- ✍ Concentration: In order to easily concentrate on what one studies, one must shun, by all means, listening to songs, watching TV and unnecessary gossip with the people at home as well as the people around the study.

- ✍ Self-Confidence: A proper imitation of all the instructions mentioned above would boost up the self-confidence to a great extent.
- ✍ Accountability: Every person is accountable to have all the materials used for the exam (pen, pencil, eraser, scale...etc.) and check before the day of exam if one has all the materials at hand.
- ✍ Prayer: Eventually, one can pray to one's own God on a psychological dependence in order to gain peace of mind and self-confidence.

During Exam

- ✍ Personal Duty: As soon as one enters the exam hall, the person must check himself/herself and the place in order to free oneself of any unnecessary written piece of paper and if any person comes across anything written on desk, it is highly advisable to show it to the examiner. Consideration about the examiner and the co-examinees can be avoided in order to set aside time and the power of concentration.
- ✍ Prayer: One can pray at one's own free will for a minute or two before looking into the question paper but drawing any symbol of God on the answer sheet is strictly prohibited.
- ✍ Disposition: Once the question paper is handed over to the students, every student should peruse the question paper having a balanced mentality irrespective of easy and tough questions.
- ✍ Presentation: The method of writing the easy questions at the beginning and the tough ones later can be followed depending on the subjects but it is highly advisable that one strictly follows the order of the question paper in order to make the evaluation easier.
- ✍ Method of Answering: One is requested to avoid circumlocution and answer the questions point by point. Answers relating to equations and formulae can be explained through various diagrams and required figures. In writing the answers it is better that a person uses the pen one got used to rather than using a new pen.
- ✍ Time Management: It is the responsibility of every person to know how much time to be spent for any and every question depending on the marks and the no. of pages to be written. All the other work of embellishing the answer sheet can be taken care of after the completion of the whole paper and the review.
- ✍ Review of Answer sheet: In order to have a better review, one must finish the exam at least 15 minutes in advance so that a person is able to easily allot time for a clear review of all the answers along with their numbers and the way of presentation.

After Exam

- ✍ Free Mind: After every exam, one must be free of mind and leave home without any further discussion over the question paper answered on that day in order to avoid pointless mental disturbances which would serve as impediment for the preparation of further papers.
- ✍ Good Behaviour: It is never a compulsory part of the exam that a student must meet the teacher concerned after the exam but it can come only out of a good behaviour and family backdrop of a student. On a clear assumption that meeting a particular teacher would really be an impediment for the forth coming exam, it is better that any student ignores it.