



**COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2022-2023**  
**ENGLISH CORE (301)**



**Class: XII**

**Date:**

**Max. Marks: 80**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**General Instructions:**

- a) 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
- b) The Question Paper contains **THREE** sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
- c) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

**SECTION A -READING (20 Marks)**

**I. Read the passage given below.**

- (1) From picking out souvenirs, collecting coins to sending mail from each city visited - every traveller comes with their own set of quirks. For many, the very act of painstakingly choosing a postcard, slipping into a local letterbox and sending it home is sacrosanct. If you fall in that category, you'll enjoy this list of some of the most unusual post offices in the world—the highest, lowest and remotest, all standing to make sure your letter is sent from their city, with love.
- (2) On the waters of Srinagar's Dal Lake floats a boat. Inside it, sit a few postmen, and with them, a box of stamps. This is no ordinary shikara, turned into a houseboat for tourists, and nor is it part of the jostling floating market. It is India's only floating post office. Established in 2011, the post office acts as a regular post office with banking services and an in-house philately museum, only bobbing along to the water. In addition, your mail gets stamped with a special Kashmiri seal depicting a shikara and a boatman, especially for this wooden post office with the pin code: 190001.
- (3) Seal your first visit to the Eiffel Tower with a stamp. The iron landmark that Paris is most recognizably linked with has a little post office in its southern wing, allowing tourists and visitors to pop in, and post their mail. If you're lucky, your postage may get a special stamp declaring that it has been sent from the Eiffel Tower, but it is no guarantee.
- (4) The endeavour to send a letter from the world's highest post office is certainly a commitment. It takes reaching Tingri Country in Tibet, battling altitude sickness, lugging oxygen cylinders and trudging up a height of 5300m above ground level. This tin-shed mailing box, just established in 2008, is located in the Everest Base Camp, and acts as a resting point for hungry travellers, along with its duties of sending mail to all parts of the world.

- (5) What does one do after successfully completing their first scuba dive? Their only choice can be found at Vanuatu, a Pacific island nation located off Oceania and Australia. The first underwater post office in the Hideaway Island, allows anyone willing to swim among the fishes to post mail on specially designed waterproof postcards. For a post box located 9 feet below ground level, it attracts a lot of visitors, especially tourists. Incidentally, the country is driven to make posting mail an adventure activity. It also is home to a volcano post, set on top of Mt. Yasur on Tanna Island, an active volcano which is known to erupt more than 10 times an hour.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (1x10=10)**

- (i) **“Every traveller comes with their own set of quirks.” Which set of quirks is the writer discussing here?**  
(a) Collecting coins and memorable objects while one is travelling for remembrance.  
(b) Writing a letter about the visited place for remembrance.  
(c) Taking selfies at the places where one goes for visit.  
(d) Clicking the photographs in the vicinity of the place one visits.
- (ii) **An Oxymoron is a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction.**  
**From the options given below, choose the example of an Oxymoron.**  
(a) Adventure (b) Jostling floating (c) Ordinary shikara (d) Only choice activity
- (iii) **Select the option that suitably completes the given dialogue as per the passage.**  
**Rahil: India is so unique in its people, culture, language, basically everything. It added another uniqueness to itself.**  
**Pooja: Yes, I agree , .....**  
(a) an underwater post office is definitely unique.  
(b) a floating post office is definitely unique.  
(c) India’s people are quite unique.  
(d) India’s achievements are quite unique.
- (iv) **Where can one find a post office with specially designed waterproof postcards?**  
(a) At Vanuatu in the Tanna Island  
(b) Srinagar’s Dal Lake  
(c) Tingri Country in Tibet  
(d) At Vanuatu in the Hideaway Island
- (v) **Select the option that indicates the situation in Everest Base Camp before and after 2008.**

Before	After
(a) No post office in the location.	World’s only post office at the bottom of a mountain.
(b) Post office destroyed in battle	New post office
(c) No post office in the location	World’s highest post office built.
(d) World’s highest post office built.	Post office destroyed in battle.

- (vi) **What is the relationship between (1) and (2)?**  
 (1) ..... list of some of the most unusual post offices in the world .....  
 (2) ..... has a little post office in its southern wing  
 (a) (1) sets the stage for (2).  
 (b) (2) is the reason for (1).  
 (c) (2) elaborates the problem given in (1)  
 (d) (1) repeats the situation described in (2)
- (vii) **What is special about Mount Yasur and where is it located?**  
 (a) It's an active volcano a day which is known to erupt more than 10 times and is situated in the Hideaway Island, Vanuatu.  
 (b) It's an active volcano which is known to erupt more than 10 times an hour and is situated in the Tanna Island, Vanuatu.  
 (c) It's an active volcano which is known to erupt more than 10 times an hour and is situated near the Everest Base Camp.  
 (d) It's an active volcano which is known to erupt more than 10 times a day and is situated near the Srinagar's Dal Lake.
- (viii) **Select the option that lists information about the world's highest post office as mentioned in the passage.**  
 (a) It's situated near the Eiffel Tower at Paris.  
 (b) It's situated near the Mt. Everest base established in 2011.  
 (c) It's located in the Everest Base Camp, established in 2008.  
 (d) It's located in Tingri Country in Tibet, established in 2008.
- (ix) **Which quote best summarizes the writer's feelings about the details given in the passage?**  
 (a) I don't film messages. I let the post office take care of those. –Berhardo Bertolucci  
 (b) The postal service needs tools to modernize and compete. –Joe Baca  
 (c) Lenin's ideal was to build a nation's productive effort according to the model of the post office. –Ludwig Von Mises  
 (d) Go work at the post office or Starbucks if you want balance in your life. – Jasan Calacanis
- (x) **Select the option that lists a trait of every traveller.**  
 (1) calling loved ones to share details.  
 (2) picking out souvenirs.  
 (3) sharing pictures on social sites.  
 (4) coin collection  
 (5) writing mail from a touring city  
 (a) (1), (3) and (5) are true      (b) (2) and (5) are true      (c) (4) and (5) are true      (d) (2), (4) and (5) are true

## II

**Read the passage given below.**

- (1) A large majority of the elderly in India do not get long-term and palliative care, revealed a study conducted for the United Nations. The survey of more than 10,000 respondents across northern, southern, western, eastern, and central India during May-June 2018, showed that 62.1% of the elderly did not get such care. More than

half of these people, 52.4%, said they primarily need traditional family support, says a study by Agewell Research and Advocacy Centre.

- (2) Older people in India often face problems such as disability, restricted mobility, loneliness, poverty and lack of awareness on accessing old-term care. With a fast growing population of older people, the ever-increasing gap between generations and the fast and demanding lifestyle of young people, for a majority of older people, life is still a struggle for independence.
- (3) "According to 64% of elderly respondents, loneliness, marginalization, and isolation are the most critical issues faced by bedridden, elderly patients as they cannot visit, meet or interact with their relatives, friends and neighbours," said Himanshu Rath, founder of Agewell Foundation.
- (4) The elderly have to compromise and make adjustments in their lifestyle according to the wishes of the younger members of their families to ensure they are cared for, the study revealed. It highlighted that 67.6% of the elderly being taken care of their family members have to look after the children of the families. They have to perform tasks such as babysitting in return for proper care and support.
- (5) "Around 73.7% said they have to take care of the house and other properties of their younger family members to ensure long-term and palliative care in old age," the study report said. "Over 75% of respondents have to limit their personal social interactions as their family members direct them to do so, otherwise their family members can avoid providing their basic needs of food and medicines." Most elderly respondents (68.5%) said breaking up of the joint family system is one of the biggest factors for the challenges they face in getting long-term, palliative care.
- (6) Healthcare equipment such as wheelchairs, relief material such as adult diapers and care-giving service should be provided on a regular basis to destitute older people, who are bedridden and suffering from acute mobility issues, the report said. "Though providing long-term and palliative care to older persons comes in the purview of family responsibilities in India, it is observed that older persons, who are financially independent, have a high net worth or hold property entitlements, are treated comparatively well by their family members" said Rath.
- (7) "Managing home care for the elderly is a massive challenge as multiple service providers—nursing agencies, physiotherapists and medical suppliers—are small scale and unorganized and, therefore, provide incomplete care," he said. "In India, health insurance coverage is essentially limited to hospitalization. The concept of geriatric care has remained a neglected area of medicine so far in the country."

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (1x10 =10)**

- (i) **Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph?**  
In order to get proper care and support, old people have to adjust their lifestyle as per the wishes of their children.  
**Select from the following:**  
**True** -If the statement agrees with the information  
**False** -If the statement contradicts the information  
**Not Given**- If there is no information on this
- (ii) **List two essential requirements for older people suffering from mobility issues.**

- (iii) **Select the option that displays the most likely reason for stating that older people who live with family are no better. It is because\_\_\_\_**  
 (a) They also suffer from loneliness.  
 (b) They have no one who loves or cares for them.  
 (c) They have additional burden of responsibility.  
 (d) All of the above
- (iv) **Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference from the last paragraph of the passage.**  
**The concluding paragraph of the passage makes a clear case for \_\_\_\_\_**
- (v) **Select the option that displays the reason behind financially independent elderly being better off.**  
 (a) They have money for their financial care.  
 (b) They are treated with much more care and respect.  
 (c) They are seen as ones to be revered.  
 (d) They have medical expenses.
- (vi) **Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.**  
 According to the study long-term and palliative care comes under the purview of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) government responsibilities  
 (b) liabilities  
 (c) social responsibilities  
 (d) Both (a) & (c)
- (vii) **After reading the passage what do you think is the primary need of all the elderly people in India?**
- (viii) **Complete the given sentence with one word.**  
**The problem with palliative healthcare for the elderly is that it is \_\_\_\_\_**
- (ix) **Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.**  
**The elderly limit their social interaction because\_\_\_\_\_**  
 (a) the family members told them to  
 (b) they cannot speak properly  
 (c) of their medical conditions  
 (d) they become antisocial
- (x) **Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement.**  
**A joint family system along with the need for private space has brought challenges to the long-term elderly care.**

III

### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 Marks)

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. 5
- A** You are Arun Mohan, the Sports Captain of Vikas Public School, Dehradun. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing budding cricketers to attend trials for selection to the school team.

OR

- B** You are Jacob John, Secretary, Residents Welfare Association, Sahyog Colony, New Delhi. The water supply in your area will be suspended for a day due to maintenance work. Draft a notice in about 50 words, advising the residents to store water for a day. Do not forget to issue an apology for the above.

**2.** Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below.

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- A** You are Anila Buseni, Secretary of the English Literary Club of St. Gregorious School, Belgaum. You are organizing an Inter House Drama Competition. Send a formal invitation to Shri. Vijay Naik, an eminent playwright and resident of Plot 3, 6<sup>th</sup> Block, HAL Colony, Bengaluru to preside over the function to be held on 10 December 2022.

**OR**

- B** You are Anisha Gupta, resident of Flat No.56, Elena Gardens Mumbai. You have been invited to an evening bash at Haley's Café by Vibha Shekhar, your close friend, to celebrate her selection in NDA (National Defence Academy). Draft a reply to the invitation in about 50 words, confirming your acceptance.

**3.** Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below.

**5**

- A** Repeated strike of doctors leaves patients at the mercy of God. Mr. Benjamin faced a bitter experience recently when he was admitted in the hospital. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Indian Express' narrating his tale of woe and generating public opinion on – Why should the essential service be banned from going on strike ?

**OR**

- B** You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of Management Trainee to be groomed as managers in their reputed firm. Write a letter with bio-data in about 120-150 words to the Public Relations Officer, MSL Enterprises, Lajpat Nagar, Kolkatta, applying for the post advertised. You are Abhijeet Mukherjee of Sector 3, Kavi Nagar, Kolkatta.

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4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below.

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- A** You are Mohit Gaba, Staff Reporter for 'The New Indian Express'. You were asked to cover the major news highlights of the incident in which two cargo ships collided in the Arabian Sea near Mumbai that resulted in an oil spill. Write a report on the accident and oil spill to be published in your newspaper. You can use the following clues. (120-150 words)

**Clues**

Oil spills caused by collision

No casualties

Affecting aquatic life/damage to marine ecosystem

Oil washed to the shore, damaging shoreline, beaches & Mangroves.

Pollution

anti-pollution operations by spraying dispersants on the thick oil slick.

Fishing associations - not to carry out fishing activities.

Action to stop further spills

Prevent further such collisions

**OR**

- B** In many parts of our country, girls are still discouraged from going to school. Consequently, a sizeable section of the population is deprived of education. Schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, CBSE scholarship to the single girl child and the Government's policy of giving free education to girls have come as a boon to our society. As a columnist, draft an article in about 120-150 words, on the Education of girl child in the country. You are Yasmin /Yassi.

**SECTION C-LITERATURE (40 Marks)**

- IV. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.

(1 x 6 = 6)

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given.

- 1.A *"her face  
 ashen like that  
 of a corpse and realised with  
 pain  
 that she was as old as she  
 looked but soon,  
 put that thought away, and  
 looked out at Young  
 Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
 out of their homes..."*

(i) **What thought did the poet put away?**

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) the impending death of her mother | (b) mother would wake up | (c) mother would live long | (d) mother would continue sleeping |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|

(ii) **Why does the poet look out of the window?**

- (a) to look out at the trees
- (b) to look at the children
- (c) to distract herself
- (d) as she was bored

(iii) **What does the image of merry children spilling symbolize?**

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|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) sincerity | (b) carefree attitude | (c) passive acceptance | (d) responsibility and duty |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|

(iv) **The literary device used in the line ' her face ashen like that of a corpse' is \_\_\_\_\_**

(v) **Choose the option that best applied to the given extract.**

- 1. a conversation
- 2. an argument
- 3. a strategy
- 4. a recollection
- 5. a suggestion

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|----------|------|------------|------------|
| (a)1,3,5 | (b)4 | (c)1 and 2 | (d)2 and 3 |
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(vi) **What does the narrative style (single sentence) of the poem highlight?**

- (a) poet's feelings
- (b) poet's insecurities
- (c) poet's thoughts
- (d) poet's intertwining thoughts

**OR**

**1.B** *"The little old house was out with a little new shed  
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,  
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,  
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports  
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint."*

(i) **What is the tone of the poet in the above lines?**

- (i) Amused
- (ii) Tolerant
- (iii) Sarcastic

(iv) Submissive

(a) (i) and (ii)                      (b) (ii) and (iv)                      (c) (iii)                      (d) (i) and (iii)

(ii) **Why is it unfair to say that these people are begging for a 'dole of bread'?**

(a) as they are unreasonably begging for money

(b) because they have something to sell

(c) as they shamelessly beg for bread

(d) they are beggars

(iii) **The poor people look at the city money for their \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. Survival

2. Betterment

3. Sorrow

4. Misery

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 3

(c) 2 and 4

(d) 1 and 3

(iv) **Who are referred to as 'the flower of the cities'?**

(a) Poor people

(b) Village folks

(c) People living in

cities

(d) shoplifters

(v) **On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.**

**1. According to the poet, money has become so powerful in the present world that it is essential for maintaining one's life.**

**2. Even rural people today are striving for money.**

(a) (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot

(b) (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot

(c) Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract

(d) Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract

(vi) **The poetic device used in the line "A roadside stand that too pathetically pled"**

(a) Personification

(b) Simile

(c) Metaphor

(d) Oxymoron

**2. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.**

**(1 x4 =4)**

**2.A *I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine. I told him about the Third Level of Grand Central. He said, it was a waking-dream wish fulfillment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape.***

**(i) Pick out the option which is the correct description of the phrase "waking dream wish fulfillment".**

- (a) A pleasant wish that makes one forget the past terrible experiences.  
 (b) A pleasant wish that takes one to the future.  
 (c) A pleasant wish that encourages to work.  
 (d) A pleasant wish that makes one forget the present.
- (ii) **Pick out the option that best describes the mental tendency of the narrator.**  
 (1) Disappointed  
 (2) Escapism  
 (3) Calm  
 (4) Satisfied  
 (a) 1 and 3                      (b) 1 and 2                      (c) 3 and 4                      (d) 2 and 4
- (iii) **Why did Sam's verdict make Charley's wife 'mad'?**  
 (a) It made it difficult for her to accept that Charley would consult a psychiatrist.  
 (b) It seemed to suggest to her that she was the cause of Charley's unhappiness.  
 (c) It made her aware of Charley's delicate state of mind.  
 (d) It offended that Charley and Sam collectively accused her.
- (iv) **What does the 'Third Level' signify?**
- 2.B** *"The first day in the land of apples was a bitter cold one; for the snow still covered the ground, and the trees were bare. A large bell rang for breakfast, its loud metallic voice crashing through the belfry overhead and into our sensitive ears. The annoying clatter of shoes on bare floors gave us no peace. The constant clash of harsh noises, with an undercurrent of many voices murmuring an unknown tongue, made a bedlam within which I was securely tied. And though my spirit tore itself in struggling for its lost freedom, all was useless."*
- (i) **Which is the literary device used in "A large bell rang for breakfast, its loud metallic voice crashing through the belfry overhead and into our sensitive ears"?**  
 (a) Oxymoron                      (b) Simile                      (c) Onomatopoeia                      (d) Metaphor
- (ii) **What does 'murmuring an unknown tongue' show about the speaker?**  
 (a) she was not paying attention                      (b) she knew the English language well                      (c) she did not know the English language at all                      (d) she was scared of learning English language
- (iii) **Choose the synonym of the word 'bedlam'.**  
 (a) tranquility                      (b) commotion                      (c) harmony                      (d) serenity
- (iv) **How did Zitkala - Sa react to the various sounds that came when the large bell rang for breakfast?**

**3** **Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.**

**(1 x 6 = 6)**

- 3.A** *"Since you have been so nice to me all day long as if I was a captain, I want to be nice to you, in return, as if I was a real captain-for I do not want you to be*

*embarrassed at this Christmas season by a thief; but you can give back the money to the old man on the roadside, who has the money pouch hanging on the window frame as a bait for poor wanderers.*

*The rattrap is a Christmas present from a rat who would have been caught in this world's rattrap if he had not been raised to Captain, because in that way he got power to clear himself.*

*"Written with friendship and high regard, Captain von Stahle"*

- (i) Which of the following CAN NOT be attributed to the peddler, according to the above extract?
  - (a) indebtedness
  - (b) reform
  - (c) frustration
  - (d) self-awareness
- (ii) Why did the peddler gift a rattrap as a Christmas present?
  - (a) It was all the peddler had that he could give away, and represented his turn to honesty.
  - (b) It symbolized his despair as he returned the stolen money.
  - (c) It served as a reminder for Edla to be wary of the dangerous temptations of the world.
  - (d) It was a practical and convenient present that the lady of the house could effectively use.
- (iii) *This communication includes...*
  - 1) a promise
  - 2) ruthlessness
  - 3) an apology
  - 4) humiliation
  - (a) only 4
  - (b) only 1
  - (c) 1 and 3
  - (d) 2 and 4
- (iv) In that way, he got the power to clear himself. Who is 'he' referred to?
  - (a) Ironmaster
  - (b) Edla
  - (c) Peddler
  - (d) Crofter
- (v) What is the significance of the letter written to Edla?
- (vi) Do you think the peddler would have changed if Edla would not have been nice to him? Justify.

3.B *"And afterwards you wait there alone in the arcade for a long while, standing where he stood, remembering the soft melodious voice, the shimmer of green eyes. No taller than you. No bolder than you. The prodigy. The innocent genius, the great Danny Casey. And she saw it all again, last Saturday saw him ghost past the lumbering defenders, heard the fifty thousand catch their breath as he*

*hovered momentarily over the ball, and then the explosion of sound as he struck it crisply into the goal, the sudden thunderous eruption of exultant approbation."*

- (i) Select the option that completes the given sentence appropriately.

'Prodigy' in the extract refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Danny Casey
- (b) Geoff
- (c) Jansie
- (d) Sophie

- (ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the analogy.

Shine: Shimmer:: Admiration: \_\_\_\_\_

- (iii) What is the 'explosion' being referred to in the extract?

- (a) applause of the crowd
- (b) crying of a child
- (c) shouting of the coach
- (d) noise of the players

- (iv) Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

Where does Sophie visit to meet Casey in her imagination?

- (a) along the canal
- (b) at the Royce
- (c) in the arcade
- (d) in the biscuit factory

- (v) What theme does the story, 'Going Places' explore?

- (vi) Select the word that does not conform to 'prodigy'.

- (a) genius
- (b) virtuoso
- (c) slacker
- (d) mastermind

V

Attempt any FIVE of the six questions in 40- 50 words each.

(5 x 2 =10)

- (i) How is the bangle industry of Firozabad a curse to the bangle makers? (Lost Spring)
- (ii) Douglas has a fear of water even before his experience of drowning at the Y.M.C.A pool. Justify. (Deep Water)
- (iii) As the host of a talk show, introduce Rajkumar Shukla to the audience by stating any two of his defining qualities? (Indigo)  
You may begin your answer like: Meet Rajkumar Shukla, the man who played a pivotal role in the Champaran Movement. He .....
- (iv) What knitting was to Aunt Jennifer; poetry was for Adrienne Rich'. Do you agree? Comment with reference to the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.

- (v) Which images in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' show that the poet condemns violence?
- (vi) What is the message conveyed through the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?

**VI Attempt any TWO of the three questions in 40- 50 words each. (2 x 2 = 4)**

- (i) 'Students on Ice' is a programme that prepares global citizens. Discuss. (Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (ii) 'Knowing too much of your future is never a good thing.' In the light of this quote, examine how knowing the future paved the way for the king's end. (The Tiger King)
- (iii) What are the similarities in the lives of Bama and Zitkala – Sa though they belong to different cultures? (Memories of Childhood)

**VII Attempt any ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1 x 5 = 5)**

- (i) Why do some celebrities despise being interviewed? (The Interview)

OR

- (ii) After reading the chapter 'The Last Lesson', you realise that man has an intense desire to subjugate others. You feel in the modern world, there is a strong need for brotherhood. Write a blog depicting your views on the same.

**VIII Attempt any ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1 x 5 = 5)**

- (i) The play 'On the Face of it' ends on a tragic note but affirms hope. Elucidate with reference to the text.

OR

- (ii) What was the General's plan to get rid of the American prisoner? Was the plan executed? You wish to include a cameo\* of the General in your upcoming blog post? (\*A short description that neatly encapsulates someone or something).  
As a part of the research, discuss the General's character traits as highlighted in the lesson 'The Enemy' in about 120-150 words.