

REVISION TEST SERIES

E1-SET B

Class 12 - English Core

Time Allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

Section A

1. **Read the passage:**

[10]

1. Why is China cracking down on edtech? We face the same problem but find a different solution. Recently, the Chinese government announced a bold, sweeping and almost draconian crack-down on its booming educational tuition sector. Under its new Policy, private tutoring businesses have to restructure as non-profit companies. They are banned from listing on the stock market or raising foreign capital. They are prohibited from offering tutoring classes on weekends and school holidays. Parents and students are being encouraged to report schools and teachers who make extra income through private tutoring.
2. The consequences were immediate. Shares of Chinese edtech companies listed abroad crashed, losing value worth tens of billions of dollars or thousands of Crores. Many of these companies are staring at bankruptcy. China is no yardstick for policy-making for India. It isn't a democracy, and a blatant ban like this that destroys major corporations overnight doesn't augur well for investor sentiment.
3. And yet, we in India need to acknowledge that the overemphasis on tuitions is an issue here as well. While the Chinese solution is not the best one, the underlying problem exists in India too. We drive our kids insane. We make them compete for exams that do not test true talent and operate like a lottery.
4. All parents will feel pressured to get their children 'extra' help. School is no longer enough. Schoolteachers aren't sufficient. Expert tutors connected through an app will become a requirement rather than a choice. We already have the Kota factory phenomenon. Move Kota to your phone screen, and soon you will have a national tuition pandemic. Maybe we already do.
5. Children will finish school and spend several hours on tuition to keep up their marks. Gone are the evenings spent playing in the parks or relaxing on weekends. Sports, musical instruments, dramatics, art, elocutions, debates — anything that doesn't feature in entrance tests or board exams will be cut out.
6. Apart from driving children insane, private tuitions harm in other ways. They take away the level playing field. Many of these tuitions cost lakhs. How many Indians can afford that? And if those who take tuitions get an edge to get in while others don't, what is our education system testing? How rich your parents are?
7. The solution does not lie in banning mega educational companies. That's absurd. Also, that attacks the supply of tuition, but does nothing about the huge demand for it. And if there's demand, Indian parents will find a way to circumvent the law and give their child the edge.
8. Here are some solutions. One, we need to make a cultural shift. We must let our children breathe. There are professions other than engineering and medicine, really. If you are excellent at anything, you will get somewhere in life.
9. We also need more good colleges. Why haven't we been able to open more universities with the same reputation as Delhi University? Why are new edtech startups worth billions coming up, while there are almost no new reputable universities?
10. The issue is regulations, which are messed up when it comes to opening colleges. No reputable person wants to open one, and many shady guys have entered the field. Incentivize good people to open colleges, grant

prime land and create more world-class institutions. Take the pressure off the cutoffs and entrance exams.

11. Third, while a ban is incorrect, we will need to better regulate the mushrooming educational startups. Many of these companies provide excellent services, such as making people job-ready, upgrading skill-sets or teaching different vocations. All that is fine. However, the fear is that Indian parents will eventually turn these edtech companies into tuition factories, for that is all many Indian parents would pay for. We need to regulate the sector to ensure that doesn't happen, China's massive crackdown is about how the tuition-obsession combined with tech can go too far. We need to fix this here before it is too late.

The Times of India (Abridged)

Chetan Bhagat

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below:

(A) Do you think India too should take steps similar to those of China to combat increasing tuition trends in the country? Comment

(B) State any one trait of the educational tutoring startups as mentioned in para. 9 onwards.

(C) List the activities which are assumed unhelpful in entrance tests are not preferred by students and their parents in India ?

(D) Rewrite the given sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with another one from para .6-7.

To nurture the talent of the youth, such education policies should be introduced that provide a Fair field to the students.

(E) Select the option that conveys the synonym of the phrase ' set of laws ' from the words used in paragraph 9-10.

- i. Reputation ii. Startups iii. Regulations iv. Institutions

(F) Why does the author say " Indian parents will find a way to circumvent the Law and give their child the edge " ?

(G) Why do parents prefer tuition classes for their children?

(H) What was the impact of new policy introduced by the Chinese government to curb tuition companies?

- i. Companies became bankrupt
ii. Tutoring business lost value worth thousands of crores
iii. Companies listed abroad crashed,
iv. All of these

(I) Which new policy regarding education is introduced by the Chinese government?

(J) Select the suitable title for the above passage .

- i. India's Tuition Pandemic ii. Kota Factory Phenomenon
iii. Entrance Examination iv. Startup: A Miracle

SECTION B-WRITING

2. You are Ravi/Rachna. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organized an inter-school orchestra competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about this competition. [5]

OR

The Principal, Sunshine Public School, Dindigul has invited the Inspector of Police (Traffic) to deliver a lecture on 'Road Safety' in her school. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students to assemble in the school auditorium.

3. You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Rana Pratap Marg, New Delhi. Read the advertisement given below and apply [5]

for the job that suits you giving your bio-data separately.

SITUATION VACANT

Sun University requires lecturers in English and demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Botany for their new Campus at Panipat. Only candidates with a minimum of a 5-year of experience can apply. Excellent command over English is a must. Excellent package and compensation for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to sununiversityjobs@gmail.com or mail their response to Box no 123, 'The Harbinger', New Delhi.

OR

You are Prem/Parul of 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Nashik. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Sun Agro India, Nashik, applying for the job. Write the letter in 120-150 words giving your bio-data.

REQUIRED URGENTLY

Vacancy in Reputed Raisin Export Company @ Nashik

MARKETING MANAGER

Graduate, MBA with 2-3 yrs. Experience in same field and knowledge of Hindi, English & Marathi languages.

Interested candidates may submit their resume by hand at

SUN AGRO INDIA

SECTION C-LITERATURE

4. Read the extract given below and answer ANY THREE questions that follow. [3]

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning, I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open-mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse and realized with pain that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought away... Questions:

- I. The poet described her mother as
- II. What did the narrator notice about her mother?
- III. Assertion (A): Mother's face ashen like that of a corpse.
Reason(R): She was old.
- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
B. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
C. A is true but R is false.
D. A is false but R is true
- IV. Find words from the passage which mean same as 'doze'
A. spell B. dose C. slumber D. dosage

5. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: [4]

On the roof the pigeons cooed very low, and I thought to myself, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?" Whenever I looked up from my writing, I saw M Hamel sitting motionless in his chair and gazing first

at one thing, then at another, as if he wanted to fix in his mind just how everything looked in that little school room.

I. Assertion 1. "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?"

Assertion 2. Germans won Alsace and ordered German to be taught in the schools of this province.

What is the relation between 1 and 2 assertions.

A. Both are not related to each other

B. The Germans ordered the pigeons to sing in German language is the explanation for 1

C It is impossible to change French people and they will disobey the German orders.

D. Assertion 1 was made because of assertion 2. .

II. fill in the above blank rationally. Pigeons: :: people : mother tongue

A. Cooing B. Teachers C. Villagers D. French

III. Complete this statement

M Hamel was sitting motionless because

IV. Find out a word from the passage

..... means look steadily and intently.

OR

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

"I will learn to drive a car," he answers, looking straight into my eyes. His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad, famous for its bangles. Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles. It is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry where families have spent generations working around furnaces, wielding glass, making bangles for all the women in the land it seems. Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnaces where they slog their daylight hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes. Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to take me home, which he proudly says is being rebuilt.

I. 'I will learn to drive a car,' he answers, looking straight into my eyes. This sentence highlights Mukesh was

1. determined 2. fearless 3. hopeful 4. valiant 5. ambitious 6. stern

A. 1 & 5

B. 2 & 4

C. 2 & 5

D. 3 & 6

II. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE with reference to the extract?

A. Children work in badly lit and poorly ventilated furnaces.

B. The children are unaware that it is forbidden by law to work in the furnaces.

C. Children toil in the furnaces for hours which affects their eyesight.

D. Firozabad has emerged as a nascent producer of bangles in the country.

III. The simile 'dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets' indicates that his dream was

A. a reality, yet seemed distant.

B. lost in the sea of dust.

- C. illusory and indistinct.
- D. hanging in the dusty air.

IV. Complete this statement

The main reason behind the child labour in the bangle industry is

6. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [6]
- (i) How were the parents and the teacher responsible for the lack of interest for studies among students?
 - (ii) "But the thing that surprised me the most was to see..." What surprised Franz most in the class?
 - (iii) What does the reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tell us about the economic condition of the ragpickers?
 - (iv) In our life we take many actions that we don't want to take. Can we avoid such actions?
7. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 40-50 words each: [2]
- (i) Why did Charley suspect that Sam had gone to Galesburg?
 - (ii) What did Charley learn about Sam from the stamp and coin store?
8. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 100-150 words each: [5]
- (i) Everybody during the last lesson is filled with regret. Comment
 - (ii) Do you see an intersection of time and space in the story 'The Third Level'.