

WRITING SKILLS

1. You are the senior manager at Sahni Travels & Tours. Draft an advertisement offering an attractive package tour to Kullu-Manali. Mention discounts and offers as well. Give other relevant details. (Word limit 50 words) **4**
2. You are Amitabh Mathur, Manager of 'Utsav' Event Management Company. You have received an enquiry for organizing a college reunion party by the president of Nostalgia Ex-students Organization, Bengaluru. Write a letter giving information about the food, choice of location, etc. (Word limit 120-150 words) **6**
3. You were part of a team of volunteers which helped in the rescue work in flood affected areas in your city. Write a report to be published in a newspaper in 150-200 words about the rescue operation highlighting the organizational aspect, the duties given to the volunteers and how these were discharged. **10**
4. A debate competition on "How to guard Indian culture in the mess of global cultures today" has been hosted by your school. You are Anil/Anita, one of the boys/girls participating. Write a debate in favour or against this topic so that your manoeuvre is well tested and acclaimed by the audience. (Word limit 150-200 words) **10**

LITERATURE

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

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,

- a. What worried the poet when she looked at her mother?
- b. Why was there pain in her realization?
- c. Why did she put that thought away?
- d. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines.

OR

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;
The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

- a. Who are these children?
 - b. What does the poet mean by 'gusty waves'?
 - c. What has possibly weighed-down the tall girl's head?
 - d. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines.
9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: **3x4 = 12**
- a. Who occupied the back benches in the room on the day of the last lesson? Why?
 - b. Why did Douglas' mother recommend that he should learn swimming at the YMCA swimming pool?
 - c. What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
 - d. What does a thing of beauty do for us?
 - e. Which do you think is a better ending of Roger Skunk's story, Jo's or her father's? Why?
 - f. What could the Governor have done to securely bring Evans back to the prison from the 'Golden Lion'?
10. Answer the following in 120-150 words: **6**
- Giving a bribe is an evil practice. How did the Tiger King bribe the British officer to save his kingdom? How do you view this act of his?

OR

Dr. Sadao was a patriotic Japanese as well as a dedicated surgeon. How could he honour both the values?