

Delhi High Court JJA Mains Question Paper 2017 PDF

JUNIOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANT/RESTORER MAIN EXAMINATION-2017
COMPREHENSION AND ESSAY WRITING IN ENGLISH
(The question paper contains two pages)

Maximum Marks 50 (Part A:25 marks & Part B : 25 marks)

(Time: 2 Hours)

Part – A (25 Marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

You seemed at first to take no notice of your school-fellows, or rather to set yourself against them, because they were strangers to you. They knew as little of you as you did of them; so that this would have been the reason for their keeping aloof from you as well, which you would have felt as a hardship. Learn never to conceive a prejudice against others because you know nothing of them. It is bad reasoning, and makes enemies of half the world. Do not think ill of them till they behave ill to you; and then strive to avoid the faults which you see in them. This will disarm their hostility sooner than pique or resentment or complaint.

I thought you were disposed to criticize the dress of some of the boys as not so good as your own. Never despise any one for anything that he cannot help -- least of all, for his poverty. I would wish you to keep up appearances yourself as a defence against the idle sneers of the world, but I would not have you value yourself upon them. I hope you will neither be the dupe nor victim of vulgar prejudices. Instead of saying above "Never despise any one for anything that he cannot help" I might have said, "Never despise any one at all"; for contempt implies a triumph over and pleasure in the ill of another. It means that you are glad and congratulate yourself on their failings or misfortunes. The sense of inferiority in others, without this indirect appeal to our self-love, is a painful feeling, and not an exulting one.

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You complain since, that boys laugh at you and do not care about you, and that you are not treated as you were at home. My dear, that is one chief reason for your being sent to school, to inure you betimes to the unavoidable rubs and uncertain reception you may meet with in life. You cannot always be with me, and perhaps it is as well that you cannot. But you must not expect others to show the same concern about you as I should. You have hitherto been a spoiled child, and have been used to have your own way a good deal, both in the house, and among your play-fellows, with whom you were too fond of being a leader; but you have a good-nature and good sense, and will get the better of this in time. You have now got among other boys who are your equals, or bigger and stronger than yourself, and who have something else to attend to besides humouring your whims and fancies, and you feel this as repulse or piece of injustice. But the first lesson to learn is that there are other people in the world besides yourself. There are a number of boys in the school where you are, whose amusements and pursuits (whatever they may be) are and ought to be of as much consequence to them as yours can be to you, and to which therefore you must give way in your turn. The more airs of childish self-importance you give yourself, you will only expose yourself to be the more thwarted and laughed at. True equality is the only true morality or true wisdom. Remember always that you are but one among others, and you can hardly mistake your place in society. In your father's house, you might do as you pleased; in the world, you will find competitors at every turn. You are not born a king's son to destroy or dictate to millions; you can only expect to share their fate, or settle your differences amicably with them. You already find it so at school; and I wish you to be reconciled to your situation as soon and with as little pain as you can.

-- William Hazlitt

3. What lessons does the author want his child to learn by sending him to school?

10 marks

4. Find out words from the above passage that mean:

5 marks

- i) intense distaste and aversion
- ii) preconceived opinion
- iii) take away weapons
- iv) a great victory or achievement
- v) not friendly or forthcoming

Part – B (25 Marks)

Write an essay of about 250 words on any one of the following topics:

- i) Garbage - "a ticking bomb"
- ii) Taking care of the elderly
- iii) Smartphones - "boon or bane"

(Please adhere to the word limit)