

# CORRECT TENSE FOR FUTURE PERFECT

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The paper is divided into 4 sections:

<b>Section A:</b> Reading Comprehension	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Section B:</b> Writing	<b>20 Marks</b>
Grammar	<b>10 Marks</b>
<b>Section C:</b> Textual Questions	<b>20 Marks</b>
<b>Section D:</b> Long Reading Text - Novel	<b>15 Marks</b>

## SECTION-A (READING)

**Q.1** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:- [1x8= 8Marks]

Life is an institution. We have a principal, God, who looks over the entire working of our life. He allots teacher, namely our parents, to guide us through this path. We learn lessons and it is up to us whether we want to pass or fail. Every morning we wake up and give a tick mark to the attendance file of our lives. The only difference in this school of life is you cannot play truant even for a day! Though from time to time one may doze off and not pay heed to the message that is being given to us.

From the start my parents taught me and my sister to be good human beings first. Life has been kind, sometimes harsh but mostly fair. We make many mistakes, some of which we admit and others, we conceal. But now that I'm 22 years old, I can review every step taken by me. Think positive. Yes, it's that simple. Thoughts are actions. Imagine if there are a billion good thoughts, the universe will throw back a billion good actions. I can review every step taken by me. Something within tells me: 'Forget the world and listen to your heart'. If we all just start listening to our inner soul maybe we won't be scratching our heads while taking the final exam. I am not at all close to being perfect but I know I want to get near it, not by bothering about the business world, not by buying the perfect self according to me.... but by being kind, compassionate, and empathetic, one who sees the good in people and shares the good within themselves.

The true test is for us to examine, and to be honest to ourselves before we give a tick mark to our answer sheets. I had a lot of questions ready, my doubt all written, point by point..... since I could not get the answer from my teachers I made an appointment with God. Doubts about life love death, fear, sorrow, I was angry. Why can't he guide us?

God was there by my side, every minute, every step. Even though I haven't gotten all the answers I know I will get there.... He will take me there, in my own time, the same way He has gotten me here, where I am now.

Some say one should never pity nor envy anyone else.... and I am happy to be me. The first important teaching to learn, count your blessings. We all stand to be a little more aware about what life is really trying to teach us.... and for some be aware that life is trying to teach us something.

Money is like our grades in school... it helps us move to the next steps but after that, who re-



members what we scored in maths in the third standard? People forget that when we die..... money does not come along with us. It becomes like our grades, we don't remember how much we earned or how much we lost. Families fight, friendships are ruined; parent child bonds are broken. Isn't that a waste..... why would any over choose paper over love?

Here's the plea for whoever is reading this..... let us all try and be the best pupils in this school called life. Be true ..... love not only others but also yourself Love God wholeheartedly because that's all He wants, and you know what they say 'Be in his good books and you will go to the head of the class.'

### A) Choose the correct option:-

- (a) All our questions can be answered by  
(i) Parent (ii) Friends  
(iii) God (iv) Ourselves

### b) We can be good pupils by:-

- (i) Loving ourselves (ii) Loving others  
(iii) Both a and b (iv) Only a

### B) Answer the following questions:-

- (a) How is God equal to a principal?  
(b) What is the difference between life at school and school of life?  
(c) Why are good thoughts compared to good actions?  
(d) 'Money is like our grades in school.' Explain?  
(e) Pick out a word similar in meaning to 'Correct/right.'  
(f) Pick out a word opposite in meaning to 'uncover'

**Q.2** Read the following passage and answer the question that follow:- [7 marks]

1. How often do we exclaim : "That was a mistake!" That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets relayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don't. The mistakes can be mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off or to pick up your passport from the airport counter.  
2. Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction carelessness, nervousness there are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes. However major decisions like relocations of home of an

unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible-then is there room for hope?

3. In fact, there are no mistakes, only experiences. There are no problems only challenges. Every experience teaches us something in life. Every mistake inspires retrospection and introspection. The experience is humbling and it makes us wiser. That is, if every mistake is regarded as an experience and not as a source of self-condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with the change grooved in the blame culture and rooted in the past, they had to realise the life time benefits they receive from changes.

4. Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behaviour of birds has confirmed that Birds, animals and even nomads, travel miles and miles in search of better food, congenial climate and safety. These relocations may cause some amount of stress, no doubt, but they are the source of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.

5. To the weak problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones." An untimely resignation and or termination letter is certainly traumatic and disturbing. But think of possibilities it can throw open for you. A young man felt disappointed when he failed an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time, he left dejected. Today, looking back he says, "It was a blessing in disguise. I would have never reached this far." Some mistakes bring in a very important message. "Believe and achieve! And in order to do so, faith is essential. It is the triple faith that men need today. Faith in own self, faith in oneself faith in the world around us, and above all faith in God!"

- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using heading and subheadings. Also use recognisable abbreviations, wherever necessary (Minimum 4).  
Supply a suitable title [5]  
(B) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. [2]

## SECTION-B (Writing & Grammar)

**Q.3** You are Karana/Kanika, Secretary Cultural club of your school. Your school is organising a Dramatics workshop during the Winter Break for senior students of the school. Draft a notice for the school notice board informing the students giving all relevant details. [5 Marks]

OR

You are disturbed at the increasing instances of students facing stress due to examinations. Write a paragraph on "How to Beat Examination related stress". (120-150 words)

**Q.4** You are Rohan/ Rohini of 48, New Bank Enclave Delhi. Write a letter to the editor complaining about the badly maintained parks of your colony. [7 marks]

OR

Write a letter to the Principal about the problem of ragging being forced on freshers, which at times even force the students to drop out. It may also adversely affect their academic standards. Sign the letter as Renu/Rakesh. (Word limit 150-200).

**Q.5** You are Sachin/Shaiyya. You attended a debate on "Welcome Youth in Politics" organised by your school. Write a report on the event in about 150-200 words. [8 marks]

## Grammar

**Q.6** Underline the error in each line and write the correction in the space provided [1/2 x8= 4 Marks]

- In today's world that is easy to grow up with inculcating reading habits. There is so many television programmes computer games or the play station to keep me busy For; those not only serve as entertainment gadgets and are educational two at the same time
- a).....  
b).....  
c).....  
d).....  
e).....  
f).....  
g).....  
h).....

**Q.7** Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. [1x6=6 Marks]

- i) number one/is/eradicate/to/poverty/-millennium /goal/ development  
ii) knowledge/to/everyone/has/share/to/learn/ and/can/other's/inspire/anyone.  
iii) winning/told/a medal/my/I/him/until/about/not known/had/he  
iv) instead/amically/we/them/of/resolving/resort/to/disputes/violence/settle/our/to  
v) to adorn/for centuries/himself/killing/has been/man/animals/ruthlessly/willingly/and  
vi) they/filled/we/sting/provocation/pain/when/bite/or/without/us/are/with

## SECTION-C (Textual Questions)

**Q.8** Read the extracts given below and answer the questions: [4 x 1= 4 Marks]

- (a) The seed I spent or sown it where The land is his and none of mine? We speak like Strangers, there is no sign Of understanding in the air.

This child is built to my Design Yet what he loves I cannot share.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet?  
(ii) What is the problem of the speaker in this poem?  
(iii) Why does the poet lament ?  
(iv) They speak like strangers. Explain.

OR

(b) When did my childhood go? Was it the day I realised to be eleven was it the time I realised that Hell and Heaven Could not be found in Geography And therefore could not be.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.  
(ii) In what context is 'eleven' mentioned in the above lines?  
(iii) What time is being talked about?  
(iv) Why don't Hell and Heaven exist according to the poet?

**Q.9** Answer any five out of the following questions in about 40 words. [5x2 =10 Marks]

- (a) In what sense does the rain become the voice of the earth?  
(b) What was Einstein's idea of education?  
(c) What was the pharaoh's curse? Did it prove to be ominous?  
(d) Why was Joe Morgan relieved to see Andrew Manson?  
(e) The king's sense of justice went to the extent of absurdity How?  
(f) Justify the title of the poem 'The Voice of the Rain'?

**Q.10** Answer any one out of the two questions given below. [6 Marks]

- (a) What are the earth's biological systems? How do they sustain humanity?  
(b) What idea does J. B. Priestly want to communicate to the audience through the play 'Mother's Day'?

## SECTION-D (Long Reading Text - Novel)

**Q.11** Answer the following in about 150 words (any one) [8 Marks]  
"Please don't go, Miss. Virginia," he cried. Why did the ghost love Miss. Virginia's company?

OR

Why did Lord Canterville not want to possess the jewels which the ghost had given to Virginia?

**Q.12** Answer the following in about 120 words (any one) [7 marks]  
Draw a character sketch of Sir Simon, The Ghost.

OR

Draw a character sketch of Virginia.

These questions and the marks alongside are meant for practice purpose only. Students are advised to check format, syllabus and marks for Board test papers with their teachers. Questions have been given by teachers and NIE is not responsible for them.

"Eating & Reading are two pleasures that combine admirably"  
-C S Lewis

# Hooked to corn



## CORN FIESTA

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Serves: 2

### Ingredients:

- One cup boiled corn kernels
- One cup boiled peanuts
- Salt to taste
- A pinch of pepper
- Half a bunch of coriander
- 1 tsp chat masala
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tsp tomato ketchup
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 5-6 curry leaves

## COOKING PROCESS

- Heat a pan.
- Add the butter. When the butter melts completely, add mustard and cumin seeds. Once they splutter, put the curry leaves.
- Be careful as the butter may pop when curry leaves are added.
- Now add the boiled corn and peanuts and sauté.
- Add chopped coriander, ketchup, chat masala and salt. Stir this mixture well.
- Garnish with some coriander and pepper
- Your scrumptious Corn Delight is ready!

*Tip: Spend some time in the kitchen when you take a study break during exams. Also, this snack will not only boost your energy but will give you the break you need!*



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# BUZZZZZZ...OFF!

Now, the French wanted to bring..." Buzz buzz. I looked at the object of my distraction and at my books and scowled. "Anyway....the French overthrew the Bourbon dynasty because..." Buzz buzz. "For the love of God..." I exclaimed.

Something swept over me. I moved forward until I reached the dining table; my left hand lifted involuntarily to grab a device with a shiny blue back and crystal-clear screen. I tried (really did) to take control of myself, but the demon was stronger. Soon enough, I was opening WhatsApp, excited and hopeful for some news of cancellation of the boards. As if that was going to happen!

Someone in the family group had sent a video about

birds. Awesome!

Does that sound familiar to anyone? Smart phones are vicious objects, nightmares dressed in sweet daydreams. I love my phone, no doubt. But during exams, it just drives me crazy: It is as if the universe conspires to make sure I don't concentrate.

Well, it's almost as if I am forced to know everything about what's happening in other people's lives...



## HERE'S WHAT I DO TO KEEP THE EVIL FORCES OUT



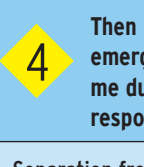
I switch off my phone



I choose a cabinet farthest from my study room



I keep the phone inside it



Then I go back to studying, hoping no emergency arises (I mean, if someone texts me during an emergency... I would have to respond, right?)

Separation from something we all love is difficult. But sometimes, to strengthen your friendship with your smartphone you should go on a break. It clears your mind, helps you concentrate and increases the value of the device.

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## MY SCHOOL PROJECT POT REFRIGERATOR

### WHAT IS IT?

- In a place without electricity, storage of food for long periods can be tricky
- One solution is to build a pot refrigerator using easily available material like earthen pots, sand and water

### SALIENT FEATURE

- Moist sand enables evaporation that cools the items inside the inner pot



### HOW WE WENT ABOUT IT

- We took two pots of different sizes
- The smaller one must fit inside the larger one
- We used clay or putty to cover any holes in the pots
- The base of the larger pot was then filled with coarse sand to a height that would bring the smaller pot at an even height with the larger one
- We then placed the small pot inside the bigger one
- Sand was filled all around the small pot
- We slowly poured water over the sand until it soaked it all in
- A small cloth or tea towel was then soaked in water
- We then covered the small pot with this soaked cloth
- We waited until the pot cooled down
- The refrigerator was ready for use. Veggies and other food items can be stored in this cooler small pot
- The 'refrigerator' has to be kept in a dry and ventilated place

- The sand must always be soaked in water. Also, glazed pots must not be used, as evaporation will not take place and water will not cool the pot.



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