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SUBJECT - ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)
CLASS - IX

READING SKILLS

Q1. Read the following text.

1. The world is big but, in a sense, it starts with me. Knowledge and awareness about myself have to precede my knowledge of things other than me. If I want the external environment to appreciate value. I need to do it by myself, first. In order to make the atmosphere around me green, I have to be green myself, in belief and action.
2. From dusk to dawn and drawn to dusk, our every activity leaves its footprint on the environment and ecology. It is a 24×7, eternal phenomenon. A laboured consciousness of having to go green in all possible areas is required in each one of us. It is, after all, our own self - interest and that of our descendants. The conscious application of change is going to become a habit and one's culture in due course. Though we read and hear a lot of green initiatives, we hardly tweak our routines to suit the larger picture.
3. Greenery in the surroundings prevents dust and noise pollution. The way we water and manure plants also matters. Water is also a fast-depleting resource. Sprinklers are one example to use and conserve it. Compost from biowaste can be used as manure for plants which is cost - effective and eco-friendly. We can also contribute to the preservation of water bodies by not dumping our garbage in them. The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes can reduce carbon footprint.
4. 'Reuse', 'Recycle', 'Re-engineer' and 'Renew' are the mantras. let us appreciate, support and contribute our might to the promotional efforts of the community in this direction. Remember, my ecology is also the community, society and nation that I care for which in turn cares for me. In other words, all these seemingly outward initiatives' done for others are going to make my life more comfortable ultimately.
5. I have to be, therefore, concerned about what sort of environment I am responsible for, for my own sustenance, livelihood and progress. As long as my impact is positive, my presence will be welcome. If it is otherwise, I am going to be shunned. It is either 'Embrace' or 'Embarrass'.
6. Green initiatives are anti-scorch Earth. Air, water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future. The increasing onslaughts on the quality of air and soil need to be reversed. The indiscriminate exploitation of water - consumable water is only 0.3% of freshwater - needs to be stopped. The Earth ought not to shrink further, continue to breathe easy. Mother Earth looks for only cares from her children and nothing more in return for all the wealth she has so generously showered on us.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given :

i. Why does the author say that one should be concerned about the environment?

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| a. For better sustenance | b. For the betterment of culture |
| c. For the betterment of self | d. For future generations |

ii. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below.

The increasing onslaughts on the quality of air and soil need to be reversed.

- a. The greater the sugar intake, the more chances of falling ill.
- b. The rising cutting down of trees has to be decreased to prevent climate change.

- c. When you increase your savings, you increase your future security.
- d. The heavier the heart, the sadder the person.

iii. Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following.

Air water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future. (Para-6)

- a. Doubt
- b. Caution
- c. Denial
- d. Sadness

iv. Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 3.

Opinion	Reason
.....	Hence, we need to conserve water

v. The writer all for measures to be taken to save the planet Earth when he says, "Air, water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future." (Paragraph-6)

- a. _____
- b. _____

vi. Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 preventive measures for the author's statement

"Water is also a fast - depleting resource," in Paragraph 3.

- a. _____
- b. _____

vii. Why does the author says that the Earth ought not to shrink further and continue to breathe easy?

viii. Why does the writer says "The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes....."?

- a. to enhance air quality
- b. to reduce carbon footprint
- c. to manage ecosystem
- d. all of these

ix. Supply one point to justify the following.

I need to do it by myself, first. In order to make the atmosphere around me green, I have to be green myself, in belief and action.

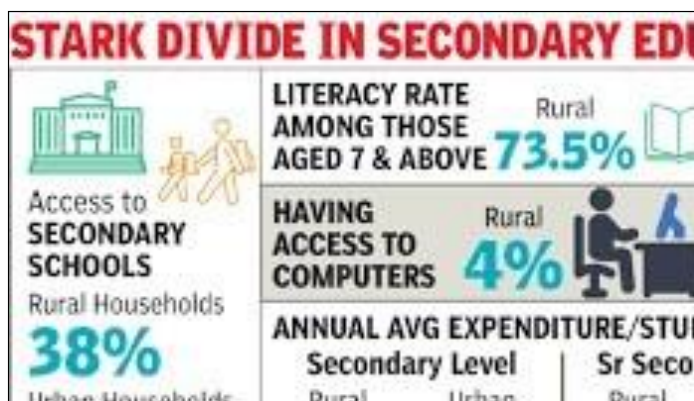
x. Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for conserving the ecosystem and protecting Earth's environment.

- a. To reduce carbon footprint
- b. To protect our future generations
- c. To become a world superpower
- d. To conserve potable water

Q2. Read the passage given below.

1. Right from literacy, accessibility to schools and household expenditure on education, the rural - urban gap remains significant. There is a digital divide, too, with just 4% of rural households having access to computers as compared to 23% in urban areas. These and other trends on a rural - urban gap in education are revealed in the details of a survey conducted by the National Statistical office (NSO).
2. The report on 'Household Social Consumption: Education' surveyed 1.13 lakh households spread across over 8,000 villages and 6,000 urban blocks between July 2017 and June 2018. The study involved 1.52 lakh students across different levels of study.

- 96.3. On accessibility, while 92.7% of the rural households have a primary school within 1 km as compared to 87.2% in urban areas, the situation gets skewed as only 38% of the rural households have access to secondary school as compared to 70% in the urban areas on similar parameters.
- While accessibility to a neighbourhood school at the primary level is not an issue in rural areas, the gross attendance ratio is also satisfactory with nearly 100% of boys and girls in rural as well as urban areas attending classes. However, in sync with reduced accessibility, there is a gap at the secondary level between rural and urban settings. The all-Indian literacy rate among persons aged 7 years and above is 77.7%. However, for the same age group, rural literacy is 73.5% and for urban areas, it is, 87.7%.
 - The digital divide between rural and urban households is stark with just 4% of the rural population having access to computers. The report highlighted that while only 15% surveyed population in the rural cluster has internet access, 42% of the students in the urban areas have access to the internet.
 - At the school level while the majority of the urban households had shown a preference for private schools, it's the opposite for rural households. The report highlights that 76.1% of the rural children are attending a primary and middle school run by the government, while only 38% of the urban children attend government schools. However, for graduate and above studies, 49.7% of rural students are attending classes in government institutions as compared to 41% of their urban counterparts in government institutions.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- What data shows that the rural - urban gap is visible at the secondary level of education?
- Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the factors that indicate the rural - urban gap.

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| 1. Right to literacy | 2. Accessibility to schools |
| 3. Household expenditure | 4. Digital divide |
| 5. Employment opportunities | 6. Infrastructure development |

Codes

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| a. 1 and 2 | b. 3 and 4 | c. 5 and 6 | d. All of these |
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- Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from Paragraph.

Letter : Application : : _____ : Adequate

- Select the correct option to complete the following sentence.

The Household Social Consumption : Education focus on _____

- a. rural - urban gap in education
 - b. backtracking of online education
 - c. how the digital divide is more evident in education
 - d. need for making technology more affordable
- v. In which aspect is the condition of education in the urban and rural households equal?**
- a. On the accessibility of primary schools
 - b. On the accessibility of secondary schools
 - c. On gross attendance ratio of both girls and boys
 - d. On digital access to computers and the Internet

vi. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

The majority of urban households show preference to _____.

- a. home schooling
- b. government schools
- c. private schools
- d. both (a) and (c)

vii. Substitute the word 'accessibility' with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the following sentence from Paragraph.

The students were concerned about the accessibility of quality academic counselling

viii. What did the 'Household Social Consumption : Education's survey found out?

ix. What did the survey conducted by the NSO cover?

x. What does the Household Social Consumption : Education focus on?

- a. Rural - urban gap in education
- b. Backtracking of online education.
How the digital divide is more evident in education
- c. Need for making technology more affordable
Rural - urban gap in education
- d. How the digital divide is more evident in education.

GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

Rajdhani train _____ a fully air-conditioned train.

- a. is
- b. has
- c. are
- d. were

ii. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the mother's reply correctly.

Mother : Where were you?

Daughter : I was on the terrace playing.

Mother asked her daughter where she had been. The daughter replied that _____.

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given slogan by the 'Ministry for child welfare'.

_____ we afford to neglect children? Think twice!

- a. will
- b. may
- c. need
- d. can

- iv. **Select the option that identify the error and supply the correction for the following line from a news report:**

The sweets was distributed among all the children.

Option no.	Error	Correction
a.	distributed	distributing
b.	was	were
c.	all	in
d.	children	child

- v. **Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option.**

Prerna cannot accompany them as she _____wind up with her work.

- a. have to b. has to c. should d. would

- vi. **Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of a letter.**

Subject - Request for approval

Dear Sir,

I am _____(send) this request for your approval of our marketing proposal for our next project. The team and I have created a detailed plan that I've attached to this email.

- vii. **Report the dialogue between a master and his worker, by completing the sentence.**

Master : How are you feeling now?

Worker : I am feeling better but I am not completely fine.

Master asked his worker how was he feeling then. The worker replied that _____.

- viii. **Identify the error in the given sentence, from a magazine report and supply the correction.**

Last month an excursion was organised by our school and we are taken to Botanical Gardens.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. **Rohan shared some information with Sohan about a tour. Report Rohan's question.**

Did you enjoy going on tour?

- x. **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given statement.**

She _____become the youngest prosoccer player.

- a. will b. may c. should d. shall

- xi. **Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Manu and Annu,**

Manu : Where are you going?

Annu : I am going to the market. Do you want anything?

Manu asked Annu where she was going. Annu replied _____ and further asked Manu whether she wanted anything.

- a. that she will be going to the market b. that she was going to the market.
 c. she will go to the market. d. she will be gone by then to the market.

xii. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

The corona virus lockdown _____ us to live our lives, not just plan to live them.

- a. has taught b. had taught c. will teach d. teach

xiii. Read the conversation between Shilpa and Jaya. Complete the sentence by reporting conversation correctly

Shilpa : Can I borrow your English text book?

Jaya : Sure you can. But when will you return it.

Shilpa asked Jaya _____. Jaya replied that she could and asked her when she would return it.

xiv. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from government regulation.

"No person _____ smoke in any public place provided that in a hotel having thirty rooms provision for a smoking area may be made."

- a. shall b. will c. ought d. can

xv. Select the option that identify the error and supply the correction for the following line.

When the girls on the team got to the hotel they dropped off her luggage.

Option no.	Error	Correction
a.	girls	girl
b.	her	their
c.	the	a
d.	team	teams

xvi. Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option.

_____ Frank in Toronto?

- a. Did you meet b. Have you met
 c. Were you meeting d. Will you met

xvii. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of a letter.

Subject - Job Application for Assistant Manager

Dear Sir,

I _____(write) to apply for the position of Assistant Manager Supply chain at your esteemed firm.

xviii. Report the dialogue between Jasmine and Aladdin by completing the following sentence

Jasmine : Where are we going Aladdin?

Aladdin : We are going to travel around the world on my magical carpet.

Jasmine asked _____. Aladdin replied that they were going to travel around the world in his magical carpet.

xix. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

After using the computer for a long time, looking into a distance for about five minutes relaxed the eyes.

Diary Entry

- Q4.** The annual examination results have been declared and you found out that you have secured first division but your closest friend was unsuccessful. Write a diary entry about how that made you feel and what you think would help to motivate him / her to work harder and try for a re-examination. You are Neha.
- Q5.** Today you visited your ancestral village and watched the farmers harvesting wheat, crop in the fields and women fetching water from wells. Write a diary entry describing your experience at the village.
- Q6.** You are going on a school picnic with your classmate and teacher. You are very excited. The night before the trip you sit down to write your diary. Describe what you have planned for the picnic and how you hope to enjoy yourself there. You are Ramesh. Write your diary entry.
- Q7.** Your sister and you decided to give your mother a day off from the kitchen on her birthday. Write a diary entry on how you managed to run the kitchen without your mother 's assistance. You are Pradeep.

Story Writing

- Q8.** Sneha wanted to write a story but could not go beyond a line or two. Taking help from the information given below along with the lines Sneha wrote a complete story.

Mr. Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table when....

Outline : Thief enteredMr. Aggarwal thanked to give company birthday gave him good food and drinks gave a purse full of silver coins years passed by fortunes changed business was ruined Mr. Aggarwal became poor 50th birthday alone no food no drinks bell rang a man emerged recognised the old thief came with fruits, sweets and drinks and a bag full of money.

- Q9.** The friends were passing through a dense forest. Suddenly they heard some animal screaming . Complete the story in your own words.
- Q10.** Once there was a tree and a little boy. Every day the boy would come to the tree and he would gather its leaves to make a crown and play the king of the forest.
What would have happened if the boy had stopped coming to the forest? Use your imagination to complete the story. Give a suitable title to your story.

LITERATURE TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLEMENTRY READING TEXT

BEEHIVE

THE FUN THEY HAD

Extract based Questions

- Q1.** Margie was scornful. "School? What's there to write about school? I hate school." Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the county inspector.
- What does Mechanical Teacher mean here?
 - .Margie's mother
 - .Students
 - teacher on the screen
 - School Inspector

- ii. Which adverb in the passage is antonym to the word 'Joyfully'?
- a. Scornful b. Worse c. Hated d. Sorrowfully

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Did Margie have regular days and hours for school? If so, why?
- Q2. What had once happened to Tommy 's teacher?
- Q3. Why was Margie not doing well in geography?
- Q4. How does Tommy describe the old kind of teachers?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. What are the main features of the mechanical teachers and the school rooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story?
- Q2. Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think old kind of school must have been fun?

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Extract based Questions

- Q1. At the age of 14, Bismillah accompanied his uncle to the Allahabad Music Conference At the end of his recital, Ustad Faiyaz Khan patted the young boy's back and said, "Work hard and you shall make it." With the opening of the All India Radio in Lucknow in 1938 came Bismillah's big break. He soon became an often -heard shehnai player on radio. When India gained independence on 15 August 1947, Bismillah Khan became the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai. He poured his heart out into Raag Kafi from the Red Fort to an audience which included Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who later gave his famous "Tryst with Destiny' speech.
- i. What is meant by 'he poured his heart out'?
- a. he expressed his sorrow b. he expressed his happiness deeply
- c. he expressed his surprise d. he expressed his annoyance
- ii. How is the opening of All India Radio important to Bismillah Khan?
- a. he got his first break b. got a job there
- c. he became famous d. met Mr. Nehru

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. When was her deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?
- Q2. Describe how Evelyn inspired the deaf children?
- Q3. When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?
- Q4. How is Shehnai different from Pungi?

Long Answer questions

- Q1. How does Evelyn hear music?
- Q2. Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the USA?

THE LITTLE GIRL

Extract based Question

- Q1.** But the same old nightmare came - the butcher with a knife and a rope, who came nearer and nearer, smiling that dreadful smile, while she could not move, could only standstill, crying out, "Grandma! Grandma!" She woke shivering to see Father beside her bed, a candle in his hand. "What's the matter?" he said.
- Why was Kezia scared when her mother and grandmother were not at home?
 - a butcher with knife and a rope
 - a cobbler with rope
 - her mother
 - her father
 - Find a word from the passage that means 'shaking in fear or due to cold'.
 - Nightmare
 - Butcher
 - Dreadful
 - Shivering

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?
- Q2.** What did Kezia expect of her father?
- Q3.** Who were the Macdonalds?
- Q4.** Why did Kezia always stutter while talking to her father?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs sympathy?
- Q2.** Why did Kezia like Mr. Macdonald and hate her father?

A TRULY BEAUTIFUL MIND

Extract based Questions

- Q1.** She was also bothered by Mileva's intelligence. "She is a book like you," his mother said. Einstein put the wedding off. The pair finally married in January 1903, and had two sons. But a few years later, the marriage faltered.
- Why was Einstein's mother not happy about Einstein's marriage to Mileva?
 - Mileva was ugly
 - Mileva did not respect her
 - Mileva was also a book worm
 - Mileva did not love Einstein
 - What does the expression 'marriage faltered' mean?
 - Marriage was solemnized
 - Marriage came to an end
 - led a happy married life
 - Marriage could not be continued

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?
- Q2.** Why was Einstein's mother against his marriage with Mileva?
- Q3.** What did Einstein call his desk drawer and why?
- Q4.** What was the invention of Einstein?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** Why does the world remember Einstein as a 'World Citizen'?

Q2. Why did Albert Einstein leave the school at the age of fifteen? Do you think a liberal environment in the school helps in learning in a better way?

THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

Extract based Questions

Q1. "I took my friend and one or two others to my room to move my things from there. But we found we had little to carry."

- i. Why did narrator want to remove his things?
 - a. to leave his house because of the fear of the snake
 - b. want a big house
 - c. want to shift with his friend
 - d. leave town
- ii. 'I' here refers to _____
 - a. doctor
 - b. snake
 - c. thief
 - d. wife

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** What two important and earth-shaking decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror?
- Q2.** What sound did the doctor hear? Why did he think the sound was familiar?
- Q3.** What kind of a woman did the doctor want to marry?
- Q4.** What did the doctor think when the snake was looking into the mirror?

Long Answer questions

- Q1.** Why does the doctor think of himself as poor, foolish and stupid?
- Q2.** Describe the doctor's feelings when the snake coiled round his arm.

MY CHILDHOOD

Extract based Questions

Q1. Then the Second World War was over and India's freedom was imminent. "Indians will build their own India," declared Gandhiji. The whole country was filled with an unprecedented optimism. I asked my father for permission to leave Rameswaram and study at the district headquarters in Ramanathapuram.

- i. What request did Kalam make to his father?
 - a. Leave India and study abroad
 - b. Join Indian Army
 - c. Leave Rameshwaram and study at district headquarter
 - d. build his own school
- ii. Abdul's father asked his mother about their children to :
 - a. rule over the children
 - b. put over them their thoughts
 - c. give them freedom to fulfil their thoughts

- Q3. How did Santosh get inspiration to become a mountaineer?
Q4. How did Maria become lonely? How did she make it a boon for her?

KATHMANDU

Extract based Questions

- Q1. A small shrine half protrudes from the stone platform on the river bank. When it emerges fully, the goddess inside will escape, and the evil period of the Kaliyug will end on earth.
- Where is the small shrine situated?
 - inside the temple
 - near temple
 - on the bank of river Bagmati
 - none of these
 - Find a word from the extract which means 'thrust forward'.
 - bend
 - bow down
 - protrude
 - emerges

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Why does the author call Baudnath Stupa a heaven of quietness?
Q2. Describe the atmosphere at Pashupatinath.
Q3. What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kalyug?
Q4. What difference does the author note between the flute seller and the other hawkers?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. To hear any flute is to be drawn into the commonality of all mankind . Why does the author say this?
Q2. Why does the author call 'Febrile Confusion' to the atmosphere at Pashupatinath Temple?

IF I WERE YOU

Extract based Questions

INTRUDER : Do you ran a car?

GERRARD : No

INTRUDER : That's a lie. You're not dealing with a fool. I'm as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wise guy!

GERRARD : Are you American, or is that merely a clever imitation?

INTRUDER : Listen, this gun's no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.

GERRARD : Of course, if you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's sin the garage round the corner.

- 'A' fool' according to the speaker refers to
 - himself
 - the listener
 - the police
 - the man on the phone
- Find a word from the extract which is opposite in meaning to 'reckless'.
 - Careless
 - false
 - careful
 - clever

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Why does the intruder say that Gerrard will not be pleased for long?
- Q2. Why was the Intruder looking for a safe place?
- Q3. What did Gerrard tell the Intruder about his life?
- Q4. Why was the police after the Intruder?

Long Answer questions

- Q1. What was the Intruder's plan? Did he succeed in his plan?
- Q2. What is Gerrard's profession? How does his speech and words reveal this?

POETRY

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Extract Based Questions

- Q1. And both morning equally lay

In leaves no step had trodden black.

Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Yet knowing how way leads on to way

I doubted if I should ever come back.

- i. The last two lines show _____.
- a. doubt b. confidence c. clarity d. humour
- ii. What was the poet's doubt
- a. Which road to take and if he would ever come back
- b. Whether the second road would be grassy throughout
- c. Whether the first road would be trodden throughout
- d. Whether his family would support him in his decision

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What was the Poet's dilemma?
- Q2. Where does the traveller find himself? What does he face?
- Q3. Which decision has made all the difference in the poet's life?
- Q4. Which of the two road did the poet choose and why?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. What is the central theme of the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?
- Q2. In the poem "The road not taken" what do the woods Symbolize?

WIND

Extract Based Questions

- Q1. The wind god winnows and crushes them all.

He wont' do what you tell him.

So, come, let's build strong homes,
let's join the doors firmly. Make the heart steadfast.

- i. Which part of speech is 'make'?
 - a. Verb
 - b. Adjective
 - c. Noun
 - d. Adverb
- ii. Why does the poet propose to build strong homes?
 - a. to defeat the wind
 - b. to empower oneself
 - c. to cut the wind
 - d. to escape from the harmful effects of wind

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What should we do to make friends with wind?
- Q2. Why is the wind called clever?
- Q3. How does the poet speak to the wind –in anger or with humour?
- Q4. Who are disturbed by the winds?

Long Answer questions

- Q1. How can you say that the poet of the poem 'Wind' is a great lover of mankind?
- Q2. What advice does the poet offer the people in the poem, 'wind'?

RAIN ON THE ROOF

Extract Based Questions

- Q1. Every tinkle on the shingles, Has an echo in the heart;
And a thousand dreamy fancies, Into busy being start,
And a thousand recollections, Weave their air - threads into woof,
As listen to the patter of the rain upon the roof.
 - i. Why does mind become busy?
 - a. in listening to the patter
 - b. in dreaming a thousand fancies
 - c. in dancing of the children
 - d. in chirping of the birds
 - ii. Which part of speech is 'patter'?
 - a. Noun
 - b. Adverb
 - c. Adjective
 - d. Conjunction

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What does the poet like to do when it rains?
- Q2. What is the condition of the sky when it starts raining?
- Q3. Explain the phrase,'Weave their air-threads into woof.
- Q4. What shows that the poet loved his mother?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. How is the rain a bliss for the poet? Explain.
- Q2. What virtue do you find in the sound of rains?

Q2. A holyman should not curse the lady. Justify this statement in the context of the poem "A legend of the Northland."

NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Extract Based Questions

Q1. Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign

Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes

Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon

Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

i. Choose the antonym of 'Foreign'.

a. Alien b. Native c. External d. Unfamiliar

ii. Find the word from the stanza, opposite in meaning to 'rise'.

a. beneath b. above c. top d. beside

Short Answer Questions

Q1. What message does the poet want to convey?

Q2. When do we defile the Earth?

Q3. Who are our brothers? What shall happen if we hate our brother?

Q4. How are we responsible for war?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Describe in your own words that 'No Men Are Foreign'.

Q2. How do all human beings live and suffer the same?

ON KILLING A TREE

Extract Based Questions

Q1. It takes much time to kill a tree.

Not a simple jab of a knife, Will do it.

It has grown, Slowly consuming the Earth,

Rising out of it, feeding Upon its crust, absorbing years of sunlight, air, water,

And out of its leprous hide, Sprouting leaves.

i. What does a tree absorb?

a. Sunlight b. air c. water d. all of these

ii. What does it not consume?

a. Sunlight b. air c. water d. cave

Short answer Questions

Q1. How does a tree become strong?

Q2. What do you think a simple jab of the knife will do to a tree ? Explain briefly.

Q3. What is the meaning of 'bleeding bark'? What makes it bleed?

Q4. What are the two important stages for killing a tree?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. What similarities can we draw between trees and some great people of yesteryears?

Q2. What is the critical appreciation of the poem 'On killing a tree'?

A SLUMBER DID MY SPIRIT SEAL

Extract Based Questions

Q1. No motion has she now, no force-She neither hears nor sees,

Rolled round in earth's diurnal course

With rocks and stones and trees.

- i. What does the Earth's 'diurnal course' imply?
 - a. earth's daily rotation on its own axis
 - b. earth's daily revolution on its own axis
 - c. daily movement
 - d. revolution
- ii. Why does "she" has no motion?
 - a. because she is sleeping
 - b. because she is imaginary
 - c. because she is dead
 - d. because she is ill

Short Answer Questions

Q1. What happened to the poet's beloved?

Q2. This poem is a kind of elegy. Explain briefly.

Q3. Write down the imagery of the nature as portrayed by the poet.

Q4. How does she become an inseparable part of nature?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. We all know that nothing is ours permanently, then why do we crave for more?

Q2. How did Lucy's death affect the poet? What does it reveal about his attitude towards her?

MOMENTS

THE LOST CHILD

Extract Based Questions

Q1. Thinking to humour his disconsolate charge by a gift of sweets, the man took him to the counter of the sweet shop. "What sweets would you like, Child?" he asked. The child turned his face from the sweet shop and only sobbed, "I want my mother, I want my father!"

- i. What did the man want to achieve by offering sweets to the 'disconsolate charge'?
 - a. He wanted to feed the hungry child
 - b. He wanted to blackmail the child
 - c. He wanted to divert the child's attention from the sorrow of being separated from his parents.

- d. he wanted to kidnap the child.
- ii. What does 'disconsolate' mean?
 - a. extremely happy
 - b. extremely sad and disappointed
 - c. tolerant
 - d. some what sad and disappointed

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why is he lag behind?
- Q2. What was the mood of child when he passed through the mustard fields?
- Q3. Who is the most dear for a child?
- Q4. Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair?
- Q2. Justify the title "The Lost Child"?

THE ADVENTURES OF TOTO

Extract Based Questions

- Q1. The poor man was taken a back; but, with great presence of mind and much to Grandfather's annoyance, he said, "Sir, you have a dog with you. You'll have to pay for it accordingly."
 - i. Why was grandfather annoyed?
 - a. because he would be unable to sleep
 - b. because he would have to keep Toto
 - c. because he would fall ill soon
 - d. because he would have to pay for Toto's train fare
 - ii. Find a word / phrase in the extract which means the same as 'startled'.
 - a. Presence of mind
 - b. Accordingly
 - c. Taken a back
 - d. Taken back

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. How did Toto behave with Nana?
- Q2. How did Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?
- Q3. 'Toto was a pretty monkey'. In what sense is Toto pretty?
- Q4. Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. Why did Toto enter the large kitchen kettle?
- Q2. Describe the adventures of Toto.

ISWARAN THE STORYTELLER

Extract Based Questions

'I am not easily frightened by these thing, sir. I am a brave fellow.'

- i. Who is speaking the words to whom in the above extract?
 - a. The little swallow to Happy Prince
 - b. The Happy prince to the little swallow
 - c. The Happy prince to the seamstress
 - d. The little swallow to the seamstress
- ii. What part of speech is 'large'?
 - a. adjective b. adverb c. verb d. noun

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Why do the courtiers call the prince "The happy prince"? Is he really happy? What does he see all around him?
- Q2. Where was the swallow going? Why was he going there?
- Q3. Why was the Happy Prince crying?
- Q4. Why did the Happy Prince ask the swallow to stay?

Long Answer questions

- Q1. For whom did the Prince send the sapphires and why?
- Q2. Describe the swallow as a nice bird.

THE LAST LEAF

Extract Based Questions

- Q1. She quickly rushed to the bed and heard Johnsy counting backwards. She was looking out of the window and was saying, 'Twelve!' After sometime she whispered 'eleven; then, 'ten', then 'nine', 'eight', 'seven'.
 - i. Who does 'she' in the first line refer to?
 - a. Johnsy b. Johnsy's sister c. Sue d. Johnsy's mother
 - ii. What was Johnsy counting?
 - a. The number of water drops b. The number of cars
 - c. The number of flowers d. The number of leaves

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What kind of friend was Sue to Johnsy?
- Q2. How did Johnsy associate herself with the falling of leaves?
- Q3. Who were Sue and Johnsy?
- Q4. Behrman has a dream. What is it? Does it come true?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. What sacrifice did Behrman make for Johnsy?
- Q2. What is the role of our thought to make our life happy? Give your answer with reference to the story, 'The last leaf'.

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

Extract Based Questions

- Q1.** While we sat there on the curb, planning my new bedroom, I heard someone walk up to me from behind and say, "Does this belong to you?" When I turned around to see who it was, I couldn't believe my eyes.
- Why was the Author unable to believe his eyes?
 - as his dog had returned after disappearing for a month
 - as his cat had returned after disappearing for a year
 - as his mother had returned
 - none of these

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** Why did the mother run back into the house for the second time?
Q2. Why did the author keep visiting the remains of his house?
Q3. Why did the narrator break down in tears after the fire?
Q4. What did the author get from his new schoolmates?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** The cat and the narrator were very fond of each other. How had this been shown in the story?
Q2. Describe the role played by the author's friends in rebuilding his life.

THE BEGGAR

Extract Based Questions

- Q1.** Next he saw the pseudo-teacher seat himself on a log and become lost in thought with his red cheeks resting on his fists. The woman flung down an axe at his feet, spat angrily, and, judging from the expression of her lips, began to scold him.
- Who is the 'woman' mentioned in the extract?
 - Olga
 - Sergei's mother
 - Sergei's daughter
 - Olga's mother
 - Why is he called a pseudo-teacher?
 - as he used to be a teacher earlier
 - as he used to be a professional earlier
 - as he lied that he was a teacher
 - as he lied that he was a farmer

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** How Lushkoff become a beggar by circumstances or by choice?
Q2. Why did Sergai call Lushkoff his 'godson'?
Q3. What lies does the beggar tell Sergai?
Q4. What did the beggar say to Sergei?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** How did Olga save Lushkoff?
Q2. How did Sergai help Lushkoff to live life respectfully?