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CLASS- X

READING SKILLS

Q1. Read the following text.

1. As a high school student, studying poetry can be a rollercoaster ride. This journey is punctuated by moments of profound appreciation for simpler pieces and intermittent frustration with more complex works. Let's be real here - some poems are just plain confusing and no amount of re-reading seems to help decipher the intended meaning. The puzzlement that results from such instances can be both vexing and demotivating. If solving a riddle is what was intended, then playing Sudoku is a better option. One is led to ponder if obscurity was the goal.

2. Conversely, some pieces resonate with the reader's soul, stirring feelings of warmth, happiness, and connection to the world. Often, these compositions centre on themes that are universally understood, such as love, nature, or faith. Being able to actually understand what the poet is trying to say can feel like a little victory and is a welcome relief after grappling with more perplexing poetry.

3. Then there are poems that are emotionally charged; the ones that make the reader curl up in a ball and cry or jump up and down with joy. One is left in awe of the poet's ability to convey emotion through words. Let's not forget the downright weird poems. These are the ones that defy categorization and leave the reader to their own devices in attempting to interpret meaning. The author's use of figurative language and unconventional imagery can create a sense of bewilderment that is either intriguing or off-putting. Regardless, the reader can appreciate the uniqueness of the work.

4. Despite the wide range of emotions and reactions that come with studying poetry, it can be a rewarding pursuit. Not only does reading poetry allow one to appreciate the artistic beauty of the written word but also enables one to develop crucial critical thinking and analytical skills. The process of unlocking a poem's meaning can feel like cracking a code or solving a puzzle but the sense of accomplishment derived from mastering a challenging piece can be deeply gratifying. Finally, impressing an English teacher with a well-analysed poem can be a source of pride and validation.

5. Overall, studying poetry is like a box of mixed chocolates, you never know what you're going to get. But whether it's complex, emotional, simple, or just downright weird, there's always something to be gained from the experience. So, let's applaud all the poets out there, for making us laugh, cry, scratch our heads, and occasionally feel like a genius.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards studying poetry?
 - a. Finds poetry to be a frustrating and meaningless endeavor.
 - b. Believes that the emotional rollercoaster of studying poetry is not worth the effort.
 - c. Recognizes the challenges of studying poetry but also acknowledges the rewards it offers.
 - d. Feels that poetry is too obscure and abstract for the average person to appreciate.
- ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (1)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

If solving a riddle is what was intended, then playing Sudoku is a better option. One is led to ponder if obscurity was the goal.
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately.

The author's use of vivid imagery in the paragraph (3), such as "curl up in a ball and cry" and "jump up and down with joy", greatly affects the reader because_____.

- iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e)below, identify two sets of antonyms:

(a) intriguing and off-putting

(b) deciphering and interpreting

(c) appreciate and applaud (d) simple and challenging

(e) emotions and feelings

- v. Complete the sentence appropriately.

We can say that the author's tone becomes more neutral and objective when discussing weird poems, compared to other types of poetry because_____.

- vi. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how studying poetry can be like exploring a new city.

- vii. What is the message conveyed by Hina's experience, in the following case?

Hina spends hours trying to analyze a poem for her assignment and finally feels a sense of accomplishment and pride, once she understands.

a. Only those with natural talent for poetry should engage with it.

b. Persistence makes studying poetry a rewarding pursuit.

c. Study of poetry is guaranteed to impress others.

d. The efforts of studying poetry is inversely proportional to the rewards gained.

- viii. State whether the following lines display an example of a simple / complex / emotionally charged / downright weird , poem.

*The sun rises in the east,
A new day begins, a fresh start.
Birds chirp, nature wakes up,
A peaceful feeling in my heart.*

Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

When plastic waste is burnt, a complex weave of toxic chemicals is released. Breaking down Poly Vinyl Chloride PVC used for packaging, toys and coating electrical wires. It produces dioxin, an organ chlorine which belongs to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants POPs. A recent Dioxin assessment Report brought out by the United States Environment Protection Agency USEPA. says the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is ten times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.

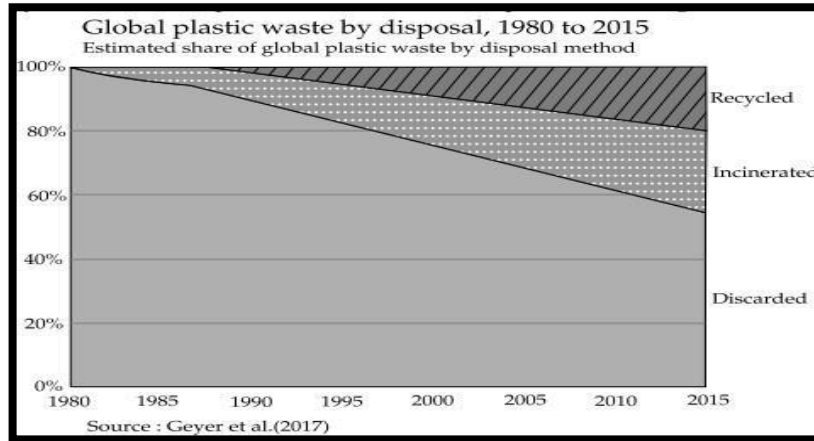
1. Yet the Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project which will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. Former transport minister Rajendra Gupta, the promoter of this project, says this is not necessary. He claims no air pollution will be caused and that the ash produced can be used as manure. An earlier waste-to-energy project set-up in Timarpur failed. The new one, built with Australian assistance, will cost Rs.200 crore. It will generate 25 megawatts of power and gobble 1,000 tons of garbage every day.

2. "Technologies like gasification are a form of incineration," says Madhumita Dutta, central coordinator with Toxics Link, New Delhi. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash, she points out. Toxins produced during incineration include acidic gases, heavy metals as well as dioxins and furans. "The 'manure' will be hazardous and a problem to dispose," says Dutta.

3. Municipal solid waste contains a mix of plastics. Breaking down this waste emits hydrochloric acid which attacks the respiratory system, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing, vomiting and

nausea. Polyethylene generates volatile compounds like formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, both suspected carcinogenic. Breathing styrene from polystyrene can cause leukemia. Polyurethane is associated with asthma. Dioxin released by PVC is a powerful hormone disrupter and causes birth defects and reproductive problems. There is no threshold dose to prevent it and our bodies have no defense against it.

4. “Even the best run incinerators in the world have to deal with stringent norms, apart from contaminated filters and ash, making them hugely expensive to operate,” says Dutta. In Germany, air pollution devices accounted for two-thirds the cost of incineration. Despite such efforts, the European Dioxin Inventory noted that the input of dioxin into the atmosphere was the highest from incineration.



5. How has global plastic waste disposal methods changed over time? In the chart, we see the share of global plastic waste that is discarded, recycled or incinerated from 1980 through to 2015. Prior to 1980, recycling and incineration of plastic was negligible; 100 percent was the refore discarded. From 1980 for in cineration and 1990 for recycling, rates increased on average by about 0.7 percent per year. In 2015, an estimated 55 percent of global plastic waste was discarded, 25 percent was incinerated and 20 percent recycled.

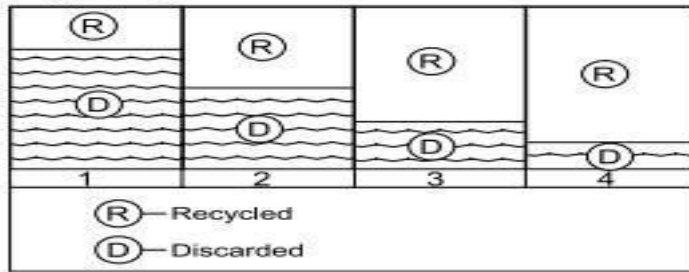
6. “India does not have the facility to test dioxin and the cost of setting one up is prohibitively expensive,” says Dutta. Besides, Indian garbage has a low calorific content of about 800 cal/kg, since it has high moisture and requires additional fuel to burn. Toxics link calculates that the electricity generated from such technology will cost between Rs. 5-7 per unit, which is six times higher than conventional energy. India has chosen a dioxin preventive route and burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited under Municipal Solid Waste and Biomedical Rules. Nearly 80 percent of Indian garbage is recyclable or compostable. Resident associations, the informal sector and the municipal corporation can make Delhi’s garbage disappear in a sustainable manner. “Instead, the government promotes end of pipeline solutions,” says Dutta.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

- i. Dioxine causes.....
 - a. cancer
 - b. heart attack
 - c. hypertension
 - d. sickness
- ii. Which statements are NOT TRUE according to the passage?
 1. India has adopted a preventive measure under which burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited.
 2. USEPA says that the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is hundred times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.
 3. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash.
 4. Hydrochloric acid attacks the digestive system, nose and eyes which results in

diabetes and nausea.

- a. 2 and 4 b. 1 and 3 c. 3 and 4 d. 1 and 2
- iii. Garbage can be converted into energy by.....
- a. Gasification b. gratification c. a chemical process d. incinerators
- iv. Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the ratio between discarded waste to recycled global plastic waste in 2015.



- a. option 1 b. option 2 c. option 3 d. option 4
- v. Before 1980, how much global plastic waste was discarded?
- a. 40% b. 60% c. 80% d. 100%

GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS

Q1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of letter.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to committee's letter of recommendation that _____ (highlight) the nominations for 'Safe Residential' Area award for this current year.

Q2. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a magazine report and supply the correction.

Spending time with your kids brings immediate as well as long term gain for the parents. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Q3. Ram shared some information with Shyam about a holiday. Report Ram's question.

Did you enjoy going there?

Q4. Read the dialogue between Shabnam and her mentor, Sara, regarding her summer internship programme.

Sara: Why did you choose to participate in this internship programme?

Shabnam: Ah! I am convinced this programme has the potential to enhance my abilities.

Sara asked Shabnam _____ in that internship programme.

Shabnam sighed and exclaimed that she was convinced that programme had the potential to enhance her abilities.

- a. why to choose to participate
 b. to choose participation
 c. why he had chosen to participate
 d. with hear choice in participating

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Many of the houses in this area _____ follow/follows organic farming.

Q6. Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in passengers' flight instruction

manual:

Note-Passengers will not reach the airport late in order to avoid a fine equivalent to 5% of the basic fare.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Q7. Select the option that identify the error and supply is the correction for the following line from a news report.

Cancer is deadly disease causing by uncontrolled growth of cells of our body.

Option No.	Error	Correction
a.	Is	Was
b.	Of	On
c.	Causing	Caused
d.	Growth	Grown

Q8. Choose the correct option.

..... of the mango trees in their garden bear fruit twice a year.

- a. A little b. much c. more d. some

Q9. Report the dialogue between an Electrician and Mohan, by completing the sentence.

Electrician: When did your electricity go?

Mohan: It is not working since evening.

The electrician asked Mohan when his electricity had gone. Mohan replied that_____

Q10. Choose the correct option.

1. Lisa saw_____shooting star yesterday.

- a. a b. an c. the d. in

Q11. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, for our school magazine.

On the annual day celebration the principal delivered a lecture 'Good evening children, you all _____ be the future policy makers hence you should obey your teacher.

- a. will b. would c. can d. should

Q12. Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales Offer.

Gumnaam & Daughters Pvt. Ltd

Bindapur, Jharkhand

Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Q13. Ram asked Gopal to go by the metro. Report Gopal's question.

Which way is the metro station ?

Q14. Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

The names of the applicants were _____(list) in the report and submitted to the manager.

Q15. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

The number of people attending this evening's annual function is _____ than that of the previous year's.

a. fewer b. few c. less d. much

Q16. The teacher motivated the students by letting them know that if they _____ submit their assignment by the end of the day, they might get an opportunity to watch the match.

a. did not b. must c. would d. were

Q17. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a daily newspaper.

The cars were stopped from going _____ further due to a traffic diversion.

a. any b. from c. within d. by

Q18. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

I appreciate even _____ help given to me.

a. little b. much c. the little d. few

Q19. Raman shared some information with Seema. Report Seema's question.

Can you solve sum?

Q20. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket:

Last week it _____(rain) heavily and my house was flooded with water.

Formal letters

Letter to Editor

Q21. You are Hema/Hemant, 14/9, Hill Apartments, Jaipur. You are not satisfied with the facilities for tourists in Jaipur. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily giving suggestions on ways to improve the facilities for tourists.

Q22. You are Mohit/Mohita of E-46, Shalimar Bagh , Delhi. You came across news articles about neglect of elders in today's society . Disturbed after reading the articles, you decided to write a letter to the editor of "The Hindustan Times ' stress upon the need of sensitizing children to the plight and loneliness of the elders and to include in them values of caring and sharing. You can also express your views on strengthening of the family value.

Letter of Enquiry

Q23. You are awaiting your class X results. Meanwhile you would like to do a short-term course in personality development. Write a letter to the Director, Personal Care, Pune, inquiring about the details about the course. You are Akash/Akansha of 250, Shivaji Road, Pune.

Q24. As a health conscious person, you noticed an advertisement in the newspaper on yoga classes in your neighborhood. Write a letter the organizers enquiring about the duration of the course and other relevant details. You are Swapna/Surendra of 60, RK Puram, New Delhi.

Letter of Placing order

Q25. Write a letter to Delhi Sports, New Delhi, placing an order for sports articles to be supplied to your school, Sign as Ravi/Raveena, Sports Secretary.

Q26. You are Niharika, Incharge of the Neighborhood Library for children. Write a letter to Manautal

publishers placing an order for books 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha. Mention mode of payment, library discount and date of delivery.

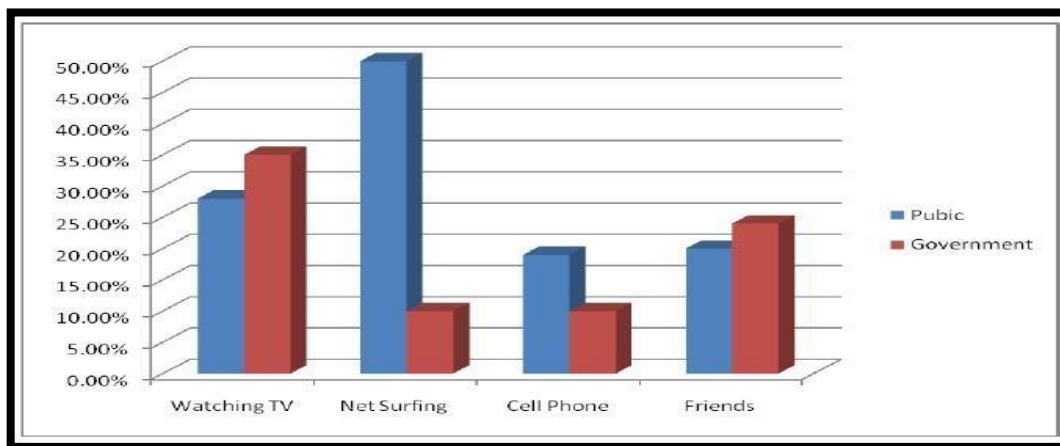
Letter of Complaint

Q27. You are Rohit/Riya of Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You bought a pair of shoes from M/s. Shoe Factory , GK-II, New Delhi. On unpacking them , you found to your amazement that both the shoes are meant for your left foot . Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of M/s. Shoe Factory asking for replacement at their cost. (Word limit : 100 – 120 words)

Q28. You had bought a mobile phone from a reputable showroom in Mumbai but after a month it developed a serious fault. Write a complaint letter to the manager asking for immediate repair or replacement of the same. You are Sadiq/Razia, 123, TT Nagar, Bhopal.

Analytical Paragraph

Q29. Study the chart given below, which is the result of the survey conducted in the public schools and government schools of Vadodara. This depicts the types of activities the teenagers Age 13- 19 years 963.-are involved during their leisure time. Complete the summary in about 80 words.



Q30. Give below is a Pie-Chart, which shows different types of electric gadgets, used by middle-class people in their houses on an average in Ahmedabad. Write in about 80 words the reason of selecting the electric gadgets for their houses.



LITERATURE TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT

FIRST FLIGHT

A Letter to God

Extract based Questions

The house- the only one in the entire valley- sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the Earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the North-East.

i. To whom the house belongs to?

- a. Lencho and his family
- b. Lencho's friends
- c. Lencho's parents
- d. Lencho's sister

ii. How has the author described the scene viewed from Lencho's house?

Short Answer Questions

Q1. The postmaster had mixed emotion while opening the letter. Explain.

Q2. In what way would writing a letter to God help Lencho tide over his crisis?

Q3. Why did the night turn sorrowful for Lencho after the rain?

Q4. Why does the post master send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Describe the character of Lencho in the light of his faith and attitude towards God and man.

Q2. In the lesson 'A Letter to God' what moral values does the postmaster display in his behaviour?

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom

Extract based Questions

"We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity."

i. The guests at the spectacular ceremony are being called distinguished because they

- a. they have been invited as guests to attend it.
- b. they are eminent world leaders witnessing it.
- c. they are visiting the country for this purpose.
- d. they have resumed diplomatic relations with the country.

ii. Why does the speaker say that it is a 'rare privilege'? He says this as they have

- a. been deprived of this honour.
- b. seldom been given this honour.
- c. experienced it for the first time.
- d. been chosen over other countries, for this honour.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Where did the ceremonies take place?

Q2. Why were the two anthems singing on that day?

Q3. How does Mandela define 'courage' and 'the brave man'?

Q4. What is meant by apartheid?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Mandela said, "People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to learn." Discuss.

Q2. According to Nelson Mandela, which two obligations does every man have in life? How could a man not fulfil these obligations in a country like South Africa?

Two stories about flying

His first flight

Extract based Questions

He just felt a bit dizzy. Then he flapped his wings once and he soared upwards. "Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga Gaw-col-ah," his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curveting and banking and soaring and diving. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly, and commended himself to dive and soar and curve, shrieking shrilly.

- i. Pick the most appropriate reason why the young gull felt dizzy.
 - a. He hadn't eaten anything for a day.
 - b. He was dizzy with excitement.
 - c. He was wary of heights.
 - d. He was flying for the first time
- ii. The line "he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly" implies the:
 - a. great confidence the young gull had in his skills.
 - b. naturalness of the act of flying for the young gull.
 - c. satisfaction and joy of flying together as a family.
 - d. desire of the young seagull to leave his fears behind.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. When did the seagull get over his fear of the water?

Q2. "They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly." Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?

Q3. Why did young seagull utter a joyful scream on seeing his mother?

Q4. How did the young seagull 's family celebrate his first flight?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him a coward? How did he overcome these shortcomings?

Q2. Discuss the difference in the behaviour of the young seagull in the very beginning and at the end of the story?

The Black Aeroplane

Extract based Questions

I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane, but the sky was empty. There was nothing. The black aeroplane was gone. I could not see it anywhere. I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say 'Thank You'. She looked at me strangely, and then laughed.

- i. Why do you think the woman in the control centre laughed?
 - a. She found the narrator funny.
 - b. She thought his question preposterous.
 - c. She thought he was teasing her
 - d. She was relieved the narrator was safe.
- ii. The narrator exclaimed that he was "safe". Which of the following represented the most immediate threat to the narrator's safety?
 - a. The black mountain-like storm cloud
 - b. The depletion of fuel in the last fuel tank
 - c. Being lost due to non-functioning equipment
 - d. The old rattling Dakota aeroplane

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?
Q2. What made the woman in the Control centre look at the narrator strangely?
Q3. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.
Q4. What do the narrator do after landing safely?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** Do you think the story 'the black Aeroplane in a mystery'? Do you see some elements of supernatural power in the story?
Q2. Motivation plays an important role in taking risks in life and in succeeding. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to the pilot of the old Dekota and the young seagull.

From the Diary of Anne Frank

Extract based Questions

I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did, if not more, and that there's not much one can do about inherited traits.

- i. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.
 routine : habit :: characteristic _____
- ii. According to the extract, the incorrigible habit possessed by the speaker was
- I. making noise in class
 - II. talking too much
 - III. procrastinating
 - IV. coming late to class
 - V asking irritating questions
- Select the correct option ;
- a. I and III b. Only II c. I, IV and V d. Only III

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** Who brought Anne a birthday present and why?
Q2. Why did Anne think that she was alone? Give reasons.
Q3. Why is Anne think that 'paper' has more patience than 'people'?
Q4. What makes writing a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** Write a brief character sketch of Anne. How does she impress you? What will you learn you learn from her?
Q2. How did Mr Keesing's attitude towards Anne change?

Glimpses of India

A Baker From Goa

Extract based Questions

"Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters might have vanished but the makers are stillthere. We still have amongst us the mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves. Those age-old,time-tested furnaces still exist. The fire in these furnaces has not yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of traditional baker's bamboo, heralding his arrival in the morning, can still be heard in some places. "

- i. The narrator says that the furnaces were 'time-tested' because
- a. they had been thoroughly tested each time, before being used.
 - b. they had proved the test of time and were working well.
 - c. they had been tested by modern day experts
 - d. they had the power to withstand inexperienced usage

- ii. Pick the idiom that brings out the same meaning of 'reminiscing' as used in the passage
- a. train of thought.
 - b. commit something to memory.
 - c. a trip down memory lane.
 - d. jog somebody's memory.

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. 'A Baker from Goa' is a nostalgic saga of childhood memories. Comment.
Q2. Why is a jack fruit- like physical appearance compared to a baker?
Q3. What importance does a baker enjoy in a Goan village?
Q4. How do we know that Goa's bakers are very prosperous?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide. What does this statement tell you about the character of the baker?
Q2. How did the Baker, known as pader, announce his arrival?

Coorg

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What is the story regarding the Greek origin of the people of Coorg?
Q2. Why are the kadavus permitted to carry firearms without a license?
Q3. Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills?
Q4. Which season is the best to visit Coorg?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. The Coorg is known for their hospitality. They are friendly and caring. What makes them so loveable?
Q2. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

Tea From Assam

Extract based Questions

"Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjol. "We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep." "Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact, words such as tea, chai and chini are from the Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage.

- i. The main idea of this extract is
- a. Tea as a popular beverage in Europe and how it spread.
 - b. Origin of tea in India and why it became popular in Europe.
 - c. Importance of India in popularising tea and influencing Europe.
 - d. Indian legend on tea and how it travelled from China to Europe.
- ii. Why do you think Pranjol 'scoffed'?
- a. He was upset with the legend Rajvir shared
 - b. He was mocking Rajvir for his lack of knowledge.
 - c. He was amused and tickled at what Rajvir shared.
 - d. He was impressed with what Rajvir had shared.

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Why does Rajvir call the workers doll- like figures?
Q2. What is the Indian legend about the discovery of tea?
Q3. When did the drinking of tea start?
Q4. How are the tea - Pluckers different from the other farm labourers?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. Rajvir felt too excited reaching Assam while Pranjol showed least interest in his excitement. What could be the reason behind this?

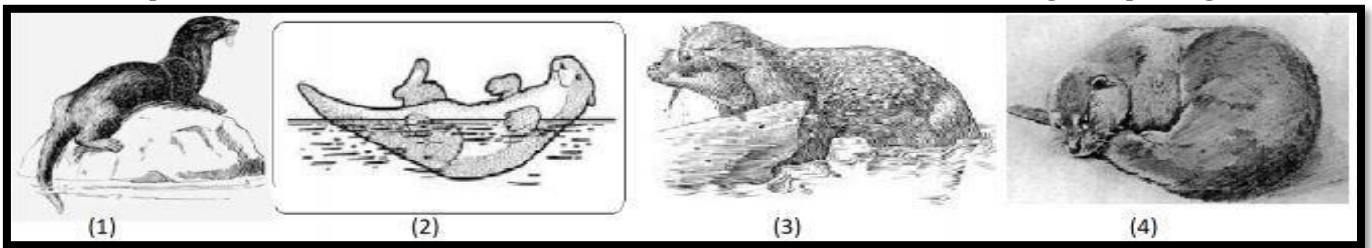
Q2. What are the legends related to the discovery of tea?

Mijbil The Otter

Extract based Questions

For the first twenty-four hours Mijbil was neither hostile nor friendly; he was simply aloof and indifferent, choosing to sleep on the floor as far from my bed as possible. The second night Mijbil came on to my bed in the small hours and remained asleep in the crook of my knees until the servant brought tea in the morning, and during the day he began to lose his apathy and take a keen, much too keen, interest in his surroundings. I made a body-belt for him and took him on a lead to the bathroom, where for half an hour he went wild with joy in the water, plunging and rolling in it, shooting up and down the length of the bathtub underwater, and making enough slosh and splash for a hippo.

- i. The words “slosh and splash” are examples of the onomatopoeic words that go together phonetically-resembling the sound that they describe. Choose the option that DOES NOT fit the given description
- a. hip hop b. bow wow c. tick tock d. pitter patter
- ii. Select the option that best describes the final action of the otter, based on the given passage.



- a. Option 1. b. Option 2. c. Option 3. d. Option 4.

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** What similarity do you find in the child and in Mijbil?
Q2. How did Maxwell get late for his flight ?
Q3. What special characteristics of Mijbil did Maxwell learn after he took him to the bathroom?
Q4. Give an example to show that Mijbil is an intelligent animal.

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** Give an idea of the eventful journey of Mijbil from Basra to London.
Q2. How did the otter behave in the beginning? How did he become familiar with the author?

Madam Rides The Bus

Extract based Questions

“Day after day she watched the bus, and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there: she wanted to ride on that bus, even if it was just once. This wish became stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on and off the bus when it stood at the street corner. Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams, and hopes. If one of her friends happened to ride the bus and tried to describe the sights of the town to her. Valli would be jealous to listen and would shout, in English: “Proud! Proud!”

- i. Valli would stare wistfully at the people as she
- a. had been watching the bus for a long time.
b. was inspired by the people travelling on the bus.
c. had a strong desire to take a ride on the bus.
d. envied the people who could travel on the bus.
- ii. Valli would be jealous to listen This indicates Valli’s
- a. longing to ride the bus. b. nature as an envious person.
c. denial to accept her situation. d. inclination to trouble travelers

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** What did the conductor advice Valli while on the bus?

Q2. Why did Valli not get down from the bus in the town?

Q3. What was most fascinating thing of all for Valli?

Q4. How did Valli save up money for her first journey? Was it easy for her?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Valli's journey to the town is also her induction into the mystery of life and death. Explain.

Q2. Give examples from the text to show that Valli was a meticulous planner.

The Sermon at Benares

Extract based Questions

Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is mustard-seed; take it!" But when she asked, "Did a son or daughter, a father or mother, die in your family?" they answered her, "Alas! the living are few, but the dead are many. Do not remind us of our deepest grief." And there was no house but some beloved one had died in it

- i. The community's response to Kisa in the above extract was somewhat different from before. Why do you think that was the case?
- a. They had learnt from Buddha's sermons b. They were able to help Kisa in some way this time.
c. They understood parental grief d. They liked Kisa and enjoyed talking to her.
- ii. Which of the following options represent the correct understanding of the word "poor" in the phrase "Poor Kisa Gotami"?
- a. in need of money b. weak c. unfortunate d. inferior

Short Answer Questions

Q1. How did 'Bodhi Tree' get its name?

Q2. What kind of suffering is reflected in the Sermon?

Q3. Why did Kisa Gautami go from house to house?

Q4. What was the basic idea of Buddha's preaching?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. "The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain.....". with this statement of the Buddha, find out what Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child.

Q2. What lesson death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gautami in the chapter, 'The Sermon at Benares'?

The Proposal

Extract based Questions

LOMOV: Never mind about my people! The Lomovs have all been honourable people, and not one has ever been tried for embezzlement, like your grandfather! CHUBUKOV: You Lomovs have had lunacy in your family, all of you! NATALYA: All, all, all! CHUBUKOV: Your grandfather was a drunkard, and your younger aunt, Nastasya Mihailovna, ran away with an architect, and so on...LOMOV: And your mother was hump-backed. [Clutches at his heart] Something pulling in my side... My head Help! Water! CHUBUKOV: Your father was a guzzling gambler!

i. Choose the option that correctly identifies the tone of the characters in the given extract.

1. antagonism 2. humour 3. Contempt 4. irony

Choose the correct option among the following:

- a. 1. and 2. b. 2. and 4. c. 1. and 3. d. 3. and 4.

ii. The playwright's intention in the given extract is to

- a. throw light upon the weaknesses of the rich in any society.
b. emphasize that family history is important in a marriage proposal.
c. satirise the superficiality of the upper class in Russian society
d. send a message that ego is not healthy in any relationship.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Why did the marriage proposal remain unmade during Lomov's first visit?

Q2. What do you learn about Natalya from the play, 'The Proposal'?

Q3. Why does Chubukov suspect Lomov when he comes to his house?

Q4. Why does Natalya quarrel with Lomov?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. 'Discussions and disputes seldom solve a problem'. Describe the dispute between Natalya and Lomov over the dogs and their superiority.

Q2. Forgiveness is the foundation of a cordial relationship. Do you agree? How is this message conveyed in the play 'The Proposal'?

POETRY

Dust of Snow

Extract based Questions

Has given my heart

A Change of mood

And Saved Part Of a day

I had rued.

i. Identify the option that DOES NOT use the word 'rue' correctly.

- a. The film was a disaster and he rued his decision to act in it.
- b. I am sure she rued the day she listened to a fortune-teller.
- c. It wasn't long before I rued my disobedience and my deceit
- d. Others finally rue the one who is dishonest and heartless.

ii. Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, choose the one that Frost drew upon in all likelihood, for this poem symbol of

- a. longevity
- b. togetherness
- c. healing
- d. protection

Short Answer Question

Q1. Explain the image used by poet.

Q2. What does the poet want to convey through the poem 'Dust of Snow'?

Q3. In the poem, 'Dust of Snow', how does the poet's mood get changed?

Q4. What is a 'hemlock tree'? Why doesn't the poet write a more 'beautiful' tree such as a maple, or an oak, or a pine?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. How can you nature has a significant to the poem?

Q2. How many symbols do you find in the poem 'Dust of Snow'? What is the purpose to use those symbols?

Fire and Ice

Extract based Questions

But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know toughly hate

To Say that for destruction ice

Is also great And would Suffice

i. Fill the blank with one word.

When the speaker says that ice could also bring about the end of the world, he refers to _____, as the means for destruction.

ii. What does the speaker's alignment with those who favour ice, suggest?

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire?

Q2. What message does the poet want to convey through the poem 'Fire and Ice'?

Q3. 'To say that for destruction ice is also great.' for the poet, what does 'ice' stand for? How is it 963.-

sufficient to bring destruction?

Q4. Explain why the poet personally holds the conviction that the world will primarily end in fire?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Briefly write about the ideas about how the world will end.

Q2. What is the underlying idea of the poem 'Fire and Ice' ?

A Tiger in the zoo

Extract based Questions

He hears the last voice at night
The patrolling cars, And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars. He stalks in his vivid strips
A few steps of his cage.

i. Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that 'Repetition' is the poetic device used for 'his brilliant eyes at the brilliant stars' because_____. (Clue: explain how repetition applies here)

ii. State whether the following statement is True or False:

The poem uses 'staring at the sky' to symbolize the freedom 'he' yearns for.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. How does a tiger create terror for the villagers?

Q2. State any three disadvantage that the tiger faces inside a cage?

Q3. How would the tiger behave in the forest?

Q4. On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage. Why does the tiger express his anger quietly?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Why should the tiger snarl around houses at the edge of the forest?

Q2. On the basis of your understanding of 'A Tiger in the Zoo', discuss if it is right to confine wild animals into cages.

How to Tell Wild Animals

Extract based Questions

If when you're walking round your yard
You meet a creature there,
Who hugs you very, very hard,
Be sure it is a Bear,

If you have any doubts, I guess
He'll give you just one more caress.

i. Who is 'he' in these lines?

a. chameleon b. hyena c. bear d. tiger

ii. The animal which prefers to hug is

a. hyena b. leopard c. rabbit d. bear

Short Answer Questions

Q1. How does the poet create humour in the poem?

Q2. How does the Bengal Tiger look? Explain briefly.

Q3. According to the poet, what does the bear do?

Q4. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Humour is the best medicine for every ailment in life. Comment.

Q2. "All knowledge is useful. But not all knowledge is worth the cost" Elaborate on the quote in the context of the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'.

The Ball Poem

Extract based Questions

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do?
I saw it go Merrily bouncing, down the street,
and then
Merrily over- there it is in the water!

i. The extract suggests that the poet is

- a. an onlooker observing
 - b. a parent recounting the incident
 - c. the boy talking about himself
 - d. imagining the incident
- ii. The poet seems to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball to
- a. create a sense of rhythm in these lines.
 - b. support the happiness of the experience of playing.
 - c. contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.
 - d. indicate the cheerful mood of the boy.

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What is the central idea of the poem?
- Q2. Why did the poet not console the boy?
- Q3. Why did the boy feel so sad at the loss of his ball?
- Q4. Explain the line , " And no buys a ball back . Money is external."

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. Why does the poet not offer money to the boy to buy another ball?
- Q2. Why is it important for everyone to experience loss and stand up after it?

Amanda

Extract based Questions

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
 Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
 Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda!

- i. Who is giving instructions to Amanda?
- a. Teacher
 - b. Mother
 - c. Friend
 - d. Father
- ii. Which message poet wants to convey through the poem?
- a. Children need instructions
 - b. freedom for children
 - c. too much discipline is not need
 - d. escapism is not good

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What impression do you form about Amanda in the poem ?
- Q2. How does it help Amanda to be an orphan?
- Q3. Do you think that Amanda is at fault?
- Q4. Why is Amanda getting scolded for having chocolate?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. Write a short note on the title of the poem Amanda.
- Q2. Escapism is one way to run away from harsh realities. Discuss in the context of the poem 'Amanda'.

The Trees

Extract based Questions

The trees inside are moving out into the
 forest, the forest that was empty all these days
 where no bird could sit no insect
 hide no sun bury its feet in shadow

- i. What types of plants are mentioned in the poem?
- a. painted plants
 - b. real plants
 - c. decorative plants
 - d. both a and c
- ii. What happens to sun in absence of trees?
- a. it shines all over
 - b. rays fall directly all over
 - c. both a and b
 - d. none of the above

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. What happens to the sun when the trees move out?
- Q2. Change never comes easy. Justify the quote in the context of the poem 'The Trees'.
- Q3. In the poem 'The Trees' , the poet compares the trees to 'newly discharged patients' highlight any

two reasons for the same.

Q4. How is the night when the forest depart from the house? What are the changes that the poet expects to take place during the night/ by the morning?

Long Answer Questions

Q1.What message does the poet want to convey through the poem 'The Trees'?

Q2. A conflict between man and nature is detected in the poem. Man is disregarding the natural growth of plants and trees. In total confinement, nature also rebels against civilization and becomes destructive. Elaborate with reference to 'The Trees'.

Fog

Extract based Questions

The Fog comes
on little cat feet
its sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

- i. In what way does the language used in this poem challenge traditional ideas of what poetry should be?
- ii. What is the significance of the use of the word "little" to describe the fog in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem? Answer in about 40 words.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. On what ground does the poet compare the Fog to a cat?

Q2. What metaphor has the poet used in the poem 'Fog' ? Do you think it is appropriate?

Q3.The poet describes the fog as a living being. Explain.

Q4. What image does the poet give to the fog? What are the similarities between that image and the fog?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. With what other things does the Fog can be compared to? Give reasons.

Q2. What is the theme of the poem 'Fog' by Carl Sandburg?

The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Extract based Questions

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm

- i. On whom did the dragon jump
 - a. dog
 - b. Belinda
 - c. pirate
 - d. mouse
- ii. Which figure of speech is used in line 3rd of the stanza?
 - a. Alliteration
 - b. Simile
 - c. Metaphor
 - d. Onomatopoeia

Short Answer Questions

Q1. What did Custard look like?

Q2. How did Custard prove that he was a brave dragon?

Q3.What did everyone do when the pirate came?

Q4. Is 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon or a light - hearted poem? Give reasons.

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Describe the bravery of everyone in the house.

Q2. How does Ogden Nash's 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon ', challenge the notion that individuals should conform to societal expectations?

For Anne Gregory

Extract based Questions

But I can get a hair-dye And set such colour there, Brown, or black, or carrot, That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone And not my yellow hair.

i. Who is 'I' in these lines?

- a. poet b. young man c. Anne Gregory d. none of these

ii. What colour are Anne's hair?

- a. black b. carrot colour c. honey colour d. brown

Short Answer Questions

Q1. What did the old religious man find in the text?

Q2. The advice given by elders is crucial to young lives. Explain in the context of the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.

Q3. What are the things of the woman which make the young man to love her?

Q4. The poet in the poem 'For Anne Gregory' conveys beauty as temporary. Explain with reference to the poem.

Long Answer Questions

Q1. God does not love a person for his/her outer appearance but for the person himself. Elaborate.

Q2. Physical beauty is not permanent, but the beauty of character or internal beauty is permanent. Justify on the basis of your reading of 'For Anne Gregory'.

FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

A Triumph of Surgery

Extract based Questions

The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realising that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears. Out on the road, I glanced down at the pathetic little animal gasping on the seat by my side. I patted the head and Tricky made a brave effort to wag his tail. "Poor old lad," I said. "You haven't a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you."

i. What might the atmosphere of the household in the above extract signify?

- a. Mrs. Pumphrey's status in society reflected in Tricky's lifestyle.
b. The staff's love for Tricky, which matched that of Mrs. Pumphrey
c. The grand life of comforts and luxuries that Tricky enjoyed.
d. Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence and anxiety acted upon by the staff.

ii. The narrator describes Tricky as a "pathetic little animal". The use of the word 'pathetic' indicates that the narrator

- a. was very fond of Tricky. b. thought Tricky was contemptible.
c. pitied Tricky's condition. d. believed Tricky's health was deteriorating.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricky's appearance?

Q2. Why was it tempting to keep Tricky in surgery as a permanent guest?

Q3. How did Mrs Pumphrey and her servants behave when Tricky was about to be hospitalised?

Q4. Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is 'a triumph of surgery'?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Write a brief character sketch of Mr Herriot, the veterinary surgeon. What impresses you the most in him?

Q2. Comment on the aptness of the title of the story ' A Triumph of Surgery '.

The Thief's story

Extract based Questions

Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25-- a tall, lean fellow – and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. 'You look a bit of a wrestler yourself,' I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.

- i. According to the extract, the young boy was watching the wrestling match because he
 - a. had been invited there by the wrestlers.
 - b. was supposed to meet someone there.
 - c. was looking for simple people to dupe.
 - d. loved wrestling and followed it very closely.
- ii. 'I hadn't had much luck of late' means that the boy hadn't
 - a. ever conned people successfully.
 - b. been successful in duping people lately.
 - c. understood the consequences of thievery till date.
 - d. considered the role of fate in deceiving others.

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Why did Hari Singh feel that writing book was a quiet way to make a living?
Q2. Why did Anil forgive Hari Singh?

Q2. How did Hari Singh justify to himself his stealing Anil's money?

Q3. Why did the thief change his name every month? How did he rob people?

Q4. Why does Anil not hand Hari Singh over to the police?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Give a brief character sketch of Anil highlighting his qualities.

Q2. How did Hari Singh know that Anil had forgiven him?

The Midnight Visitor

Extract based Questions

Ausable did not fit any description of a secret agent Fowler had ever read. Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room, Fowler felt let down. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic adventure. Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. "You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

i. "Following him down the musty corridor of the gloomy French hotel where Ausable had a room..."

Choose the correct option to replace the underlined words

- a. expansive, abnormal
 - b. lighted; formal
 - c. damp; dingy
 - d. uncanny; smart
- ii. Amy is an American woman who teaches French and German in a primary school. This means that Amy is
- a. an empathetic teacher.
 - b. a rational human being.
 - c. an experienced guide
 - d. a multilingual instructor

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Describe Ausable's reaction after finding Max in his room?

Q2. Why did Max's face turn black with anger? What did he want Ausable to do ?

Q3. How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

Q4. Why had Fowler wanted to meet Ausable? Is the meeting successful?

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Ausable was a clever secret agent. Do you agree with the statement? Justify your answer.

Q2. A calm mind can help you tackle the direst stress. Elaborate with reference to 'The Midnight Visitor'.

A Question of Trust

Extract based Questions

But he never got the chance to begin his plan. By noon a policeman had arrested him for the jewel robbery at Shotover Grange. His fingerprints, for he had opened the safe without gloves, were all over the room, and no one believed him when he said that the wife of the owner of the house had asked him to open the safe for her. The wife herself, a gray-haired, sharp-tongued woman of sixty, said that the story was nonsense. Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of the charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very angry when anyone talks about 'honour among thieves'.

- i. The plan devised by Horace was to
 - a. tell about the safe to owner of the house.
 - b. blackmail the wife of the owner later.
 - c. look for another safe for stealing books.
 - d. tell police the truth before the lady could deceive him.
- ii. Based on the extract, choose what you think are the main feelings Horace probably has, for the young lady who tricked him, when he thinks about her?
 - a. anger and blame
 - b. admiration and respect
 - c. respect and gratitude
 - d. anger and vengeance

Short Answer Questions

Q1. How did Horace Danby plan his robberies?

Q2. What was Horace Danby's hobby? How did he manage to fulfill it?

Q3. Did the lady in red keep her promise? Give reasons for your answer.

Q4. 'A Question of Trust' is a story about the robbery of the robber. Expound.

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Horace was a clever but the lady in red was cleverer. Do you agree with the statement? Justify your answer.

Q2. Give a character - sketch of Horace Danby.

Footprints Without Feet

Extract based Questions

His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge, Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible — until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked !

- i. Fill in the blank with one word only.
Griffin deliberately removed his clothes because he wanted to become_____.
- ii. Griffin's landlord try to eject him because:
 - a. he was a lawless person
 - b. he had set his house on fire
 - c. he didn't like him

- d. he was drug addict

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Why were the landlord and his wife surprised to see the scientist's door wide open?
Q2. Why was Mr. Jaffers, the constable, surprised?
Q3. What did the Halls see in the scientist's room?
Q4. Griffin was a lawless man. Discuss.

Long Answer Questions

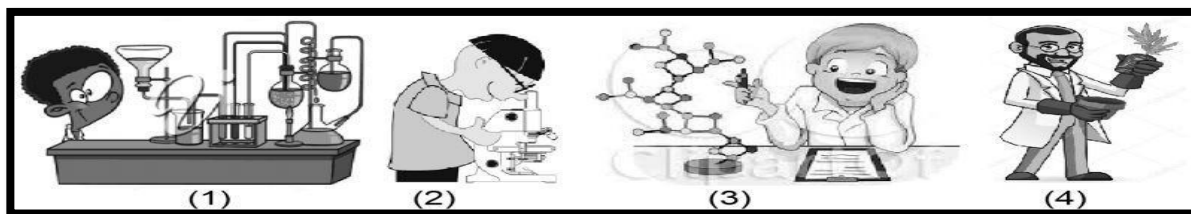
- Q1. Griffin was a brilliant scientist but not a true one. What made him a bad scientist? What does it show about his character?
Q2. What are the adventures made by Griffin in the village Iping? Give examples in support of your answer.

The Making of a Scientist

Extract based Questions

When he saw those photos, Ebright didn't shout, 'Eureka!' or even, 'I've got it!' But he believed that, along with his findings about insect hormones, the photos gave him the answer to one of biology's puzzles: how the cell can 'read' the blueprint of its DNA. DNA is the substance in the nucleus of a cell that controls heredity. It determines the form and function of the cell. Thus, DNA is the blueprint for life. Ebright and his college room-mate, James R. Wong, worked all that night drawing pictures and constructing plastic models of molecules to show how it could happen. Together they later wrote the paper that explained the theory.

- i. Choose the option that shows the picture of the type of task Ebright and Wong were engaged in, as per the extract.



- a. Option 1 b. Option 2 c. Option 3 d. Option 4
- ii. Ebright was perhaps expected to shout 'Eureka!' because he had
- realised that he needed a partner to work with to finalise his findings.
 - discovered something new and 'Eureka!' was a cry to announce it.
 - worked hard and was relieved at nearing the end of his project.
 - given shape to the teachings of his teachers by choosing this field of science.

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. How did Ebright spend his time in Pennsylvania?
Q2. How did Ebright's mother help him to become a scientist?
Q3. Which experiments and projects did Ebright undertake?
Q4. How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebright's life?

Long Answer Questions

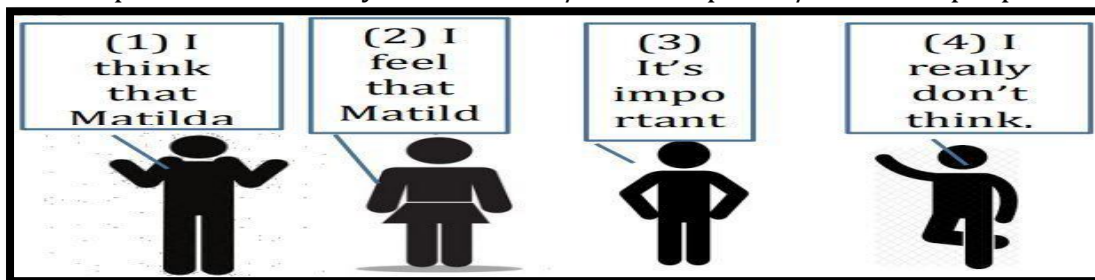
- Q1. "Failure is step towards success." How did a failure in the first competition help Ebright in becoming a successful scientist?
Q2. What characteristics does one need to become a scientist, an economist, a historian? Does it simply involve reading many books on the subject? Justify.

The Necklace

Extract based Questions

"He was silent, stupefied, in dismay, at the sight of his wife weeping. He stammered, "What is the matter? What is the matter?" By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, "Nothing. Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I." He was grieved, but answered, "Let us see, Matilda. How much would a suitable costume cost, something that would serve for other occasions, something very simple?" She reflected for some seconds thinking of a sum that she could ask for without bringing with it an immediate refusal and a frightened exclamation from the economical clerk."

- i. What does 'economical clerk' indicate?
- M Loisel was a spend thrift even though he earned a lot.
 - M Loisel was thrifty as he had a meagre income.
 - M Loisel calculated money all the time as he was a clerk.
 - M Loisel was stingy about money and didn't spend it.
- ii. Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s F. and opinion/s O. of the people below:



- a. F-1, 2 and O-3, 4 b. F-3, O-1,2, 4 c. F-2, 4, O-1,3 d. F-2, 3, 4, O-1

Short Answer Questions

- Q1. Describe Mme Loisel's experience at the ball.
Q2. What were Matilda's tensions when her husband brought her the invitation to the ball?
Q3. What would Matilda often dream of?
Q4. Describe the twist at the end of the story 'The Necklace'.

Long Answer Questions

- Q1. Matilda suffered because she was not content with what life has given to her. Do you agree we should be content with what life give us?
Q2. Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend. Elucidate.

Bholi

Extract based Questions

New clothes had never been made for Bholi. The old dresses of her sisters were passed on to her. No one cared to mend or wash her clothes. But today she was lucky to receive a clean dress which had shrunk after many washings and no longer fitted Champa. She was even bathed and oil was rubbed into her dry and matted hair. Only then did she believe that she was being taken to a place better than her home! When they reached the school, the children were already in their classrooms."

- i. Why did Ramlal call Bholi a fool?
a. Bholi had become hysterical and was screaming.

- b. Bholi shouted in fear and pulled her hand away.
 - c. Bholi was behaving foolishly and was running away.
 - d. Bholi had been behaving very strangely with her father.
- ii. Pick the sentence that brings out the meaning of 'decent' as used in the extract.
- a. He gets a decent amount of salary.
 - b. One must be decent when having a conversation with strangers.
 - c. She was dressed in a decent manner for the interview.
 - d. It was very decent of him to lend me some money.

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** Why did Bholi's parents think she's a dumb cow?
Q2. Why did Bholi first agree to an unequal match?
Q3. What made Bholi feel that school was a better place than home ?
Q4. Why was Sulekha nickname Bholi? Why did she start stammering?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** Bholi has multiple handicaps - she is a girl, she has pock- marks, she stammers. How can we change the social attitudes towards the differently abled?
Q2. What social attitudes are presented in the story. Bholi's teacher help her overcome these barriers?

The Book That Saved The Earth

Extract based question

THINK-TANK: Mirror, mirror, in my hand. Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land? OFF STAGE VOICE: after a pause. You, sir. THINK -TANK: smacking mirror. Quicker. Answer quicker next time. I hate a slow mirror. He admires himself in the mirror.. Ah, there I am. Are we Martians not a handsome race? So much more attractive than those ugly Earthlings with their tiny heads.Noodle, you keep on exercising your mind, and someday you'll have a balloon brain just like mine. NOODLE: Oh, I hope so, Mighty Think-Tank. I hope so.

- i. "Mirror, mirror, in my hand. Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land?" Choose the option that lists the genre having the original reference to the above lines.
- a. Biography
 - b. Science-fiction
 - c. Mystery
 - d. Fairy tale
- ii. Choose the option that correctly categorizes the phrase "after a pause." based on the dialogue given above.
- a. aside
 - b. stage direction
 - c. narration
 - d. setting

Short Answer Questions

- Q1.** What does Oop think about those 'sandwiches'?
Q2. Think Tank thinks that Earthlings are after him. What is the reason?
Q3. How did one old book of nursery rhymes save the Earth from a Martian invasion?
Q4. What difficulty do the crew of the space probe face on Earth?

Long Answer Questions

- Q1.** Compare and contrast the character of Noodle and Think Tank?
Q2. What is Think - Thank proud of? How do you know?