

**DEHRADUN PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**ASSIGNMENT (2022-23)**  
**SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANG. & LIT.(184)**  
**CLASS-X**

**Reading**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully**

South India is known for its music and for its arts and rich literature. Madras or Chennai can be called the cultural capital and the soul of Mother India. The city is built low in pleasant contrast to the ghoulish tall structures of Mumbai and Kolkata. It has vast open spaces and ample greenery. The majestic spacious Mount Road looks like a river, wide and deep. A stroll on the Marina beach in the evening with the sea glistening in your face is refreshing. The breeze soothes the body, it refreshes the mind, sharpens the tongue and brightens the intellect. One can never feel dull in Chennai. The intellectual and cultural life of the city is something of a marvel. Every street corner of Chennai has a literary forum, a debating society and music, dance and dramatic club. The intelligent arguments, the sparkling wit and dashing irony enliven both the political and the literary meetings. There is a young men's association which attracts brilliant speakers and equally brilliant listeners to its meetings. It is a treat to watch the speakers use their oratorical weapons. Chennai speakers are by and large sweet and urbane, though the cantankerous, fire-eating variety is quite often witnessed in political campaigning .The urbane speakers weave their arguments slowly like the unfolding of a leisurely Carnatic raga. Music concerts and dance performances draw packed houses. There is hardly any cultural family in Chennai that does not learn and patronise music and dance in its pristine purity. Rukmani Devi Arundale's' Kalakshetra' is now an international centre. It has turned out hundreds of celebrated maestros and dancers who have brought name and glory to our country. Carnatic music has a peculiar charm of its own. It has the moon's soft beauty and moon's soft pace. Thousands of people flock to the temple 'maidans' to get drunk with the mellifluous melodies of their favourite singers. They sit out all night in the grueling heat, swaying to the rhythm of 'nada swaram' and rollicking with the measured beats of 'mridangam'. M.S. Subbulakshmi is considered to be the nightingale of the South. The Gods might descend from heaven to see a South Indian damsel dancing. There are several varieties of South Indian dance – Bharatnatyam, Mohiniyattam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali, etc. Age cannot wither nor custom stale its beautiful variety. Bharatnatyam is the most graceful and enchanting dance form, whereas Kathakali is most masculine and virile. South Indian dances combine voluptuousness with purity. Here, every muscle and fibre of the body vibrates into life, and as the tempo increases, a divine flame-like passion bodies forth as if making an assault on heaven. South Indian dress, particularly of the males, is puritanically simple. There you cannot distinguish a judge from an 'ardali' by their dress. South Indian ladies too look charming and graceful in their colourful Kanjeevaram and Mysore silk sarees . South Indian cuisine, especially 'dosa' , 'idli' and' vada' are so delicious that now we can enjoy them almost everywhere in India as well as in some foreign countries. The Madras 'idli', which was a favourite of Gandhiji, is served with 'sambhar' and 'coconut chutney'.

**1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.**

- i. For what is South Indian mainly known?
  - a. For tasty food
  - b. For its traditional ,music ,art, literature
  - c. For scenic beauty
  - d. For its delicate and precise ways
- ii. Why is it a treat to watch the speakers?
  - a. Because they use oratorical weapons
  - b. Because they are witnessed in campaigning
  - c. Because they weave their arguments fastly
  - d. Because they argue and complain a lot.

- iii. What is M.S. Subbulakshmi considered to be?
- a. Graceful and enchanting
  - b. Masculine and virile
  - c. Nightingale of the South
  - d. Moon's soft beauty
- iv. Which is the South Indian dance form?
- a. Bharatnatyam
  - b. Kuchipudi
  - c. Kathakali
  - d. All of these
- v. Why are South Indian dances special?
- a. Because Gods come from heaven to see them
  - b. Because there aren't many varieties of dance
  - c. Because they are pure as well as sensuous
  - d. Because they make an assault on heaven
- vi. How does the breeze on Marina Beach affect the author?
- a. Soothes the body, refreshes the mind, sharpens the tongue and brightens the intellect.
  - b. Soothes the mind, refreshes the body, sharpens the intellect and brightens the tongue.
  - c. Both a and b.
  - d. None.
- vii. What makes Carnatic music charming?
- a. Because of its soft beauty and pace.
  - b. Because of its tranquil beauty and pace.
  - c. Because of its harsh beauty and pace.
  - d. Because of its apt beauty and pace.
- viii. Find a word from the para-2 which means 'confident, comfortable and polite in social situations'.
- a. Urbane
  - b. Wit
  - c. Enliven
  - d. Irony

## **Q2. Read the following passage carefully.**

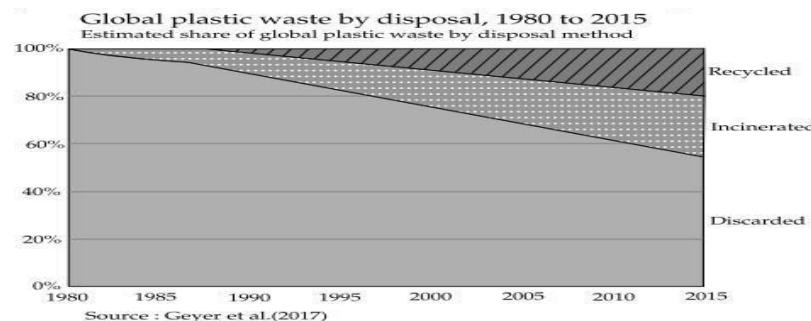
When plastic waste is burnt, a complex weave of toxic chemicals is released. Breaking down Poly Vinyl Chloride PVC used for packaging, toys and coating electrical wires. It produces dioxin, an organ chlorine which belongs to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants POPs. A recent Dioxin assessment 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 therefore discarded. From 1980 for incineration 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

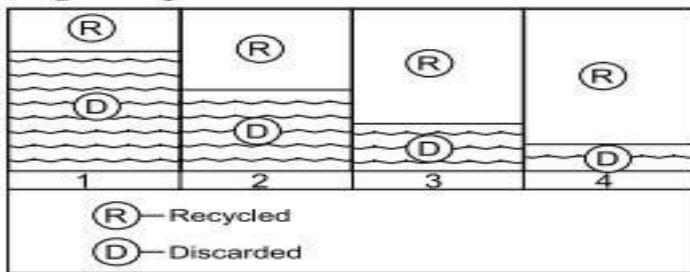
ii. Which statements are NOT TRUE according to the passage?

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. incinators

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. option1                      b. option2                      c. option3                      d. option4  
v. Before 1980, how much global plastic waste was discarded?  
    a. 40%                      b. 60%                      c. 80%                      d. 100%

## **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

## **Formal letters**

## **Letter to Editor**

**Q1.** You are Arun/Aruna, a resident of A-20, Aurbindo Marg, New Delhi. You are deeply troubled by the sale of alcohol to underage people. Write a letter to the Editor of the "The Hindustan Times" drawing attention to this problem.

Q2. Public park is the heart of a residential area. Children play, elders go for a walk and even ladies do yoga and other exercises there. But unfortunately the park in your area has become a place for stray animals and anti-social elements. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu, K G Marg New Delhi, to draw attention of the civic authorities towards it.

## **Letter of Enquiry**

**Q3.** You are interested in a short-term course in computer graphics during the holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Fortune Graphics Computers, inquiring about their short-term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Anuj/Anju of 28 A ,Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.

**Q4.** You are John/Urmila, the Tour Incharge of Grant Public School, Agra. During the summer break, you are planning to organize a tour to a place of historical importance. Write a letter to The National Travel agency, Agra enquiring about the charges, facilities and all the other necessary details.

## **Letter of Placing order**

Q5. 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.

Q6. You are Smriti, Librarian of S.M. Public school, Kolkata. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Usha Publications Limited, Kolkata placing an order for the books that you wish to purchase for your school library. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.

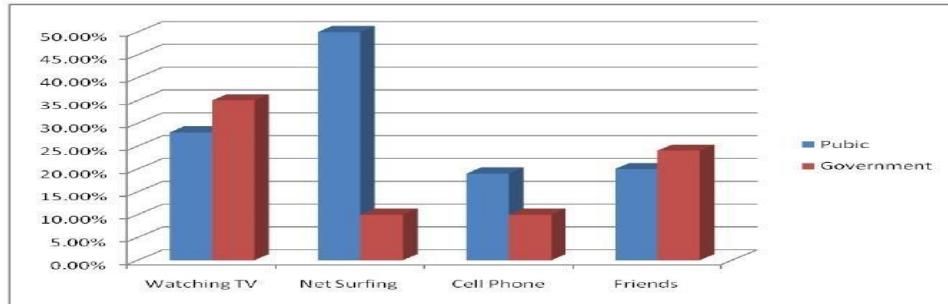
### **Letter of Complaint**

Q7. You are the Physical Education Instructor at St. Jesus and Mary School, Agra. You had placed order for sports goods with Student Sports Enterprises. When the items arrived you found that some of them were defective. Write a letter to the Manager, Student Sports Enterprises, asking him to replace the defective items.

**Q8.** 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 Sadig/Razia, 123, TT Nagar, Bhopal.

### **Replacement of the Analytical Paragraph**

Q9. 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 are involved during their leisure time.. Complete the summary in about 80 words.



Q10. 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.



## Grammar

### Q1. Fill in the Blanks with the correct option.

1. Many of the houses in this area follow/follows organic farming.
2. There is/are many objections for this plan.
3. Almost all the water is/are contaminated.
4. Everyone want/wants to know the name of the new born baby.
5. People like/likes it when you listen to them.
6. The news is/are bad. I'm afraid.
7. Four times eight is/are thirty two.
8. The ebb and flow of the tides is/ are explained by Newton.
9. Slow and steady win/wins the race.
10. Neither Peter nor James has/have told lie.

### Q2. Choose the correct option:

1. Lisa saw shooting star yesterday.  
a. a      b. an      c. the      d. in
2. Don't look directly at sun.  
a. a      b. an      c. the      d. in
3. Is there any milk left in fridge?  
a. a      b. an      c. the      d. in
4. I need to pack apple for my lunch.  
a. a      b. an      c. the      d. in
5. The dogs were given a bone.  
a. each      b. any      c. every      d. many
6. The police spoke separately to suspect.  
a. every      b. each      c. some      d. all
7. She was wearing a bracelet on wrist.  
a. each      b. any      c. every      d. some

8. She got her license without \_\_\_\_ problem.  
a. some      b. any      c. every      d. all

9. He went with \_\_\_\_\_ younger sisters.  
a. his both    b. both his    c. two his    d. and

10. I always keep \_\_\_\_ money in my wallet for emergencies.  
a. any      b. every      c. some      d. all

## LITERATURE

# 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 Lench who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the North-East.

- i. Which address had the postman never known in his career?  
a. His home address      b. Post office address      c. God's address      d. Hospital address

ii. Which thing of the farmer did the postman wish for?  
a. Farmer's crops      b. Farmer's faith      c. Farmer's vast fields      d. Farmer's son

## **Short Answer Questions**

- Q1. What was the effect of the rain on the crops?  
Q2. What are the raindrops compared to and why?

## **Long Answer Question**

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

## 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 if 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."



## **Short Answer Questions**

- Q1. What was the pledge taken by nelson Mandela?  
Q2. Why were the two anthems singing on that day'?

### **Long Answer Question**

Nelson Mandela point out some human qualities in his speech. Which of these questions impresses you the most?

## **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 curving 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. Do you sympathize with the seagull? Give reasons.

### **Long Answer Question**

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?

## **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 there. 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. How many fuel tanks were there in the plane? How much fuel was left?

Q2. Why did the pilot fly straight into the storm instead of returning to Paris?

### **Long Answer Question**

Do you think the story 'the black Aeroplane' is a mystery? Do you see some elements of supernatural power in the story?

## **From the Diary of Anne Frank**

### **Extract based Questions**

Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty

people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don't confide in each other. In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately they're not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

- i. Why was Anne Frank disturbed even when she had loving parents, relatives and friends?
  - a. Due to being listless
  - b. Due to lack of a true friend
  - c. Due to her hostile nature
  - d. Due to her teacher
- ii. Why did Anne Frank decide to write a diary?
  - a. To keep track of her day-to-day activities
  - b. To write poetry
  - c. To become an authoress
  - d. To share her secrets with a trusted source

### **Short Answer Questions**

- Q1. Who brought Anne a birthday present and why?  
Q2. Why did Anne think that she was alone? Give reasons.

### **Long Answer Question**

Write a brief character sketch of Anne. How does she impress you? What will you learn from her?

## **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 still there. 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. What is the role of bread on the occasion of marriage?  
Q2. Why is a jack fruit-like physical appearance compared to a baker?

### **Long Answer**

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?

## **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?

### **Long Answer Question**

The Coorgs are known for their hospitality. They are friendly and caring. What makes them so loveable.

## **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?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **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.

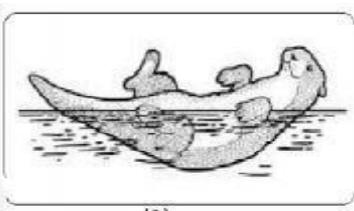
i. The words "slosh and splash" are examples of the onomatopoeic words that go together phonetically- resembling the sound that they describe. Choose the option that DOES NOT fit the given description

- |            |            |              |                  |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| 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.



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

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 ?

### **Long Answer Question**

Give an idea of the eventful journey of Mijbil from Basra to London.

## **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 travellers

### **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?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **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?

### **Long Answer Question**

"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.

## **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'?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

### **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 used 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 Questions**

Explain the imager used by poet.

### **Long Answer Question**

How can you nature has a significant to the poem.

### **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. Select the option that correctly classifies the connotations for fire and ice, as suggested in poem

1.Rage      2. violence      3. indifference      4. hate      5. greed  
a. Fire- 3,4; Ice- 1,2,5      b. Fire- 2, 5; Ice-1,3,4      c. Fire-1,3,5; Ice- 2, 4      d. Fire- 1,2,4; Ice- 3,5

- ii. The poem is a\_\_\_\_\_, put across by the poet.

a. powerful warning      b. heart-felt apology      c. earnest appeal      d. vengeful threat

### **Short Answer Question**

Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

### **A Tiger in the zoo**

#### **Extract based Questions**

But he's lock in a concrete cell, His strength behind bars,  
Stalking the lengths of his cage, Ignoring visitors

- i. The main contrasting idea suggested by the extract is that of
  - a. strength and weakness.
  - b. nature and culture.
  - c. beasts and mortals.
  - d. confinement and freedom.
- ii. Choose the option listing the most likely reason for the tiger to ignore visitors, according to the extract.
  - a. He is scared of their constant stares.
  - b. The visitors don't provide him with any food.
  - c. He knows that none would help him out of captivity.
  - d. The visitors don't speak to him kindly.

### **Short Answer Question**

How does a tiger create terror for the villagers?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

### **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 Question**

How does the poet create humour in the poem?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

### **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 Question**

What is the central idea of the poem?

### **Long Answer Question**

Why does the poet not offer money to the boy to buy another ball?

### **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 needed      d. escapism is not good

### **Short Answer Question**

Why is Amanda getting scolded for having chocolate?

### **Long Answer Question**

Write a short note on the title 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 Question**

What happens to the sun when the trees move out?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **Fog**

### **Extract based Questions**

The Fog comes  
on little cat feet  
it sits looking  
over harbour and city

i. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

- a. ababab              b. aababa              c. aabaab              d. no rhyme scheme

ii. Who is the poet of this poem?

- a. Carl Sandburg              b. Robin Klein              c. John Berryman      d. Carolyn Wells

### **Short Answer Question**

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

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> of the stanza?

a. Alliteration

b. Simile

c. Metaphor

d. Onomatopoeia

### **Short Answer Question**

What did Custard look like?

### **Long Answer Question**

Describe the bravery of everyone in the house.

## **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 Question**

What did the old religious man find in the text?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **FOOTPRINT 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 Tricki 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 Tricki's lifestyle.

b. The staff's love for Tricki, which matched that of Mrs. Pumphrey

c. The grand life of comforts and luxuries that Tricki enjoyed.

d. Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence and anxiety acted upon by the staff.

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

a. was very fond of Tricki.

b. thought Tricki was contemptible.

c. pitied Tricki's condition.

d. believed Tricki's health was deteriorating.

### **Short Answer Question**

Q1. Why did Mr Herriot inspect a call from Mrs. Pumphrey?

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

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **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 Question**

Why did Hari Singh feel that writing book was a quiet way to make a living?2. Why did Anil forgive Hari Singh ?

### **Long Answer Question**

Give a brief character sketch of Anil lighting his qualities.

## **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 Question**

Describe Ausable's reaction after finding Max in his room?2.Why did Max's face turn black with anger? What did he want Ausable to do ?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **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?

### **Long Answer Question**

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

## **Footprints Without Feet**

### **Extract based Questions**

As she and her husband turned away in terror, the extraordinary chair pushed them both out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them. Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics. She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits, and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture. "My poor mother used to sit in that chair," she moaned! To think it should rise up against me now! The feeling among the neighbours was that the trouble was caused by witchcraft."

i. Mrs Hall felt that the room was haunted by spirits because

- a. she could see evil spirits.
- b. she heard strange noise.
- c. uncanny things happened there.
- d. the door slammed shut.

ii. Pick the option that best describes how Mrs. Hall must be feeling at the moment described in the extract.

- a. stunned and furious
- b. shocked and outraged
- c. outraged and nervous
- d. stunned and agitated

### **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?

### **Long Answer Question**

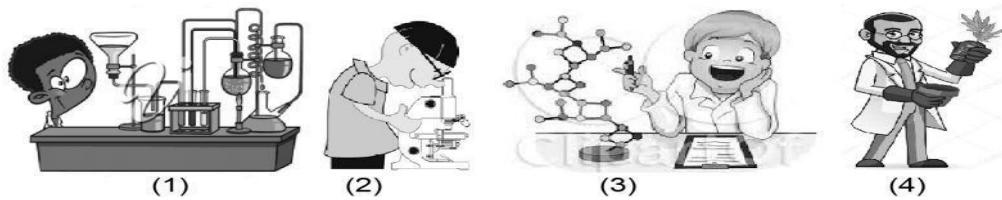
Griffin was a brilliant scientist but not a true one. What made him bad scientist? What does it show about his character?

## 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 Wrong 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

  - a. realised that he needed a partner to work with to finalise his findings.
  - b. discovered something new and 'Eureka!' was a cry to announce it.
  - c. worked hard and was relieved at nearing the end of his project.
  - d. 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 Dr. Urquhart encourage Ebright through a book?

## **Long Answer Question**

"Failure is step towards success." How did a failure in the first competition help Ebright in becoming a successful scientist?

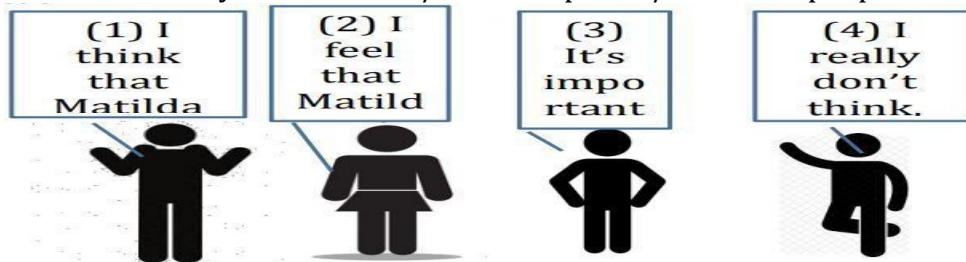
## The Necklace

## 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?
    - a. M Loisel was a spendthrift even though he earned a lot.
    - b. M Loisel was thrifty as he had a meagre income.
    - c. M Loisel calculated money all the time as he was a clerk.
    - d. 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 name Loisel's experience at the ball.

Q2. What were Matilda's tensions when her husband brought her the invitation to the ball?

### Long Answer Question

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?

## 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 com?

Q2. Why did Bholi first agree to an unequal match?

### Long Answer Question

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?

## 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?

**Long Answer Question**

Compare and contrast the character of Noodle and Think Tank?