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ENGLISH

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

(CBSE 2022-23 Class-X)

Answers & Solutions

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- (i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains THREE sections -
 - Section A – Reading Skills.
 - Section B – Grammar and Creative Writing Skills.
 - Section C – Literature.
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION-A (20 Marks)

(READING SKILLS)

1. Read the passage given below:

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.
2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature. Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.
3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain - All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.
4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.
5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before.
6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.

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

[10×1=10]

(i) To go out for a walking tour is

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|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) to stroll. | (b) to ramble. |
| (c) to hike. | (d) to saunter. |

Answer (c)

Sol. to hike.

(ii) Why does the writer say that the mind is at ease when you hike?

- (a) because hiking is an inexpensive activity.
- (b) because it brings families together.
- (c) because of intolerable noise of traffic.
- (d) because the depressing daily routine is forgotten.

Answer (d)

Sol. because the depressing daily routine is forgotten.

- (iii) Complete the following with a phrase:

The various sounds of nature acquire _____

Sol. a new meaning and significance to us.

- (iv) Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 2.

A contact is established between us and nature.

Sol. The beauty of the nature gives us immense pleasure and we feel connected with the nature.

- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 2.

aroma : cooking ; fragrance : _____.

Sol. Value Points:

Aroma : Cooking ; Fragrance : Flowers.

(Hint: Just like aroma is integral to cooking, fragrance is integral to flowers)

- (vi) Give one reason why it is a pleasure to hike in the mountains than in the plains.

- (a) because observation is sharpened.
- (b) because of the excitement of climbing up and adventure of coming down.
- (c) because it is leisure to stand, to walk.
- (d) because there are no worries.

Answer (b)

Sol. because of the excitement of climbing up and adventure of climbing up and adventure of coming down.

- (vii) Hiking gives the brain, the rest it needs because

- (a) it is a short time activity.
- (b) it is one of the healthiest sports.
- (c) it makes us sleep peacefully.
- (d) it is an escape from our busy schedule.

Answer (d)

Sol. it is an escape from our busy schedule.

- (viii) List any two examples of minute observations you make while on a hike.

Sol. Two examples of minute observations I make while on a hike:

- (a) I notice the variety of birds where I go for a hike.
- (b) I notice how my companions' behaviour change in extreme exhaustion.

- (ix) Supply one point to justify the following :

Hiking gives us a feeling of unlimited joy.

Sol. As given in the passage, with hiking one gets exposure to fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, etc. making one's mind and soul at peace with nature. Therefore, it brings a sense of unlimited joy.

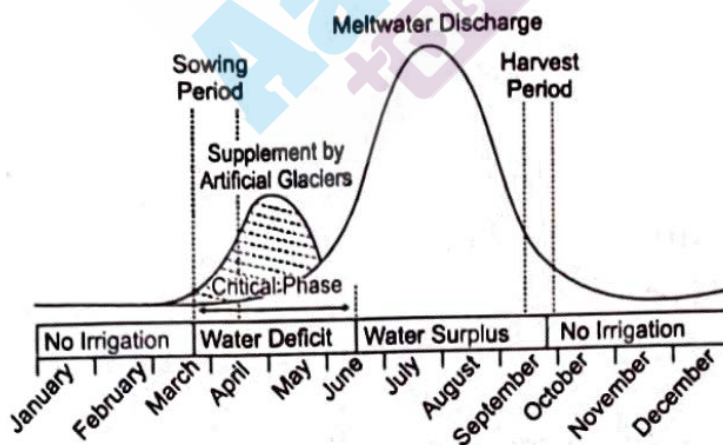
- (x) Substitute the word 'leap with joy' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from the passage.

The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.

Sol. Exuberant / rejoiced / cheerful / elated

2. Read the extract given below :

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why ? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000 – 3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.
3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April-May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create a glacier.
4. Fondly called the glacier man, he has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by The President of India.
5. There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an 'artificial glacier'.



Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below:

[10×1=10]

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.

Sol. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage, the life didn't grind to a halt because of a retired civil engineer in Jammu and Kashmir government who came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.

- (ii) Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:

Agriculture is completely dependent on unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) rainfall pattern | (b) climate change |
| (c) glaciers melt | (d) extreme winter conditions |

Answer (c)

Sol. glaciers melt

- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3 :

Icing : cake :: layers :

Sol. Icing : cake :: layers : glacier

- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence :

At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow :

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|--|
| (a) on sloping hills facing distribution channels. |
| (b) on high altitude. |
| (c) on ice-cold water level. |
| (d) on mountain range. |

Answer (a)

Sol. on sloping hills facing distribution channels.

- (v) From the chart select the months of water surplus.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) January, February. | (b) November, December. |
| (c) July, August, September. | (d) March, April. |

Answer (c)

Sol. July, August, September.

- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting from the passage the correct option :

The have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| (a) glaciers | (b) rivers |
| (c) streams | (d) water springs |

Answer (a)

Sol. glaciers

- (vii) The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means :

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| (a) found | (b) locally found |
| (c) situated | (d) adapted |

Answer (c)

Sol. situated

- (viii) Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers.

- Sol.** (i) River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range.
- (ii) At the start of the winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels.

(ix) List one reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option.

Sol. Artificial glaciers are the best option in fulfilling the shortage of water because the changing rainfall patterns have caused severe drought situations in Ladakh.

(x) Select the most suitable title from the following for the passage :

- (a) Water Shortage.
- (b) New Ways to Pool Water.
- (c) Artificial Glacier.
- (d) River Beds.

Answer (c)

Sol. Artificial Glacier.

SECTION-B (20 Marks)

(GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. Attempt **ANY TEN** of the following questions:

[10×1=10]

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

The mud houses are not the buildings in your city.

- (a) comparable to
- (b) comparable of
- (c) comparable as
- (d) comparable for

Answer (a)

Sol. comparable to

(ii) Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver.

Complete the sentence by reporting the driver's reply correctly.

Policeman: Why did you park your car here?

Don't you see a 'no parking area'.

Driver: Sorry Sir ! The engine broke down.

The policeman asked the driver why he had parked the car there and if he didn't see it was a 'no parking area'. The driver felt sorry and explained

Sol. to him that the engine had broken down

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence :

Where were you? You be in the class at the right time.

- (a) shall
- (b) should
- (c) will
- (d) would

Answer (b)

Sol. should

- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence :

More of the fun and excitement in our lives comes from using our imagination.

	Error	Correction
(a)	More	Most
(b)	Our	The
(c)	From	Of
(d)	Using	Use

Answer (a)

Sol.	Error	Correction
(a)	More	Most

- (v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

Each of the boys rewarded.

- (a) are being (b) have been
(c) was (d) were

Answer (c)

Sol. was

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

Governments are starting programmes (teach) adults how to read and write.

- (a) that teaching (b) which taught
(c) to teach (d) were teaching

Answer (c)

Sol. to teach

- (vii) Report the dialogue between Ashish and his interviewer by completing the sentence :

Interviewer : Why do you want to be a computer programmer?

Ashish : I have always been interested in computers.

In response to the question of the interviewer about why Ashish wanted to be a computer programmer, he replied

Sol. that he had always been interested in computers.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Latex was a natural polymer found beneath the bark of a mature rubber tree.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

Sol.	Error	Correction
	was	is

- (ix) Kabir shared some information with Sahil about his travel plans. Report Kabir's plans.

I will go to Tripura tomorrow.

Sol. Kabir said that he would go to Tripura the next day.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan.

..... ONLY WEAPON TO FIGHT INJUSTICE IS EDUCATION

- (a) THE
- (b) A
- (c) AN
- (d) THIS

Answer (a)

Sol. THE

- (xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between a passerby and a farmer.

Passerby : Can you tell me the way to Rampur.

Farmer : Drive for four kms and then turn right.

The passerby asked the farmer if he could tell him the way to Rampur. The farmer replied that

- (a) he may drive for four kms and then tum right.
- (b) he should drive for four kms and then tum right.
- (c) he might drive for four kms and then turn right.
- (d) he had to drive for four kms and then turn right.

Answer (b)

Sol. He should drive for four kms and then turn right.

- (xii) Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction. Use the given format for your response.

Water was vital to human health and fitness.

Error	Correction

Sol.

Error	Correction
was	is

4. Attempt any one from A and B given below :

(A) Technology today is an effective and convenient means of learning.

[5]

TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves engagement and retention. Promotes interactive collaborative learning Prepares students for the future Reduces costs Promotes technological skills Provides current information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distracting Reduces problem solving skills Reduces direct peer interaction Expensive to maintain Information may not be authentic Communication

You are Meera/Vaibhav and would like to share your views on the pros and cons of technology in education.

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views in about 100-120 words.

Sol. Suggested Value points:

- Introduction to the topic
- Discussion of positive and negative aspects of using technology in education with a few real-life examples
- Conclusion with a request made to the editor

Sample:

Vivekananda Vidyapeeth

West Patel Nagar

New Delhi

27 February 2023

The Editor

The Indian Express

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg

New Delhi

Subject: Regarding the pros and cons of using technology in education

Dear Madam/ Sir

This is to draw your attention to the consequences of using technology in education today. In a country populated by mostly young people with handheld devices, it is imperative to be aware of the fact that it has both negative and positive aspects.

In today's era when every nook and corner of our everyday life is dominated by technology, our education system is also being deeply impacted by this phenomenon. To count its merits, it improves student engagement, their retention span, provides learners more ways to collaborate and interact, and prepares students for the future which is definitely going to be technology-governed. However, the negative aspects too mustn't go amiss. Technology often causes distraction among young learners who are accustomed to multiple tabs and instant gratification. It makes things like calculation or writing an essay easy and quick which often impedes learning and encourages plagiarism which is exactly the reason why teachers fear ChatGPT. Moreover, online interaction doesn't have the charm and natural spontaneity of face-to-face interaction which obstructs the development of our socialising skills. One must not forget that the internet is a dangerous place for young learners who often skip fact-checking. Finally, overdependence on technology has definitely reduced genuine communication among people making us the loneliest of generations so far.

Therefore, if this reality about today's education finds a column in your esteemed daily, it will create a positive awareness among the masses making us more conscious and thoughtful in our use of this amazing tool we have called technology.

Yours truly

Malvika

OR

- (B) You are Aruna/Arjun C.C.A. incharge of St. Joseph's High School, Pune Cantt. You have read an advertisement by the National Tourist Corporation, offering excellent prices for group tours. [5]

Write a letter to enquire about the following :

- Duration of tour
- Sight seeing itinerary
- Cost of package discount
- Mode of transport
- Destinations being offered

Sol. Formal Letter:

Format: (Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject Heading, Body, Complimentary Close)

Expression: (grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings, coherence & relevance of ideas and style)

Content:

Suggested Value Points:

- Introduction with the acknowledgement of the advertisement
- Enquiry of the particular information in points
- Request for a quick response in the closing paragraph

Sample:

St. Joseph's High School

Pune Cantt.

27 February 2023

National Tourist Corporation

New Delhi

Subject: Enquiry regarding group tours

Dear Madam/Sir

In relation to your advertisement published in The Hindu on 26th February, 2023 (Ref. no. 9982023) we are writing this letter to you. Our school is planning a trip to Ajanta-Ellora caves, Maharashtra on 15th February, 2023. With 78 participants this trip may last for three to seven days.

In relation to that, kindly provide us the information regarding the following:

1. Duration of the tour in the package you are offering
2. Sight-seeing itinerary
3. Cost of package after discount
4. Mode of transport
5. List of other destinations that you offer

We are waiting for a quick response from your side, so that we can finalise everything on time.

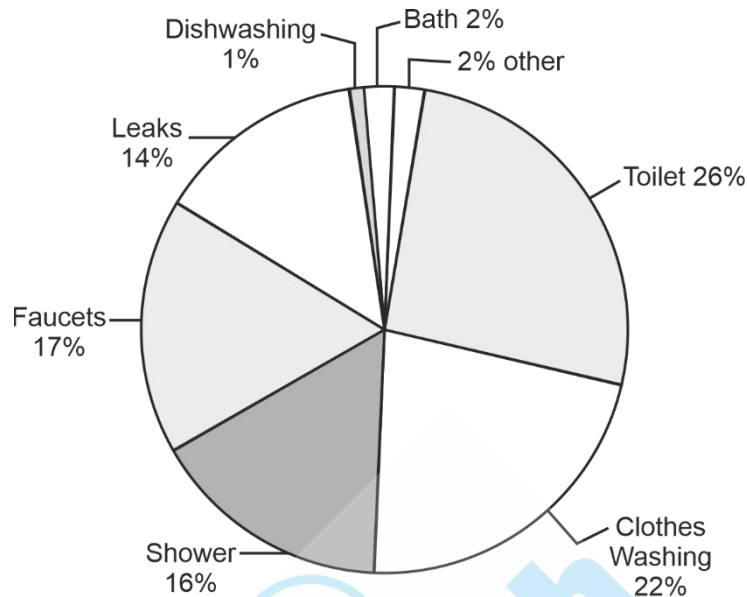
Yours sincerely

Aruna

C.C.A. Incharge

5 **Attempt any one from A and B given below :**

- (A) The given pie-chart shows how water is consumed in households in a metropolitan city in India. Study the information carefully and write a paragraph analysing the given pie-chart data. **[5]**



For Visually impaired candidates.

List three ways in which we waste water and the ways how we can save water.

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- Introduce the chart
- Describe the use cases of water one by one
- Compare the use cases
- Give insights based on the data
- Give suitable inferences

Title: Water Usage Distribution in the Households of a Metropolitan City

The given pie-chart depicts the distribution of various ways water is consumed in the households of a metropolitan city in India. It is evident that those households use more water (26% of total usage) in the toilet than any other activity. Washing clothes comes second with 22% usage. 17% water flows through the faucets and 16% through the showers. Surprisingly 14% is wasted through leaks. While a mere 1% is used for dishwashing, 2% is used for bath and another 2% for other purposes. To save water, households of this city need to cut down their water consumption in washing clothes by taking alternative measures. Water flowing through faucets, showers and toilet outlets needs to be checked by installing auto-stop mechanisms. In addition to that repairing the leakages will also help save a considerable amount of water.

OR

- (B) The chart below gives the percentage of social media users by age in India in 2020. Write a paragraph analysing the given information in 100-120 words. [5]

Internet Activities by Age Group

Age Group							
Activity %	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- Introduce the chart
- Give a comparative account of how internet is used by various age groups
- Give insights based on the data
- Give suitable inferences

Title: Age-Wise Description of People Using the Internet

The given chart provides age-wise details of various purposes for which people use the internet. Teenagers use the internet mostly to play online games whereas others use the internet predominantly for product research. It is not surprising to see that the teenagers have no interest in product research when it comes to surfing the internet and only 5% of them surf the internet to search for people. In general, the internet sees people mostly looking for news and products. Among all age groups, people in their 60s and above use the internet rarely when it comes to downloading content. The most even distribution of people searching the internet for all the use cases is seen in the age groups of 20s and 30s.

SECTION-C (40 Marks)

(LITERATURE)

Reference to the Context

6. (A) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow: [5×1= 5]

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work. The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio. "Paris Control? Paris Control ? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.

- (i) As soon as the pilot was inside the cloud
- (a) his ears got blocked. (b) he choked with fear.
(c) his vision was obstructed. (d) he was jumping up and down.

Answer (c)

Sol. his vision was obstructed.

- (ii) The devices in the aeroplane were
- (a) malfunctioning. (b) broken completely.
(c) giving wrong readings. (d) stopped responding completely.

Answer (d)

Sol. stopped responding completely.

- (iii) The Paris air control did not reply to the pilot's call because

Sol. The radio was dead and he had lost the connection.

- (iv) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'twisted' as used in the extract.
- (a) Ragini **twisted** Raghav's wrist.
(b) Ragini **twisted** the story to suit the occasion.
(c) Ragini did not appreciate Raghav's **twisted** bent of mind.
(d) Ragini matched the swimmer as he **twisted** twice in the air before diving into the water.

Answer (d)

Sol. Ragini matched the swimmer as he **twisted** twice in the air before diving into the water.

- (v) Fill in the blank with **ONE WORD** only:

The narrator's comes through clearly when he sees the compass turning round and round.

Sol. astonishment

OR

(B) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow :

[5×1=5]

Lomov : But you can see from the documents, honoured Natalya Stepanovna. Oxen Meadows, its true were once the subject of dispute, but now everybody knows they are mine. There's nothing to argue about. You see my aunts grandmother gave the free use of these Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of your father's grandfather, in return for which they were to make bricks for her. The peasants belonging to your father's grandfather had the free use of Meadows for forty years, and had got into the habit of regarding them as their own, when it happened that

Natalya : No, it isn't at all like that! Both grandfather and great grandfather reckoned that their land extended to Burnt Marsh – which means Oxen Meadows were ours. I don't see what there is to argue about, its simply silly.

- (i) The subject of dispute was regarding
- (a) free use of Meadows.
(b) making of bricks.
(c) peasants using Meadows.
(d) ownership of Meadows.

Answer (d)

Sol. ownership of Meadows

- (ii) Find the word from the extract which means 'continuance' :
- (a) dispute
 - (b) perpetuity
 - (c) belonging
 - (d) reckoned

Answer (b)

Sol. perpetuity

- (iii) Lomov's aunt's grandmother gave Oxen Meadows to Natalya's father's grandfather in lieu of

Sol. The services rendered by his peasants who made bricks for her.

- (iv) According to Natalya why did Oxen Meadows belong to them?

Sol. Natalya claimed that both her grandfather and great grandfather reckoned that their land extended to Burnt Marsh. Thus, she considered Oxen Meadows to be her family's property.

- (v) Fill in the blank with **ONE WORD** only :

The peasants had free use of Meadows for years.

Sol. forty

7. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

[5×1=5]

Don't eat that chocolate Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you Amanda!

(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care; life in tower is tranquil and rare, I'll certainly never let down my bright hair)

- (i) The Speaker's tone is
- (a) loving.
 - (b) hopeful.
 - (c) instructive.
 - (d) indifferent.

Answer (c)

Sol. Instructive

- (ii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :

rare: uncommon :: peace :

Sol. Tranquil

- (iii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE ;

Amanda did not want anyone to invade her privacy and silence.

Sol. True

- (iv) Select the appropriate option:

Amanda's mother is continuously Amanda.

- (a) encouraging
- (b) reprimanding
- (c) motivating
- (d) disappointing

Answer (b)

Sol. reprimanding

- (v) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'dull'?
- (a) dreary
 - (b) shady
 - (c) bright
 - (d) angry

Answer (c)

Sol. bright

OR

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

[5×1=5]

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.
He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

- (i) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers
- (a) helplessness
 - (b) he has not been able to hunt
 - (c) his prey has not come to the water hole
 - (d) he is not free

Answer (a)

Sol. helplessness

- (ii) He is lurking in shadows because....

Sol. he is waiting for his prey (deer) to come near the water.

- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because · (clue-explain how metaphor applies here).

Sol. tiger's thick soft paws are compared with soft pads of velvet (direct comparison has been done)

- (iv) Find a word from the extract which means - to walk with measured, stiff or haughty strides:

- (a) steps
- (b) lurking
- (c) pads
- (d) stalk

Answer (b)

Sol. lurking

- (v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

The tiger is stealthily waiting for the deer to come to the water hole.

Sol. True

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each:** **[4×3=12]**

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| (a) Why did the night turn sorrowful for Lencho after the rains? | (A letter to God) |
| (b) Describe the young seagull's first flight. | (Two stories about flying) |
| (c) Who are padars and why are they friends of children? | (Glimpses of India) |
| (d) How did Valli gather the details of the bus journey? | (Madam rides the bus) |
| (e) Describe how Custard the dragon fights with the Pirate. | (The tale of Custard the Dragon) |

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- (a) • The night turned sorrowful for Lencho after the rains because on that night the hailstorm had destroyed his crop badly.
- It spoiled the hard work of Lencho leaving him with nothing.
- Lencho's soul was full with sadness because he had nothing to feed the family and he thought that his family would starve whole year.
- All his hard work throughout the year bore no fruit as the hailstorm destroyed the whole harvest leaving him with no means of income.
- (b) • The young seagull was very hungry.
- Dived at the fish that was in her mother's beak.
- Fell into space and became terribly afraid.
- Heart stood still, could hear nothing.
- But it only lasted for a minute.
- The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards and began to fly / was no longer afraid.
- (c) • Baker is also known as pader in Goa.
- He used to be a friend companion and guide for the children.
- Children loved the bread bangles that he brought for them.
- This was a sweat bread of a special make.
- (d) • Valli enjoyed watching the bus and its passengers every time it crossed the village. It gave her a never-ending joy.
- Her strongest desire was to travel in the bus and take a ride to the nearby town and back.
- Once she decided to travel by bus, so she started listening to her neighbour's conversations about their bus rides very carefully.
- In the process, she would herself ask some careful questions here and there in order to enhance her knowledge about the journey.
- Valli found out that the town was six miles from the village and it cost thirty paise to travel one side. It took forty-five minutes to reach town and the same bus could bring you back as well.

- (e) • While Belinda herself was terrified on seeing the pirate, her other pets also behaved quite cowardly.
- While they fled away in fear, Custard faced the pirate like a hero.
 - He attacked the pirate with his long tail. He pounced upon the pirate fearlessly. He swallowed the pirate within no time.
 - Everyone boasted of their bravery but when they faced real danger, it was only Custard, who had the courage to face it. And he proved his bravery by not running away and facing the pirate and killing him.

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:**

[2×3=6]

- (a) How did Mrs. Pumphrey treat Tricky? (The Triumph of Surgery)
- (b) How did Ausable get rid of Max without using a weapon. (The Midnight Visitor)
- (c) Why did Richard Ebright raise a flock of butterflies? (Making of a scientist)

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- (a) • She treated Tricky like her son/own child.
- She served him with cream, cakes, chocolates & cod-liver oil.
 - She pampered him by giving him a luxurious life.
 - She overfed him leading to him falling sick.
- (b) • Ausable was an intelligent spy who handled Max cleverly.
- When he found Max waiting for him in his room, he made up a story of a balcony under his window. He made Max believe that he was scared on finding him inside his room with a pistol in his hand.
 - He befuddled him about the balcony, knowing very well that there was no balcony in that room.
 - He fabricated a story about the arrival of the report and the police. When there was a knock at the door, he convinced Max that it was police, though it was a waiter.
 - Max got scared and jumped into the non-existent balcony to death. That's how he got rid of Ausable with sheer smartness and presence of mind.
- (c) • After receiving a book "The Travels of Monarch-X" from his mother, Ebright wanted to contribute to studies on migrations of butterflies. Dr. Urquhart of Toronto University (in Canada) asked readers to label butterflies for study and send them to him.
- In the late summer, it took six weeks to gather butterflies. One by one it was hard to catch them. Ebright then decided to raise himself a stock of butterflies.
 - He would take her eggs and capture a woman monarch. In his cellar, he grew them. He observed their growth from egg to caterpillar to pupa and butterfly for adults. Then he tagged and let go of the wings of the butterflies.
 - This way he continued this work year after year.

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words:**

- (a) 'As ripe fruits are in danger of falling early, so mortals when born are always in danger of death'. With this statement of the Buddha find out the moral values that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child. **[6]**

OR

- (b) 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion'. Do you agree? Elaborate on the basis of the chapter "Nelson Mandela – Long walk to freedom". **[6]**

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- Giving the context of the situation where the lady was in brief.
- Lord Buddha asked her to get a handful of mustard seeds from a house where no one had died with an intention to make her realize that death is common to all.
- Comparison between the life of mortals and ripe fruits. Also mention about the pottery made by the potter eventually breaks.
- Lesson of being composed after accepting the truth that death is inevitable. Every mortal being is subject to decay.
- Lesson regarding how to draw out the arrow of lamentation and be peaceful in life.

OR

- (b) • The statement "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion" is a powerful assertion that emphasizes the idea that hate and prejudice are learned behaviours and not innate characteristics. This statement is supported by the life and struggles of Nelson Mandela, as portrayed in his autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom".
- Nelson Mandela was born into a country that was divided by racial segregation and discrimination. As a black man, he experienced first-hand the injustices and inequality of the apartheid system in South Africa. However, as a child, he was not born with the hatred and prejudice that characterized the society in which he lived. Instead, he was taught these beliefs through the social and political systems that existed at the time.
 - Throughout his life, Mandela fought against the system of apartheid and worked tirelessly to end the division and discrimination that existed in South Africa. He understood that hate and prejudice were learned behaviours and that it was possible to overcome them through education, understanding, and compassion.
 - Mandela's philosophy of non-violence and reconciliation was grounded in the belief that people could change and that it was possible to overcome hate and prejudice. He believed that through education and dialogue, it was possible to break down the barriers that existed between people and create a more just and equal society.
 - In conclusion, Nelson Mandela's life and struggles support the assertion that "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion". Instead, hate and prejudice are learned behaviours that are taught through social and political systems. Mandela's philosophy of non-violence and reconciliation is a testament to the power of education, understanding, and compassion to overcome hate and prejudice and create a more just and equal society.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words:

- (a) Contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave for what we don't have. Matilda suffered in life because she was not content in her life. Her desires led to her disaster. What do you learn from her mistake in life? [6]

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- From Matilda's mistake we learnt that contentment is important for leading a peaceful life.
- When we constantly crave for more and are not satisfied with what we have all this can lead to unnecessary suffering and stress.
- Instead, it is important to be grateful for what we have.
- Matilda never valued her husband and the life they had.
- Due to her desires and a minute mistake, they suffered.
- We should always appreciate that brings us joy and fulfilment.

OR

- (b) Trust and compassion can reform a person. Justify this statement in the light of the lesson 'The Thief's Story' [6]

Sol. Suggested Value Points:

- Trust and friendship are the key themes of the story.
- Hari Singh had no idea about the household chores but Anil decided to give him shelter and food and taught him as well.
- Hari Singh betrayed Anil by stealing his money but was held back because of Anil's kindness and his dream of being educated.
- Anil even after knowing about the potential theft, kept Hari Singh.
- Hari Singh was reformed by the love and kindness shown by Anil.

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