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- Please check that this question paper contains 13 printed pages.
- Q.P. Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 11 questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the questions in the answer-book before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH
(LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)
HINTS & SOLUTIONS

Time allowed: 3 hours**Maximum Marks: 80****General Instructions:**

- (i) This question paper comprise 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) This 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
Reading Skills

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1. Read the passage given below :

- (1) If you're like most kids, you may love snow. Not only can it get you out of school, but it's also fun to play with. Who doesn't love to sled and build snowmen? Snow can also be dangerous, too. You may have heard your parents talk about how difficult it can be to drive in snow. Car accidents aren't the only dangers created by snow. If you're ever skiing in the mountains, you'll want to be aware of avalanches. An avalanche is a sudden flow of snow down a slope, such as a mountain. The amount of snow in an avalanche will vary based on many things, but it can be such a huge pile that it can bury the bottom of a slope in dozens of feet of snow.
- (2) Avalanches can be caused by many things. Some of them are natural. For example, new snow or rain can cause built up snow to loosen and fall down the side of a mountain. Earthquakes and the movement of animals have also been known to cause avalanches. Artificial triggers can also cause avalanches. For example, snowmobiles, skiers, gunshots and explosives have all been known to cause avalanches. Avalanches usually occur during the winter and spring, when snowfall is greatest. As they are dangerous to any living beings in their path, avalanches have destroyed forests, roads, railroads and even entire towns.
- (3) Warning signs exist that allow experts to predict - and often prevent - avalanches from occurring. When over a foot of fresh snow falls, experts know to be on the lookout for avalanches. Explosives can be used in places with massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanches that don't pose a danger to persons or property. When deadly avalanches do occur, the moving snow can quickly reach over 80 miles per hour. Skiers caught in such avalanches can be buried under dozens of feet of snow. While it's possible to dig out of such avalanches, not all are able to escape.
- (4) If you get tossed about by an avalanche and find yourself buried under many feet of snow, you might not have a true sense of which way is up and which way is down. Some avalanche victims have tried to dig their way out, only to find that they were upside down and digging themselves farther under the snow rather than to the top! Experts suggest that people caught in an avalanche try to "swim" to the top of the moving snow to stay close to the surface. Once the avalanche stops, do your best to dig around you to create a space for air, so you can breathe easier. Then, do your best to figure out which way is up and dig in that direction to reach the surface and signal rescuers.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer the questions given below: 10 × 1 = 10

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option:
Avalanche can be caused by
(a) new snow or rain (b) heavy winds (c) high altitude (d) global warming
Ans. (a) new snow or rain
- (ii) Comment on warning signs exist which allow experts to predict avalanches in two sentences.
Ans. When over a foot of fresh snow falls, experts know to be on the lookout for avalanches.
- (iii) Mention two reasons which destroyed the natural scenery.
Ans. Snow mobiles, Skiers, gunshots and explosives.
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'Predict':
(a) forecast (b) cast (c) doubt (d) anticipate
Ans. (c) doubt
- (v) The writer will agree with the given statement based on last paragraph -
(a) People caught in the Avalanche can try to swim to the top.
(b) Put on an oxygen mask.
(c) Digging is not possible.
(d) Should not come close to the surface.
Ans. (a) People caught in the Avalanche can try to swim to the top.

- (vi) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:
You may not have an idea of which way is up and which way is down.
(a) The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.
(b) Due to the torrential rain, there was a heavy flooding.
(c) The guest felt uneasy and uncomfortable watching the child's performance.
(d) The more the effort, the bigger the gain.

Ans. (a) The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.

- (vii) The major causes which do not trigger avalanche :
(a) Earthquakes (b) Snow fall (c) rain (d) Plastic waste

Ans. (d) Plastic waste

- (viii) Explosives can be used in places _____(complete the sentence)

Ans. Explosives can be used in places with massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanches that don't pose a danger to person or property.

- (ix) The word 'deadly' in the (3) paragraph most nearly means:

- (a) likely to cause death (b) harmful
(c) very boring (d) scary

Ans. (a) likely to cause death

- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage:

- (a) Avalanches (b) Adventure with Snow (c) Ice Games (d) Calamity

Ans. (a) Avalanches

2. Read the passage given below.

10 × 1 = 10

- (1) Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing of air pollution, wasting of time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.
- (2) The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.
- (3) The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.
- (4) In spite of largest road network, through metro and bus services, in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand, as a result of which, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads, still people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel.
Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.
- (5) What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.
- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. Reducing traffic congestion is not easy.

Ans. Reducing traffic congestion is not easy due to growing demand of vehicles.

- (ii) Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence: The reasons for increased traffic congestion are,
1. use of private vehicals
 2. increase in demand for cars
 3. inability to keep pace with population control
 4. travelling by public transport
 5. emission of pollutants
- (a) 4,5 (b) 1,5 (c) 1,2 (d) 2,3
- Ans. (c) 1,2

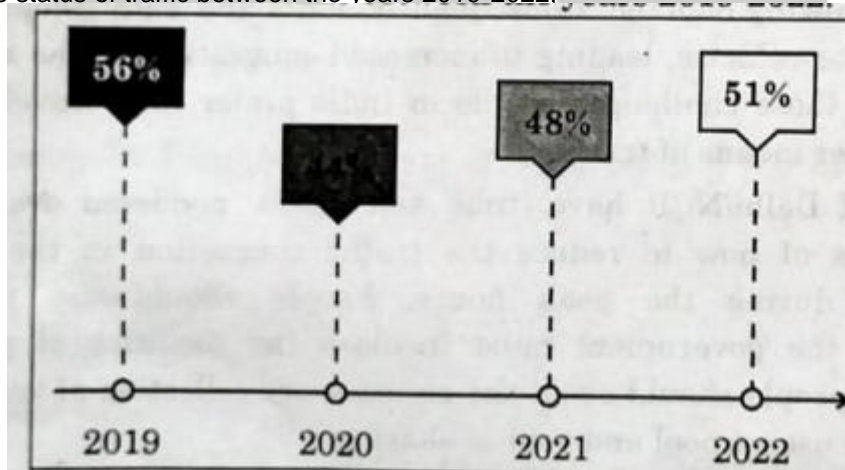
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phase from paragraph 5.
organized: chaotic:: lowest : _____
- Clue: Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of Highest
- Ans. Highest

- (iv) The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____badly.
- Ans. Environment

- (v) Complete the following sentence.
Use of public transport will reduce _____
- Ans. Traffic congestion

- (vi) Select the appropriate option which states the methods of reducing traffic congestion.
1. start car pooling
 2. add electric buses
 3. increase in public modes of transport
 4. increase car collection points
 5. Increase taxation
- (a) 1, 4, 5 (b) 3,5 (c) 2,3,4 (d) 1,3
- Ans. (d) 1,3

- (vii) Analyse the status of traffic between the years 2019-2022.



- (vii) What is required to get an organized traffic management system?
- Ans. Proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens.

- (viii) Give the reasons for increas in vehicular congestion.
- Ans. 1. Increased number of vehicles.
2. Not being able to pace with the growing demand.

- (ix) Fill in the blank by selecting the correction option:
There are _____ consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.
- (a) beneficial (b) adverse (c) implicit (d) explicit
- Ans. (b) adverse

- (x) Substitute the underlined word with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the following sentence.
Citizens of Delhi/NCR have time and time again pondered over teh possibilities of how to reduce traffic congestion.
- Ans. Thought

Section – B

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt any Ten of the following questions:

10 × 1 = 10

- (i) Reena always _____ the truth.
(a) speak (b) speaks (c) will speak (d) speaking

Ans. (b) speaks

- (ii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line:
Bread and butter _____. my favourite breakfast.
(a) is (b) am (c) are (d) has been

Ans. (a) is

- (iii) Read the conversation between two friends Ravi and Reena. Complete the sentence by reporting Reena's reply correctly.

Ravi: "Reena, lend me hundred rupees".

Reena: "I don't have it right now, but I will arrange it for you".

Ravi asked Reena to lend him hundred rupees, to which Reena replied that _____.

Ans. She did not have it then, but she would arranged it for him

- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:
I can run fast when I was young

Option no.	Error	Correction
a	was	is
b	run	ran
c	can	could
d	when	whence

Ans. (c) can

- (v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:
Heena _____ from fever since last Sunday.
(a) suffered (b) will suffer (c) suffer (d) has been suffering

Ans. (d) has been suffering

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct word in the bracket.
Anyas _____ (eat) all the chocolates kept in the tray.
(a) ate (b) eating (c) have eaten (d) eaten

Ans. (a) ate

- (vii) Report the dialogue between a mother and a daughter by completing the sentence:

Mother : Why are you looking so worried?

Daughter: My exams are approaching.

In response to the question of the mother, the daughter replied that _____.

Ans. Her exams were approaching.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence :
The ship Titanic and her fate continues to fascinate the imagination of the people.
Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

Ans. Her – its

- (ix) Ritu and Randeep are talking.
Report Ritu's question.
Ritu - Where are you going?
Ritu asked_____.

Ans. Where he was going

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan:
_____ smile and pass it to others.

(a) Happy (b) Short (c) Always (d) Humble
Ans. (c) Always

- (xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anil and Sanjeev:

Anil : Where are you going?
Sanjeev : To the airport.
Anil : May I drop you there as I'm going in that direction?
Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as _____.

(a) he could be going in that direction
(b) he would be going in the direction
(c) he is going in the direction
(d) he was going in that direction
Ans. (d) He was going in that direction.

- (xii) Identify the error in the newspaper headline.

Attractive packages for different Tourist destination – Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.
Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

Ans. destination- destinations

- 4.(a)** You are pained to see that in your city, there is no proper arrangement for cleaning of drains. There are heaps of accumulated garbage and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the same as there is a fear of outbreak of disease. You are Alka/Ashish. (Word limit 100-120) 5

Ans. 4-C-17, Vasant Vihar
Kota Rajasthan

27th February, 2023

The Municipal Commissioner
Kota Rajasthan

Subject : Increase in health issues due to lack of sanitization.

Respected sir,

I am the resident of 4-C- 17, Vasant Vihar and I would like to draw your kind attention towards the poor sanitary condition that is due to ignorance of regular cleaning, dumping of garbage heaps and stagnated water in our locality. It is also observed that recently a lot of babies and elderly in the area are falling ill. I'm afraid this might cause an outbreak of diseases such as diarrhea, whopping cough and pneumonia etc.

. I request you to take immediate action and take necessary measurements to regulate cleanliness in the area.

Thanking you
Yours truly
Alka/ Ashish

OR

- 4.(b)** The authorities have been claiming that the roads in your town have been relaid and repaired. But no such work done is seen. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern at the present situation and giving suggestions to resolve the problem, in 100-120 words. You are Prabhu/Parvati of Vivek Vihar, Delhi.

Ans. 29, Vivek Vihar,
 Delhi
 27th. February, 2023
 The Editor
 The Times of India
 Delhi

Subject : futile way of laying the roads

Dear Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to notify the disappointing work done by road laying contractors to the concerned higher authorities. The defective roads are causing problems such as unrepaired potholes which are resulting in, accidents and injuries. Consequently, severe health hazards are affecting people residing in locality. Requesting concerned authorities to pay attention to this problem.

Thanking You
 Yours truly
 Prabhu/Parvati

- 5. Attempt any one from a and b given below:**

- (a)** The chart below displays details regarding online activity for four age groups in six categories. Write an analytical paragraph for the table provided in about 100 words.

Activity%	Age	Age	Age	Age
	Teens	20s	30s	40s
News	76	71	72	78
Downloads	85	55	35	25
Buying a product	44	66	67	69
Online games	88	55	36	28
Searching for a product	0	77	81	85
Searching for people	6	33	22	21

Ans.

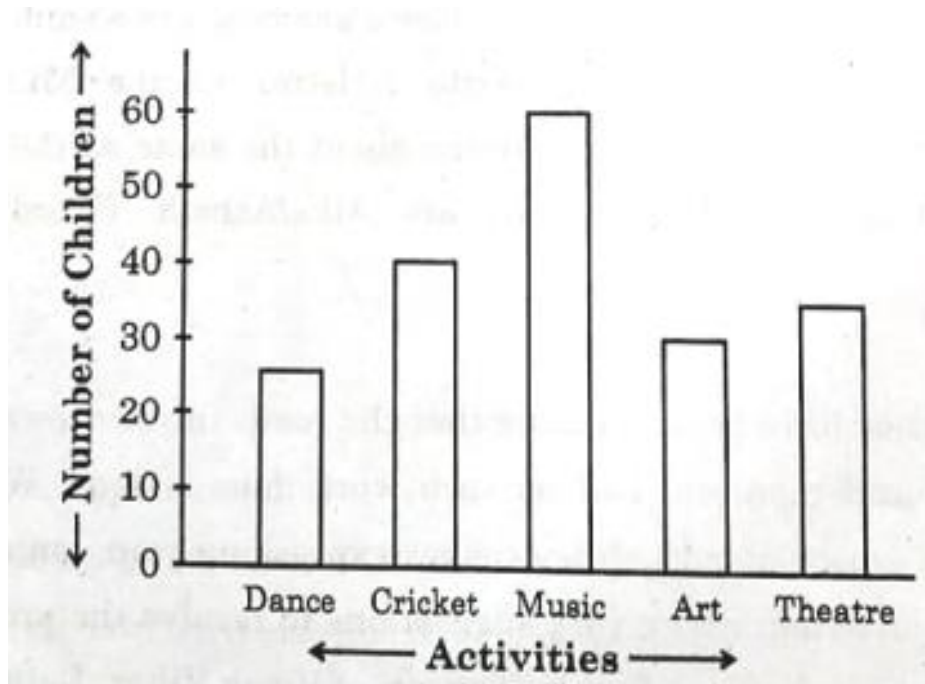
Online Activities in Different Age Groups

We notice from the chart given that there are groups of individuals that grouped together according to their age. The table shows the internet activities of each age group.

In the paragraph we see that, teens are the most active on the internet, as it is that adolescent time where everyone is eager to learn more, yet teens are not interested in searching for products. In the 20s column we see that the internet activities are very high as that is the prime age when people in their early adulthood are most free and active on social media while watching news, downloading data, online games, online shopping etc. In the 30s we see that the online games and downloads decrease among individual who are in their 30s and their product research, product purchase increases. Individuals in their 40s hardly download anything using internet resources or barely play online games as most of them might be busy in their corporate life and personal life. It can be seen that only "news" has maximum popularity among all age groups. At least 70% of people use internet to get news. Moreover, downloading activity display a similar trend to internet games but they are less popular in general and decline remarkably with people over age 40.

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5. (b) A survey was conducted in New Delhi in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 to 15 years. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words analyzing the following information:



Ans.

Children's Interests In The National Capital

1. The given bar graph depicts the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 to 15 years in the National Capital. The data is combined from around twenty schools. On the X axis, we have various activities and on Y axis, we have number of children.
2. The activities included in the survey are Dance, Cricket, Music, Art and Theatre. From the graph, we can infer that maximum number of children are interested in Music. The reason for this high number could be that music is a combination of singing as well as playing various instruments.
3. Also, we can see that cricket and theatre are preferred equally as 40 out of 190 students participate in each as a co-curricular activity. Children do realize the importance of sports in keeping their body and mind fit and theatre is a fantastic way to express yourself.
4. Whereas dance and art are opted by a lesser number of students, a reason for this could be lack of resources in schools or the intent to do something different than others.
5. All of these activities are highly important for the holistic development of a child. And we can conclude from here that every child is different and has his/her own set of preferences. There is a diverse range of activities available in school to benefit the students and help them do something apart from the regular curriculum.

For Visually Challenged Candidates Only

5. (b) Rehanna is to write an analytical paragraph on 'Hazards of Smoking'. Using your own ideas and the information given below, write the paragraph in 100-120 words.
Smoking drains out income of an average earner - affect health - badly vital organs are affected harmful for passive smokers - need to educate people - Role of media in creating awareness.

Section - C Literature

6. Attempt any one of the given extracts:

- (a) Let me put this more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year old girl is completely alone in this world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen years old sister, and there are almost thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good house. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I am with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything, but ordinary everyday things. **5 × 1 = 5**

(i) On the surface, it appears that Anne the thirteen year old girl _____.
Ans. On the surface, it appears that Anne the thirteen year old girl has everything.

(ii) How can we infer that the speaker felt alone in the world?
(a) She had a family of many people. (b) She had loving parents.
(c) She had thirty friends. (d) She craves for a true friend.
Ans. (d) She craves for a true friend.

(iii) Anne and her friends talked about.
(a) their problematic parents (b) their financial problems
(c) common everyday things (d) the commuting problems
Ans. (c) common everyday things

(iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text:
alone friends: nothing:
Ans. Everything

(v) Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the idiom bring myself' from the extract:
(a) to do something willingly (b) to do something unwillingly
(c) a charitable act (d) an involuntary act
Ans. (b) to do something unwillingly

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6. (b) 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. **[5 × 1 = 5]**

(i) Mrs. Hall tripped because _____.
(a) the floor was oily. (b) she was standing on a chair.
(c) she was in a state of panic. (d) the door was slammed.
Ans. (c) she was in a state of panic.

(ii) Mrs. Hall suspected everything in the room was put under a spell of witchcraft by _____.
Ans. The stranger (Scientist Griffin)

(iii) Fill in the blank with one word only:
Mrs. Hall was afraid that spirits had entered _____.
Ans. Her furniture

(iv) According to the extract, the feeling of Mrs. Hall can be best described as
(1) stunned (2) happy
(3) awestruck (4) nervous
(5) outraged (6) agitated

Select the correct option:

(a) (2) and (4) (b) (3) and (6)
(c) (5) and (6) (d) (1) and (6)
Ans. (d) (1) and (6)

- (v) 'Spirits' in the above lines means the same as
 (a) ghosts (b) conscience
 (c) ego (d) attitude
 Ans. (a) ghosts

7. Attempt any one of the given two extracts:

(a) Though to distinguish beasts of prey
 A novice might nonplus
 The crocodiles you always may
 Tell from the Hyena thus:
 Hyenas come with merry smiles;
 But if they weep they're crocodiles.

- (i) Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract:
 Crocodiles can be identified by their _____.
 (a) tears (b) attitude
 (c) smiles (d) attacks
 Ans. (a) tears

- (ii) State whether the following statement is True or False:
 Hyenas are famous for weeping.
 Ans. False

- (iii) 'Novice' in line 2 means the same as:
 (a) learner (b) beast
 (c) tender foot (d) beginner
 Ans. (d) beginner

- (iv) In this extract the poet has presented two different behavioural traits of animals. They are
 Ans. Hyenas are sly and crocodiles are deceiving.

- (v) The poet uses 'A novice might nonplus' instead of the novice might get confused. How does this usage impact the poem?
 (a) adds an incorrect option.
 (b) it is associated with beasts.
 (c) it rhymes and adds humour.
 (d) it simplifies the meaning.
 Ans. (c) it rhymes and adds humour.

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7. (b) 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) Complete the sentence appropriately.
 The vivid stripes refer to the _____
 Ans. The vivid stripes refer to the black lines/ streaks on the tiger's body.
- (ii) Which word from the extract is the opposite of 'loud'?
 Ans. Quiet
- (iii) The use of the phrase 'pads of velvet' means
 (a) neck (b) tail (c) skin (d) paws
 Ans. (d) paws

(iv) State whether the following statement is True or False:
The confinement of the cramped space of the cage has restricted the tiger's steps.
Ans. True

(v) The tiger was lurking in shadow _____.
(a) to catch its prey (b) as the cage was dark
(c) as the velvet was quiet (d) as he was in a rage
Ans. (a) to catch its prey

8. Attempt any four out of the five questions given below in 40-50 words each. [4 × 3 = 12]

(a) What did Pranjol and Rajvir do during the journey? Why?
Ans. Pranjol either read the detective stories or listened to Rajvir while Rajvir enjoyed the greenery outside and shared his knowledge about the tea with Pranjol. Pranjol had been born and brought up on a tea plantation. Hence, he didn't share Rajvir's excitement.

(b) Who read the letter sent by Lencho? What did he do then?
Ans. The postmaster initially laughed after reading Lencho's letter. However, he soon became serious and was completely moved by the writer's unquestioned faith in God. He didn't want to shake Lencho's faith. So, he decided to gather money and send it to Lencho on behalf of God.

(c) Where is Coorg located? Write any two characteristics of the people of Coorg?
Ans. Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka, situated midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore. It is a beautiful region of rolling hills and lush green rainforests. The People of Coorg are fiercely independent and brave. Coorgi houses have a tradition of hospitality. The Coorg Regiment is the most decorated in the Indian army. They feel proud in sharing the courageous tales of their sons and fathers.

(d) How does the poem 'The Tale of Custard-the Dragon' differ from the traditional ballad?
Ans. The reason because of which "The tale of Custard-the Dragon" can be considered more of a fable than ballad, as a fable is a fictitious narrative usually with animals, birds and other creatures where characters share a strong message where as a ballad is narrative verse depicting a story that is mostly heroic and the story "The tale of Custard-the Dragon" contains animals as characters, and surely has a strong message it is considered to be a fable more than a ballad.

(e) What does the Buddha say about the world?
Ans. According to Gautama Buddha, the world is affected by suffering, death, and decay. Therefore, the wise do not mourn, knowing the terms of the world. Nobody can get peace of mind by weeping or mourning. Rather his pain will increase and his body will suffer.

9. Attempt any two out of the three questions given below in 40-50 words each: 2 × 3 = 6

(a) Why does Anil not hand over Hari Singh to the police?
Ans. Anil was a kindhearted man, he wanted to help Hari by providing him with food, shelter and education as he felt sorry for him. Even though Hari stole his money, he came back and returned it. Anil knew if he handed him over to the police Hari would once again go back to his old ways of cheating and stealing from people. So, he could reform him. So, Ideally Anil aimed at removing the evils from the spirit of Hari Singh and wanted him to rise by encouraging him to live a respectful life. He changed Hari Singh by his goodness and kind heartedness.

(b) What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, Ebright's Social Science teacher have about him?
Ans. Richard A. Weiherer, Edbright's social studies teacher was the perfect person to expose his mind to new ideas. Mr. Weiherer said that Edbright would always put extra effort. Not only did he put in three or four hours at night engaging himself in debate researches but would also do all his research with butterflies and deal with his other areas of interest. Mr. Weiherer was of the opinion that Ebright was competitive in a true sense. He didn't want to win just for the sake of winning. But actually, he wanted to accomplish his ambition and contribute the best that he could in this field. Mr. Weiherer said, "For the right reasons, he wants to be the best."

- (c) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey agree to his advice?
- Ans. Mr. Herriot strictly asked Mrs. Pumphrey to cut the sweets from the meals given to Tricki. Mr. Herriot also advised Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki needs to do exercise. Mrs. Pumphrey didn't heed his advice, she thought Tricki was weak. After some days of restriction, she again started feeding sweets to Tricki and as for the exercise, she said that Tricki used to play ring-throw games with the gardener but it was also not a regular thing because the gardener fell ill. She was only spoiling Tricki and was careless regarding his physical activities.

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words:

- (a) Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus?
- Ans. Achieving goals require perseverance. Valli faced innumerable problems to fulfill her desires to take a bus ride to the city. To go on a ride Valli was very excited. She gathered information about distance of the town from her village, Time taken by the bus in the journey she also took information about the bus fare. She had to thriftily save whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons and finally, she had saved a total of 60 paise. She had to take the journey secretly, for that Valli selected the afternoon time as her mother took nap during afternoon and had no interference and objection from her. She suppressed her desires to enjoy merry-go-round at the village fair, this must have been difficult for her. So, yes it is true whenever we want something, difficulties do come in our way.
- (b) Through the story of Kisa Gotami, what did the Buddha try to preach to the common man?
- Ans. Buddha said that death is common to all mortals. Those who are born must die one day. You cannot avoid it. Death is certain. He taught this, through the story of Kisa Gotami, Kisa was a common woman whose son had died. She could not believe it and carried her son to neighbours requesting them to give medicine to cure him. People thought that she was not in her senses. She approached Buddha. He asked her to procure a handful of mustard seeds but he put a condition that they should be procured from a house where no death has ever taken place. Kisa could not find such a house. She, became sad and depressed, sat on the sidewalks and watched city lights that flickered and extinguished. It made her realise that human lights flicker and extinguish as well and that death is an unavoidable phenomenon. She thought herself to be selfish for thinking only about her grief. This was exactly what Buddha wanted her to understand, According to Lord Buddha, feelings of grief and sorrow only increases man's pain and suffering. Therefore, a wise person fully aware about nature's functioning must not grieve at something bound to happen and only then one can be happy and blessed.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words:

- (a) Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed?
- Ans. Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. It is one of the most critical areas of empowerment for women Bholi, an educated girl at first agreed to marry an old man because her father's honor was at stake, thereby she placed her family's interest over her own. However, later she refused to marry him because she saw how greedy and contemptible he was. By demanding a hefty dowry, Bishamber took advantage of her bad looks and the desperateness of her father to get her married. That's the reason why he rejected the marriage and shut the mouth of her detractors who called her shameless. All this was possible because education gave her the confidence needed to face a situation boldly.
- (b) Those who are satisfied with what they have are happy in life. Those who aspire more than what they can afford ruin their life. Matilda was one such person. If she were content with her life she would have led a happy life. Elaborate on the basis of the chapter "The Necklace."
- Ans. It is true that 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 her life because she was not content in her life. She was a pretty beautiful lady and married and honest person. He was rich in values but monetarily moderate. Matilda was not content with his job and salary. She wanted to lead a luxurious life which he could not afford. Once she got an opportunity to attend a high profile party. She did not have a proper dress and jewels. She borrowed a necklace from her friend. She lost it in the party and had to suffer for a long period of time just to pay for it. Her over ambition and craze for luxury ruined her life. One must be satisfied with what one has is the lesson that I learn from her life.

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