

CAREERS360

PRACTICE **Series**

MP Board Class 12

English

**Previous Year Questions
with Detailed Solution**

MP Board Class 12 English Question with Solution - 2024

Section -A (Reading)

1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Compared to me, other wonders of the universe pale into insignificance. I am a one and a half kilo mushroom of grey and white tissue of gelatinous consistency. No computer exists that can duplicate all my myriad functions. My component parts are staggering in number: some 30 billion neurons and five to ten times that number of glial cells. And all this fitted into the crown of a size 7 hat! I am Joe's brain. But I am not just part of Joe. I am Joe - his personality, his reactions, his mental capacity. He thinks that he hears with his ears, tastes with his tongue, feels with his fingers. All these things happen inside of me - ears, tongue and fingers merely gather information. I tell him when he is sick, when he is hungry; I govern his urge, his moods, everything.

Even when he is asleep I continue to handle traffic that would swamp all the world's telephone exchanges. The amount of information flooding in on Joe from the outside is staggering. How can I cope with it all? I simply select what is important, and Joe ignores the rest. If Joe puts a phonograph record on and attempts to read at the same time, he will concentrate on the record or the book, but not both. If Joe becomes involved in a particularly good novel, he should not be surprised if he doesn't remember hearing his favourite musical passage. Of course, if something potentially dangerous happens, I instantly shift gears. Let Joe slip on the ice and I immediately direct him to regain his balance, and then signal his arms to break the fall. Finally, if he hits the ground, I let Joe know if he is hurt. And the event is stored in my memory to warn Joe to walk carefully on ice in the future.

In addition to taking care of such emergencies, I have thousands of house keeping chores to perform. Overseeing breathing, for example. Sensors inform me that carbon dioxide is rising in Joe's blood and that he needs more oxygen. I step up the breathing rate timing the contraction and relaxation of chest muscles in thousands of such ways I baby Joe. In return, I am piggyishly demanding. Although I represent only two percent of Joe's body weight, I require 20 per cent of Joe's body weight, I require 20 per cent of the oxygen he inhales and a fifth of the blood his heart pumps. I am utterly dependent on a constant supply. Let there be a temporary shortage and Joe faints. Let the supply be cut off for a few minutes and I suffer grave damage - paralysis or death may result. I also demand a steady supply of nourishment - glucose. Even in situations of acute starvation, I get first call on any available, for without me Joe would die.

Questions :

(i) Who is 'I' in the passage?

(a) Joe

(b) Joe's brain

(c) Joe's nose

(d) Joe's ears

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(ii) The weight of the brain is :

(a) Half kg

(b) 1 kg

(c) 1.5 kg

(d) 2 kg

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(iii) Joe's brain is Joe's :

(a) personality

(b) reactions

(c) mental capacity

(d) all of these

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

(iv) The brain shifts _____ when something dangerous happens.

(a) gears

(b) mind

(c) nose

(d) ears

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(v) Ears, tongue and fingers collect only.

- (a) collection
- (b) information
- (c) production
- (d) inspiration

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(vi) The _____ inform the brain that carbon dioxide is rising in Joe's 1 blood.

- (a) nose
- (b) ears
- (c) brain
- (d) sensors

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

(vii) Which among these is the adjective form of 'information'.

- (a) informative
- (b) inform
- (c) informably
- (d) informing

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(viii) 'In thousands of such ways I baby Joe'

Here 'baby' means:

- (a) elder
- (b) young children
- (c) young animal
- (d) Joe's brain

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

(ix) The brain requires ___ of the oxygen he inhales.

- (a) 2 per cent
- (b) 10 per cent
- (c) 20 per cent
- (d) 30 per cent

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(x) Give the verb form of 'contraction'

- (a) contractor
- (b) contract
- (c) contribution
- (d) contributor

Solution:

The answer is option (b)

2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

The ultimate challenge is to make your mind calm. And the ultimate solution is meditation. In today's age every second person recommends meditation to the first! And for a student, there can't be a more powerful technique to improve long term performance in studies. Calm mind, better retention, better health, focus and concentration are the obvious benefits. You will realise the benefits, as your practice includes a general sense of well being and happiness and spiritual growth. The "mood" problem can be taken care of by this way meditation. There are many types of meditation. The simplest is of course, focussing on breathing. Since your breath is always with you, it can be done anytime, any place. But the best is to settle down in a cool place that has dim light and is relatively quiet. You must focus all your attention on your breathing. Observe your breath as it comes in and goes out. You will see that your mind will tend to wander a lot - but soon you will be able to bring it back on breathing. Don't obstruct thoughts, let them go off. All you need to do is to keep your focus on breathing. When you try this initially, you'll see how difficult it is to do! But soon, you'll gain mastery over it and who knows you might end up as a Zen master or a spiritual guru!

Questions :

(i) Make notes on the above passage in points.

Solution:

Notes on the Passage:

1. Ultimate Challenge and Solution:
 - Ultimate challenge: Calm mind.
 - Ultimate solution: Meditation.
2. Benefits of Meditation:
 - Improves long-term performance in studies.
 - Results in a calm mind.
 - Enhances retention.
 - Better health.
 - Increases focus and concentration.
 - General sense of well-being and happiness.
 - Spiritual growth.
 - Solves mood problems.
3. Types of Meditation:
 - Various types available.
 - Simplest: Focusing on breathing.
 - Can be done anytime, anywhere.
4. Practicing Breathing Meditation:
 - Settle in a cool, dimly lit, quiet place.
 - Focus all attention on breathing.
 - Observe breath coming in and going out.
 - Mind tends to wander; bring it back to breathing.
 - Don't obstruct thoughts; let them go.
 - Initially difficult, but mastery can be achieved.
 - Potential to become a Zen master or spiritual guru.

(ii) Give a suitable title to the passage.

Solution:

Suitable Title for the Passage:

"The Power of Meditation for Students"

SECTION-B (Writing)

3 You are the head boy of your school. Draft a notice for house captains and vice captains to attend a meeting presided over by the Principal to prepare a plan for annual function.

Solution:

Notice:

Greenwood High School
Notice

Date: July 20, 2024

Meeting for Annual Function Planning

This is to inform all House Captains and Vice Captains that a meeting will be held to prepare a plan for the upcoming Annual Function. The meeting will be presided over by the Principal.

Details of the Meeting:

- Date: July 25, 2024
- Time: 3:00 PM
- Venue: School Auditorium

Attendance is mandatory. Please be on time and come prepared with your suggestions and ideas for the event.

For any queries, contact the undersigned.

John Smith
Head Boy, Greenwood High School

OR

Design an attractive poster on behalf of Indore Police to educate and warn the people against unclaimed articles like dolls, tiffins, bags, suitcases. transistors. mobiles lying in public places / trains / buses.

Solution:

Poster:

Stay Safe! Be Alert!

![[Indore Police Logo]

Warning from Indore Police:

Unclaimed articles like:

- Dolls
- Tiffins
- Bags
- Suitcases
- Transistors
- Mobiles

lying in public places, trains, or buses can be dangerous. They might contain harmful or explosive materials.

What to do:

1. Do Not Touch any unclaimed item.
2. Inform Authorities immediately.
 - Call Indore Police at: 100
 - Alert the nearest police officer or security personnel.

Your Safety is Our Priority!

Indore Police

"Serving and Protecting the Community"

4 You are Sunil, residing at 26 , Gandhi Colony Ujjain. Write a letter to your friend Lalit/Leena telling him/her how you spent your summer vacation.

Solution:

Letter to Friend:

Sunil Sharma
26, Gandhi Colony,
Ujjain - 456010
July 20, 2024

Dear Lalit,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I wanted to share with you how I spent my summer vacation this year.

This summer, I decided to make the most of my break by exploring new places and indulging in some long-overdue hobbies. My family and I took a trip to the beautiful hill station of Manali. The cool breeze, scenic landscapes, and adventurous activities were a refreshing change from the usual hustle and bustle of city life. We visited the Rohtang Pass, enjoyed paragliding, and even went trekking. The experience was exhilarating and left us with unforgettable memories.

Apart from the trip, I also dedicated some time to reading. I finally got around to reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "1984," both of which were enlightening in their own ways. Additionally, I enrolled in a short online course on digital photography. It was fascinating to learn about the technical aspects of photography and apply them in capturing some amazing shots during our trip.

In the evenings, I often went cycling with my neighborhood friends, and we discovered some hidden trails around our colony. It was a great way to stay active and enjoy the summer evenings. I also helped my parents with gardening, and we managed to grow some beautiful flowers and fresh vegetables.

Overall, this summer vacation was a perfect blend of adventure, learning, and relaxation. I would love to hear how you spent your vacation. Do write back when you get the chance.

Take care and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Sunil

OR

Write a letter to the Post Master of Head Post Office to complain against the Postman of your area. You are Priyanshi Batra, residing at 17 - Ekta Colony, Guna.

Solution:

Letter to the Post Master:

Priyanshi Batra
17, Ekta Colony,
Guna - 473001
July 20, 2024

The Post Master
Head Post Office,
Guna - 473001

Subject: Complaint Against Postman of Ekta Colony

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention the issues we have been facing with the postman assigned to our area, Ekta Colony. As a responsible citizen and a resident of this locality, I feel compelled to report these concerns in the hope that appropriate action will be taken.

Over the past few months, there have been multiple instances of delayed deliveries and missing mails. Important letters and parcels often arrive several days late, causing significant inconvenience. On several occasions, I have found my mails being delivered to the wrong address, and I have had to retrieve them from my neighbors.

Furthermore, the postman has exhibited a lack of professionalism and courtesy. He often leaves the letters carelessly at the gate, exposed to the elements, instead of placing them in the mailbox. Despite repeated requests to handle the deliveries more carefully, there has been no improvement in his behavior.

As these issues are affecting not only my household but also several others in the neighborhood, I kindly request you to look into this matter urgently. It is essential that the postman understands the importance of timely and accurate delivery of mails and maintains a respectful attitude towards the residents.

I trust that you will take the necessary steps to resolve these issues at the earliest. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,
Priyanshi Batra

5 Write a paragraph in about 120 words on any one of the following topics :

(i) The Role of Computers in every day life.

(ii) The Importance of Trees.

(iii) Value of Games

(iv) My Ideal Teacher

Solution:

The Importance of Trees

Trees play an indispensable role in our everyday lives and the environment. They are essential for maintaining ecological balance by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, which is crucial for our survival. Trees also provide habitat for countless species of wildlife, supporting biodiversity. They prevent soil erosion, reduce the risk of floods, and improve water quality by filtering pollutants. Trees offer shade and cool the air, making urban areas more livable by mitigating the heat island effect. Furthermore, they enhance the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings, contributing to our mental well-being. Trees are a source of raw materials, such as wood and paper, and many medicinal plants are derived from them. In essence, the importance of trees cannot be overstated, as they are vital to sustaining life on Earth.

OR

You have witnessed an accident. Write a report for a newspaper in about 120 words about the accident using the following details.

Where, when and how did the accident happen, people, vehicles involved, loss of life and property. The scene of the accident, details of casualties - deaths, injured, hospitalized.

Solution:

Newspaper Report: Accident Witnessed

Tragic Road Accident on MG Road

Ujjain, July 19, 2024: A severe road accident occurred yesterday evening at around 6:00 PM on MG Road, resulting in significant loss of life and property. The accident involved a speeding truck and a car, which collided head-on near the busy market area. Eyewitnesses reported that the truck driver lost control, causing the collision. The impact was so severe that the car was completely mangled.

Tragically, two people in the car lost their lives on the spot, while three others sustained serious injuries and were rushed to the nearby City Hospital. The truck driver also suffered minor injuries and was taken into police custody for further investigation. The scene was chaotic, with bystanders trying

to assist the injured and police cordoning off the area. Authorities are now investigating the cause of the accident and have urged drivers to exercise caution on the roads.

SECTION-C (Grammar)

6 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option : (any five)

(i) We keep our bread in the fridge _____ it doesn't go bad.

- (a) after**
- (b) so that**
- (c) since**
- (d) although**

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(ii) How _____ milk do you buy daily?

- (a) many**
- (b) few**
- (c) all**
- (d) much**

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

(iii) Indian youth is full _____ hope for the bright future of the country.

- (a) of**
- (b) for**
- (c) at**
- (d) on**

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(iv) Mohan _____ speak two languages.

(9) need

(b) dare

(c) can

(d) used to

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(v) _____ man who wrote this book is my friend.

(a) A

(b) An

(c) The

(d) No article

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(vi) I know _____ he is ill.

(a) who

(b) that

(c) which

(d) where

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

7 Do as directed : (any five)

(i) My friend sent me a letter.

(change the voice)

Solution:

A letter was sent to me by my friend.

(ii) As soon as I met my friend, I started weeping.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'No sooner....than')

Solution:

No sooner did I meet my friend than I started weeping.

(iii) You can catch the bus if you take a taxi.

(Rewrite using 'unless' in place of 'if')

Solution:

You cannot catch the bus unless you take a taxi.

(iv) He had his lunch.

(Change into 'past perfect' tense)

Solution:

He had had his lunch.

(v) (a) She did not talk to me.

(b) She did not look at me.

(Combine the sentences using 'neither....nor')

Solution:

She neither talked to me nor looked at me.

(vi) You / have / how much / experience / got?

(Rearrange the words and make a sentence)

Solution:

How much experience have you got?

(vii) The tea is so hot that I can't drink it.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'too....to')

Solution:

The tea is too hot to drink.

8 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below.

When I first visited Gandhi in 1942 at his ashram in Sevagram, in central India. he said. "I will tell you how it happened that I decided to urge the departure of the British. It was in 1917".He had gone to the December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress Party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors. During the proceedings, Gandhi

recounted, "a peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant in India, poor and emaciated. and said, 'I am Rajkumar Shukla. I am from Champaran, and I want you to come to my district!'" Gandhi had never heard of the place. It was in the foothills of the towering Himalayas near the Kingdom of Nepal.

Questions :

(i) How many delegates were there in the annual convention of the Indian National Congress Party?

(a) 2,301

(b) 2,401

(c) 2,500

(d) 2,600

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(ii) When did Rajkumar Shukla meet Gandhi?

(a) in 1916

(b) in 1917

(c) in 1942

(d) in 1947

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(iii) Give the similar meaning of the word 'peasant' :

(a) visitor

(b) traveller

(c) convener

(d) farmer

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

(iv) Champaran is situated :

(a) in Sevagram

(b) In Lucknow

(c) near Nepal

(d) near Sri Lanka

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(v) From which lesson this extract has been taken?

(a) The Last Lesson

(b) Indigo

(c) The Interview

(d) Going Places

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

9 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

Driving from my parent's

home to Cochin last Friday

morning, I saw my mother,

beside me,

doze, open mouthed, her face

ashen like that

of a corpse and realized with pain

that she was as old as she looked but soon

put that thought away.

Questions:

(i) The poetess is coming from

(a) Cochin

(b) her parent's home

(c) airport

(d) Delhi

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(ii) The word 'corpse' means

(a) father

(b) a body part

(c) parents

(d) dead body

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

(iii) Name the poet

(a) Kamla Das

(b) Pablo Neruda

(c) John Keats

(d) Robert Frost

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(B) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given $4 \times 1 = 4$ below :

The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech! Not only that. it also raises intelligent questions ! Incredible ! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office, than facts.

The chief astrologer took his finger off his nose and fixed his eyes upon the little prince.

"The prince was born in the hour of the Bull. The Bull and the Tiger are enemies, therefore, death comes from the tiger." he explained.

Questions :

(i) The chief astrologer placed his finger:

(a) on his mouth

(b) on his head

(c) on his nose

(d) on his leg

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(ii) How many days old is the baby when he opens his lips in speech?

(a) ten days

(b) twenty days

(c) thirty days

(d) forty days

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(iii) The prince was born

(a) in the hour of the bull

(b) in the hour of the tiger

(c) in the hour of the Bull and the Tiger

(d) all of these

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(iv) From which lesson this extract has been taken?

(a) The Third Level

(b) The Enemy

(c) The Tiger King

(d) On the Face of It.

Solution:

The answer is option (d).

10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words (any five) $5 \times 2 = 10$

(i) What had been put up on the bulletin-board?

Solution:

The bulletin-board had important news and notices, including an announcement about the orders from Berlin, which stated that only German would be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine.

(ii) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps? Where has he come from?

Solution:

Saheb is looking for anything of value in the garbage dumps, such as coins or items that can be sold. He has come from Dhaka, Bangladesh, where his home was swept away by storms.

(iii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

Solution:

Douglas was determined to get over his fear of water because it had a severe impact on his life, preventing him from enjoying activities such as fishing, boating, and swimming. He wanted to live without fear.

(iv) What doubts did Edla have about the Peddler?

Solution:

Edla doubted the peddler's honesty and intentions. She suspected he might be a thief or someone who could cause trouble, especially since he seemed reluctant to accept their invitation.

(v) List the places that Gandhi visited between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran.

Solution:

Between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran, Gandhi visited Rajendra Prasad's house in Patna, Muzaffarpur, and finally arrived at Champaran.

(vi) Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed?

Solution:

Most celebrity writers despise being interviewed because they feel it invades their privacy, misrepresents their views, and reduces their creative work to mere sound bites or sensational headlines.

11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each:

(i) Why has the mother been compared to the "late winter's moon"?

Solution:

The mother has been compared to the "late winter's moon" because, like the winter moon, she appears pale and wan. This simile highlights her frailty, aging, and the poet's perception of her diminishing vitality.

(ii) What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?

Solution:

The 'sadness' referred to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the sadness of never understanding ourselves and the futility of our relentless pursuits and activities that lead to conflict and suffering. It emphasizes the need for introspection and stillness.

(iii) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'?

Solution:

In the poem 'A Thing of Beauty', the things of beauty mentioned include the sun, the moon, old and young trees, simple sheep, daffodils, clear rills, musk-roses, and the grandeur of the dooms we have imagined for our mighty dead.

(iv) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to'?

Solution:

The 'childish longing' refers to the poet's yearning for attention, love, and acceptance from his parents. This longing stems from the poet's feelings of neglect and desire for parental care and understanding during his childhood.

12 Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words $2 \times 2 = 4$ each:

(i) What does the third level refer to?

Solution:

The third level refers to a fictional, hidden platform at Grand Central Station that transports people back in time to the 1890s. It symbolizes an escape from the pressures and anxieties of modern life into a simpler, more peaceful past.

(ii) Who is the tiger king? Why does he get that name?

Solution:

The tiger king is Maharaja Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur of Pratibandapuram. He gets that name because he is obsessed with killing tigers to thwart a prophecy that he would be killed by a tiger, demonstrating his valor and defiance of fate.

(iii) Will Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself?

Solution:

Yes, Hana helps the wounded man and washes him herself. Despite her initial hesitation and fear of helping an enemy soldier, her sense of humanity and compassion drives her to assist him, reflecting her moral integrity and courage.

13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$ (any two)

(i) What did Mr. Hamel say about French language?

Solution:

Mr. Hamel spoke passionately about the French language in his final lesson. He described it as the most beautiful language in the world, the clearest, and the most logical. He emphasized the importance of preserving and cherishing their language, urging the students to guard it among themselves and never forget it. He lamented that the people of Alsace and Lorraine had often put off learning their language and stressed the need to hold on to their cultural identity and heritage through their language.

(ii) What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into rattrap?

Solution:

The peddler thought he had fallen into a rattrap when he got lost in the forest after stealing money from the old crofter. His situation mirrored his earlier reflections on the world being a giant rattrap, tempting people with riches and luxuries only to trap them in trouble and misery. He felt trapped and desperate, realizing that his greed had led him into a situation from which he saw no escape, much like a rat caught in a trap.

(iii) Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall? Explain.

Solution:

No, Saheb is not happy working at the tea stall. Although he now has a job, which provides him with a regular income and some semblance of stability, it comes at the cost of his freedom. As a ragpicker, Saheb experienced a sense of independence and adventure, even though it was a harsh and uncertain life. Working at the tea stall under someone else's command has taken away that freedom, making him feel confined and dissatisfied, despite the apparent improvement in his situation.

14 Answer any one of the following questions in about 75 words.

(i) Write the central idea of the poem 'Keeping Quiet'.

Solution:

The central idea of the poem 'Keeping Quiet' by Pablo Neruda revolves around the importance of introspection and maintaining peace. The poet advocates for a moment of stillness and silence, where individuals pause their activities to reflect on their actions and their impact on the world. This introspection can lead to a deeper understanding of oneself and foster a sense of unity and harmony among people. By keeping quiet and taking time to contemplate, humanity can address the issues of conflict, environmental degradation, and the hurried pace of life, ultimately leading to personal and collective peace.

(ii) Summarize the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'.**Solution:**

The poem 'A Thing of Beauty' by John Keats celebrates the enduring and uplifting impact of beautiful things in life. The poet highlights that beautiful objects, whether natural or artistic, provide eternal joy and solace to the human soul. These things of beauty include elements of nature such as the sun, moon, trees, daffodils, clear streams, and the grandeur of the dooms we have imagined for our mighty dead. They also encompass human creations and experiences that elevate the spirit. The poet emphasizes that the appreciation of beauty helps to counteract the sadness, gloom, and negativity that pervade life, making existence more bearable and enriching.

15 Answer any one of the following questions in about 75 words.**(i) What are the indications for the future of humankind?****Solution:**

The indications for the future of humankind, as inferred from various literary and philosophical works, suggest both challenges and hope. On one hand, the continuous environmental degradation, conflicts, and the rapid pace of technological advancement pose significant threats. Issues such as climate change, resource depletion, and societal fragmentation are serious concerns. On the other hand, there is also a strong undercurrent of hope driven by human resilience, innovation, and the potential for global cooperation. Advancements in science and technology, coupled with increasing awareness and efforts towards sustainability and peace, indicate that humankind has the potential to overcome these challenges and build a more harmonious and prosperous future.

(ii) What did the royal infant grow up to be?**Solution:**

The royal infant, who was prophesied to be killed by a tiger, grew up to be the Maharaja of Pratibandapuram, famously known as the Tiger King. His real name was Maharaja Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur. Obsessed with the prophecy, he embarked on a mission to kill one hundred tigers to defy his fate. His life was dominated by this single-minded pursuit, leading him to become a ruthless hunter. Ironically, despite his efforts to avoid the predicted death, he ultimately fell victim to a tiger-related accident, fulfilling the prophecy in an unexpected manner.

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SECTION- A (Reading)

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The Gita is not an aphoristic work; it is a great religious poem. The deeper you dive into it, the richer the meanings you get. It being meant for the people at large there is pleasing repetition. With every age the important word will carry new and expanding meanings. But its central teaching will never vary. The seeker is at liberty to extract from this treasure any meanings he likes so as to enable him to enforce in his life the central teaching.

Nor is the Gita a collection of do's and don'ts. What is lawful for one may be unlawful for another. What may be permissible at one time, or in one place, may not be so at another time, and in another place. Desire for fruit is the only universal prohibition. Desirelessness is obligatory. The Gita has sung the praises of knowledge; but it is beyond the mere intellect. It is essentially addressed to the heart and capable of being understood by the heart. Therefore the Gita is not for those who have no faith. The author makes Krishna say : "Do not entrust this treasure to him who is without sacrifice, without devotion without the desire for this teaching and who denies Me. On the other hand those who will give this precious treasure to My devotees will by the fact of this service assuredly reach Me. And those who, being free from malice, will with faith absorb this teaching, shall, having attained freedom, live where people of true merit go after death."

Questions :

(i) The Gita is

- (1) an aphoristic work
- (b) a great religious poem
- (c) a patriotic song
- (d) a great novel

Solution:

The answer is option (b)

(ii) The Gita is important for

- (a) The old people

(b) The childrens

(c) everyage the people at large

(d) The young people

Solution:

The answer is option (c)

(iii) What do you understand by do's and don't in the extract

(a) work that should be done

(b) work that should be observed

(c) work that should not be done

(d) work that should be done and work that should not be done

Solution:

The answer is option (d)

(iv) According to Krishna the Gita is only for those

(a) Who have faith

(b) Who have no faith

(c) Who have truth

(d) Who have no truth

Solution:

The answer is option (a)

(v) .Opposite word of 'Malice'

(a) criticism

(b) ill-will

(c) good will

(d) hatred

Solution:

The answer is option (c)

(vi) Give the word from the passage that gives the meaning of 'Compulsor:

- (a) aphoristic
- (b) religious
- (c) obligatory
- (d) permissible

Solution:

The answer is option (c)

(vii) Give the verb form of the word 'Prohibition'

- (a) P.rohibit
- (b) Prohibiting
- (c) Prohibited
- (d) Prohibitingly

Solution:

The answer is option (a)

(viii) Give the antonym of 'Poorer'

- (a) deeper
- (b) richer
- (c) taller
- (d) shorter

Solution:

The answer is option (b)

(ix) The Gita is capable of being understood

- (a) by ear
- (b) by brain
- (c) by heart
- (d) by eyes

Solution:

The answer is option (c)

(x) In the given passage, what is the only universal prohibition.

- (a) Desire for fruit
- (b) Desire for work
- (c) Desire for result
- (d) Desire for aim

Solution:

The answer is option (a)

2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the :questions given below :

Coal is a natural resource which constitutes approximately 85 percent of the total fossil fuel reserves in the world. The coal deposits of India occur in two distinct stratigraphic horizons Gondwana and its territories. Gondwana coal contributes about 99% of the country's coal resources. These mines are located in peninsular India, in the South Eastern quadrant, bound by the 78°E longitude and the 24°N latitude, thus, leaving a major part of the country devoid of any coal deposits. The major Gondwana coalfields are represented by isolated basins, which occur along prominent present day rivers such as Damodar, Koel, Sone, Mahanadi, pench and Godavari. The relatively minor resource of tertiary coal is located on the either extremities of peninsular India.

Coal can be broadly classified in two categories - coking and non-coking. Coking coal are that which has cacking property and which is used in metallurgical industries. Again depending on the quality of coke produced by this coal, it is sub-divided into prime coking coal, medium coking coal, and semi-coking coal. similarly, non-coking coal is also categorised in seven grades (Grade A to G), depending on its caloric value.

Questions :

(i) Make notes on the above passage in points.

Solution:

- **Coal as a Natural Resource:**

- Constitutes 85% of total fossil fuel reserves globally.
- Two main stratigraphic horizons: Gondwana and Tertiary.

- **Gondwana Coal:**

- Contributes 99% of India's coal resources.
- Located in South Eastern quadrant of peninsular India.
- Boundaries: 78°E longitude and 24°N latitude.
- Major coalfields near rivers: Damodar, Koel, Sone, Mahanadi, Pench, Godavari.

- **Tertiary Coal:**

- Minor resources.
- Located at either extremities of peninsular India.

- **Classification of Coal:**

- **Coking Coal:**

- Has caking property.
- Used in metallurgical industries.
- Sub-divided into:
 - Prime coking coal.
 - Medium coking coal.
 - Semi-coking coal.

- **Non-Coking Coal:**

- Categorized into seven grades (A to G).
- Based on caloric value.

(ii) Give a suitable title to the passage.

Solution:

"Coal Resources and Classification in India"

SECTION-B (Writing)

3 You are Abraham John, the secretary of your school's Science Club. A Science exhibition is being organized in your school. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting projects and models from the students. The exhibition is to be held on 28 February.

Solution:

ABC SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

NOTICE

Date: 20 July 2024

Invitation for Science Exhibition Projects and Models

Dear Students,

We are excited to announce that our annual Science Exhibition will be held on **28th February 2024**. This is a wonderful opportunity for all students to showcase their scientific talents and creativity.

Event Details:

- **Date:** 28 February 2024
- **Venue:** School Auditorium
- **Time:** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

We invite students from all classes to participate by submitting their innovative science projects and models. This exhibition aims to encourage scientific thinking and innovation among students.

Guidelines for Participation:

1. Projects and models can be based on any scientific concept or phenomenon.
2. Participants must submit a brief description of their project/model by **10th February 2024**.

3. All entries should include the name, class, and section of the participant(s).
4. Projects and models must be original and created by the students.

Interested students are requested to register their entries with the Science Club Secretary, Abraham John, by the deadline. Let's make this exhibition a grand success with your enthusiastic participation!

For further details, please contact the undersigned.

Abraham John Secretary, Science Club

[Signature]

OR

Your father has been transferred to another city. You want to sell certain household goods. Design a suitable advertisement to be published in a local newspapers.

Solution:

FOR SALE: HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Owner Relocating - Must Sell!

We are moving to another city and need to sell the following household items urgently. All items are in excellent condition and priced to sell quickly.

Items for Sale:

- **Sofa Set:** 3+2 seater, luxurious fabric, barely used.
- **Dining Table:** 6-seater, solid wood, modern design.
- **Refrigerator:** Double door, energy-efficient, 300 liters capacity.
- **Washing Machine:** Fully automatic, 7 kg capacity, almost new.
- **Microwave Oven:** 30 liters, multi-functional.
- **Beds:** King size with mattress, one single bed.
- **Wardrobes:** Spacious, sleek design.
- **Television:** 42-inch LED, HD ready.
- **Study Table and Chair:** Ideal for students or home office.
- **Miscellaneous:** Kitchen appliances, decorative items, and more.

Contact Information:

- **Name:** [Your Name]
- **Phone:** [Your Contact Number]
- **Email:** [Your Email Address]
- **Address:** [Your Address] (for viewing by appointment only)

Special Offer: Discount available for bulk purchases!

Don't miss this opportunity to buy quality household goods at great prices. Call or email now to schedule a viewing

4 You are Anuj Dubey. Write a letter to your friend describing a recent exciting cricket match in which your team won.

Solution:

Anuj Dubey

123, Green Valley Apartments
Laxmi Nagar
New Delhi - 110092

20 July 2024

Dear Rajesh,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing to share the thrilling experience of a recent cricket match that our team played and won, which I am sure you will find exciting.

Last Sunday, we had a highly anticipated cricket match against St. Xavier's School. The atmosphere was electrifying as both teams had a large number of supporters. The match was held at our school ground, and I must say, it was one of the most exciting games I have ever played.

Our team won the toss and decided to bat first. We started cautiously but soon picked up the pace. I opened the innings and managed to score a quick 50, which gave our team a solid foundation. The middle order chipped in with useful runs, and we ended up with a respectable total of 185 runs in 20 overs.

St. Xavier's team started their chase confidently, but our bowlers were determined to put up a strong fight. The turning point of the match came when Ravi, our ace bowler, took a hat-trick in the 12th over. This put immense pressure on the opposition, and they struggled to keep up with the required run rate.

The final over was nerve-wracking, with St. Xavier's needing 10 runs to win. Our captain handed me the ball for the last over, and I was both excited and nervous. With the crowd cheering us on, I managed to bowl a tight over, conceding just 5 runs. We won the match by 5 runs!

The entire team celebrated our hard-earned victory with great enthusiasm. It was a moment of sheer joy and pride for all of us. The highlight of the day for me was receiving the 'Man of the Match' award for my all-round performance.

I wish you could have been there to witness the excitement. I am looking forward to catching up with you soon and reliving every moment of the match.

Take care and write back soon.

Yours sincerely,

Anuj Dubey

OR

Last month you bought a digital camera from Modern Electronics, Jabalpur. Now you find something wrong with it. It is not working properly. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem.

Solution:**Anuj Dubey**

123, Green Valley Apartments
Laxmi Nagar
New Delhi - 110092

20 July 2024**The Manager**

Modern Electronics
MG Road
Jabalpur - 482002

Subject: Complaint Regarding Faulty Digital Camera

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention an issue with a digital camera that I purchased from your store last month. The details of the purchase are as follows:

- **Model:** Canon EOS 200D
- **Invoice Number:** ME12345
- **Date of Purchase:** 15 June 2024

Initially, the camera functioned perfectly and met all my expectations. However, over the past week, it has developed several problems that are affecting its performance significantly. Specifically, the issues are:

1. **Autofocus Malfunction:** The autofocus feature is erratic and often fails to focus on the subject properly, resulting in blurry images.
2. **Battery Drain:** The camera's battery drains unusually fast, even when it is not in use. A full charge lasts less than an hour, which is far below the expected battery life.
3. **Screen Flickering:** The LCD screen intermittently flickers and goes blank, making it difficult to review pictures and navigate the camera menu.

These issues are severely hampering my ability to use the camera effectively. As the product is still under warranty, I request you to either repair or replace the faulty camera at the earliest.

Please let me know the procedure for returning the camera for repair or replacement. I would appreciate it if you could expedite the process, as I rely on the camera for my photography assignments.

I have enclosed a copy of the invoice for your reference. I look forward to a prompt resolution to this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Anuj Dubey
[Your Contact Number]
[Your Email Address]

Enclosure: Copy of the Invoice

5 You are Sonia Nigam. While watching a news channel covering a rally of "Green peace Activists". Write an article for a newspaper on 'It's worth, Saving the Earth'.

Solution:

It's Worth Saving the Earth

By Sonia Nigam

In a world where environmental degradation is a pressing concern, the recent rally by Greenpeace Activists serves as a powerful reminder of the urgent need to save our planet. As I watched the news channel covering this rally, I was struck by the passion and determination of these activists. Their message was clear: it is worth saving the Earth.

The Earth's ecosystems are incredibly diverse and intricate, supporting an array of life forms, including humans. Yet, our actions are causing irreversible damage to these ecosystems. Deforestation, pollution, and climate change are just a few of the many challenges we face. The rally underscored the vital importance of addressing these issues head-on.

Deforestation and Its Impacts

Forests are often referred to as the lungs of the Earth, playing a crucial role in maintaining the planet's climate by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. However, rampant deforestation for agricultural expansion, urban development, and logging is destroying these vital ecosystems. The activists highlighted that preserving forests is not just about saving trees, but about protecting the biodiversity that thrives within them. It's about ensuring that future generations can enjoy clean air and a stable climate.

Pollution: A Silent Killer

Another significant issue brought to light was pollution. From plastic waste clogging our oceans to toxic emissions polluting our air, the detrimental effects of pollution are far-reaching. The activists urged us to reconsider our consumption habits and reduce our reliance on single-use plastics. They emphasized the importance of transitioning to renewable energy sources to cut down on air pollution and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Climate Change: An Urgent Crisis

Perhaps the most pressing issue discussed was climate change. The increasing frequency of extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and melting polar ice caps are stark indicators that climate change is accelerating. The Greenpeace Activists called for immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adopt sustainable practices. They reminded us that climate change is not a distant threat but a current reality that requires collective action.

Individual Responsibility and Collective Action

While the challenges are immense, the rally also conveyed a message of hope. Every individual has a role to play in saving the Earth. Simple actions like reducing waste, conserving water, and supporting eco-friendly products can make a significant difference. On a larger scale, governments and corporations must prioritize sustainability and environmental protection in their policies and operations.

Conclusion

The Greenpeace rally was a powerful call to action. Saving the Earth is not just a responsibility but a necessity for our survival. The activists' message resonated deeply: it is worth saving the Earth. For the sake of our planet and future generations, we must act now. Let us all take inspiration from these dedicated activists and commit to making a positive impact on our environment. Together, we can create a sustainable future and ensure that the Earth remains a vibrant and life-sustaining planet for all.

OR

Write a paragraph in about 200 words on 'whether the study of three languages at school is necessary or not.'

Solution:

The debate over the necessity of studying three languages at school is a compelling one. Proponents argue that multilingual education offers numerous cognitive, cultural, and practical benefits. Learning multiple languages enhances cognitive abilities, improving memory, problem-solving skills, and multitasking capabilities. It also fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of different cultures, promoting global awareness and tolerance. Practically, being proficient in several languages can open up more career opportunities and enable individuals to communicate effectively in a globalized world.

However, opponents of the three-language system argue that it can be overly demanding and stressful for students, potentially leading to burnout and decreased performance in other subjects. They suggest that focusing on a single language or two would allow for a deeper mastery and more meaningful engagement. Additionally, the time and resources required to teach multiple languages might detract from other important areas of education, such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Despite these concerns, the benefits of multilingual education seem to outweigh the drawbacks. In our increasingly interconnected world, the ability to understand and communicate in multiple languages is a valuable asset. Therefore, the study of three languages at school, if managed well, can be a significant advantage for students, equipping them with essential skills for the future. Balancing this approach with attention to student well-being and curriculum quality is key to maximizing its potential benefits.

SECTION- C (Grammar)

6 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option : (any: five)

(1) The temple is _____ the middle of the river.

(a) on

(b) in

(c) into

(d) at

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(2) Let's go to _____ market where my father has put up stall.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

(d) no article

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(3) The boy _____ the bird almost everyday.

(a) catch

(b) catches

(c) catching

(d) caught

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(4) I think it _____ rain today.

(a) may

(b) must

(c) can

(d) can't

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(5) There are _____ precious books in the library.

(a.) much

(b) any

(c) some

(d) each

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(6) We are going _____ a match today.

(a) playing

(b) to play

(c) played

(d) play

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(7) My friend lives _____ New Delhi.

(a) in

(b) at

(c) into

(d) on

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

7 Do as directed : (any five)

(1) He is too weak to stand.

[Rewrite using "so that"]

Solution:

He is so weak that he cannot stand.

(2) The child cried for milk.

[Change into past continuous tense]

Solution:

The child was crying for milk.

(3) (a) He gets his salary.

(b) He starts spending it:

[Combine using 'No sooner: than']

Solution:

No sooner does he get his salary than he starts spending it.

(4) Raju / write / can / either / with / hand.

[Rearrange the words and make a sentence]

Solution:

Raju can write with either hand.

(5) (a) Sita does not sing.

(b) She does not dance.

[Combine the sentences using 'neither nor']

Solution:

Sita neither sings nor dances.

(6) Mr. Gupta teaches us Hindi.

[Change the voice]

Solution:

We are taught Hindi by Mr. Gupta.

(7) If they do not work properly, they will be punished.

[Rewrite using 'unless' in place of 'If']

Solution:

Unless they work properly, they will be punished.

SECTION-D

8 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Yakima river was treacherous. Mother continually warned against it, and kept fresh in my mind the details of each drowning in the river. But the Y.M.C.A. pool was safe. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual. I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I heated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. But I subdued my pride and did it.

Questions :

(1) Name the author of the above extract.

- (a) Anees Jung
- (b) William Douglas
- (c) Louis Fischer
- (d) A.R. Barton

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(2) According to the extract what is the name of the river.

- (a) Easton
- (b) Y.M.C.A.
- (c) Yakima
- (d) Ellensburg

Solution:

The answer is option (c).

(3) The author speaks about the misadventure when he was -

- (a) 10-Year-Old
- (b) ten or eleven years old
- (c) nine years old
- (d) three years old

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(4) Find a word from the extract which means "Dangerous".

(a) gradual

(b) treacherous

(c) deep

(d) shallow

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(5) Synonyms of 'gradual' -

(a) gentle

(b) sage

(c) deep

(d) hate

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

9 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions

Yes, in spite of all

Some shape of beauty moves away the pall

From our dark spirits, Such the sun, the moon.

Traces old, and young, sprouting a shady boon

For simple sheep; and such are daffodils

With the green world they live in; and clear rills.

Questions :

(1) What moves the pall away from our dark spirits.

(a) Any shape of beauty

(b) Daffodils

(c) Green world

(d) Dooms

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(2) What does the poet means by 'green world'

(a) Green forest

(b) Daffodils green surroundings

(c) Green house

(d) Green walls

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(3) Which of the following poetic device has been used in 'Shady boon'

(a) Imagery

(b) Alliteration

(c) Metaphor

(d) Personification

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(B) Read the following extract and "answer the questions given below it :

Sadao knew that his education was his father's chief concern. For this reason he had been sent at twenty, two to America to learn all that could be learned of surgery and medicine. He had come back at thirty, and before his father died he had seen Sadao become famous not only as surgeon but as a scientist. Because he was perfecting a discovery which would render wounds entirely clean, he had not been sent abroad with the troops. Also, he knew, there was some slight danger that the old General might need an operation for a condition for which he was now being treated medically, and for this possibility Sadao was being kept in Japan.

Questions :

(1) What was the Chief Concern of Dr. Sadao's father ? 1

(a) Dr. Sadao's education-

(b) Dr. Shadao's treatment)

(c) Dr. Shadao's marriage;

(d) Dr. Shadao's children

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(2) At what age did Dr. Sadao go to America ?

(a) Thirty

(b) Twenty two

(c) Twenty

(d) Thirty two

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

(3) Why was Dr: Sadao sent to America ??

(a) To learn surgeryand medicine

(b) To learn scientific activities

(c) To learn about wounds

(d) For further studies

Solution:

The answer is option (a).

(4) Find the word from the extract which is opposite of "Fraction"

(a) Army

(b) Unit

(c) Troop

(d) Group

Solution:

The answer is option (b).

10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any five). $5 \times 2 = 10$

(1) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?**Solution:**

Franz noticed several unusual things about the school that day: it was unusually quiet, there were no sounds of the usual hustle and bustle, and the teacher, Mr. Hamel, was dressed in his Sunday best instead of his usual attire. Additionally, the presence of the village elders sitting in the classroom was highly unusual.

(2) What makes the city of Firozabad famous ?**Solution:**

The city of Firozabad is famous for its glass-blowing industry, particularly for the production of glass bangles. The entire city is involved in this trade, making it renowned for its intricate and beautiful glassware.

(3) How did the instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas ?**Solution:**

The instructor built a swimmer out of Douglas by systematically teaching him the basics of swimming, instilling confidence through rigorous practice, and using innovative techniques like floating, treading water, and breathing exercises to overcome his fear of water.

(4) Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler ?**Solution:**

The crofter was so talkative and friendly with the peddler because he was lonely and craved human company. His wife had died, and he lived alone, so he welcomed the peddler warmly to enjoy some conversation and companionship.

(5) Why do you think the servants thought Gandhi to be another peasant ?**Solution:**

The servants thought Gandhi to be another peasant because of his simple and unassuming appearance. He wore plain, traditional Indian clothes and did not display any signs of wealth or distinction, which made him look like an ordinary villager to them.

(6) Subbu is described as a many-sided genius. List two of his special abilities.**Solution:**

Subbu's two special abilities include his talent for writing poetry and his skill in acting. He was also known for his ability to solve problems creatively and his knack for contributing valuable ideas during filmmaking.

(7) Why didn't Sophie want Jansie to know about her story with Danny ?

Solution:

Sophie didn't want Jansie to know about her story with Danny because she knew Jansie was realistic and practical. Sophie feared Jansie would ridicule her and shatter her dreams, as she often fantasized about meeting the famous footballer Danny Casey.

11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any three)

(1) Why are the young trees described as 'springing' in the poem . 'My mother at sixty six'?

Solution:

The young trees are described as 'springing' in the poem to contrast the vitality and energy of youth with the frailty and aging of the poet's mother. This imagery highlights the cycle of life and the inevitable passage of time.

(2) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve ?

Solution:

Counting up to twelve and keeping still will help us achieve a moment of introspection and peace. It encourages us to pause, reflect, and connect with ourselves and others, fostering a sense of unity and harmony.

(3) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings ?

Solution:

Human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings because of the inherent beauty and joys that life offers. The simple pleasures, acts of kindness, love, and hope provide strength and resilience to endure hardships.

(4) What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band' ?

Solution:

The image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band' suggests the oppressive and burdensome nature of marriage and societal expectations. It symbolizes the loss of freedom and individuality experienced by Aunt Jennifer in her marriage.

12 Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(1) What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?

Solution:

The Maharaja will travel across his kingdom and to neighboring states, seeking out tigers to hunt. He will also offer rewards to his subjects for information about tiger sightings, ensuring he finds the necessary number of tigers to fulfill his goal.

(2) What are the indications for the future of humankind?

Solution:

The indications for the future of humankind suggest a bleak outlook if we continue to exploit and harm nature. The poem implies that humans must adopt a more harmonious relationship with the environment to avoid catastrophe and ensure a sustainable future.

(3) What will Dr. Sadao and his wife do with the man?**Solution:**

Dr. Sadao and his wife will take care of the wounded man, despite knowing he is an enemy. They will provide him with medical treatment and shelter, demonstrating compassion and humanity, even in difficult circumstances.

13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words : (any two) $2 \times 3 = 6$ **(1) What could be some of the reasons for the migration of people from villages to cities ?****Solution:**

The migration of people from villages to cities can be attributed to several factors. Economic opportunities in cities, such as better-paying jobs and more diverse employment options, attract villagers seeking improved livelihoods. Cities often provide better educational facilities and healthcare services, which are limited in rural areas. Additionally, the allure of modern amenities and a higher standard of living in urban environments motivates many to migrate. Finally, agricultural challenges like crop failure and land scarcity also push villagers to seek stability in cities.

(2) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water ?**Solution:**

Douglas overcame his fear of water through a systematic and persistent approach. He hired an experienced swimming instructor who gradually built his confidence by teaching him essential swimming techniques. Douglas practiced regularly, starting with basic exercises and progressively moving to more challenging tasks. He used techniques like floating, treading water, and rhythmic breathing to master his fear. Through repeated practice and mental fortitude, Douglas eventually conquered his phobia and became a proficient swimmer, transforming his fear into a sense of accomplishment.

(3) How do we know that ordinary people too contributed to the freedom movement ?**Solution:**

Ordinary people's contributions to the freedom movement are evident through their widespread participation in various protests, boycotts, and civil disobedience campaigns. Events like the Salt March and the Quit India Movement saw massive involvement from farmers, laborers, students, and homemakers. These individuals risked their lives, faced imprisonment, and endured economic hardships to support the cause of independence. Their collective efforts, sacrifices, and unwavering commitment played a crucial role in mobilizing the nation and achieving freedom from colonial rule.

14 Answer any one of the following questions in about 75 words :**(1) Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead' ?****Solution:**

'Grandeur' is associated with the 'mighty dead' because the lives and deeds of great individuals leave a lasting impact on history and society. Their contributions, achievements, and sacrifices continue to inspire and influence future generations. This grandeur is reflected in their enduring legacy, the respect and admiration they garner, and the way their stories are remembered and celebrated. The poet highlights that despite their physical absence, the 'mighty dead' possess an immortal quality through their significant contributions to humanity.

(2) What symbol from nature does the poet invoke' to say that there can be life under apparent stillness ?it:1:**Solution:**

The poet invokes the symbol of the Earth to convey that there can be life under apparent stillness. Despite seeming inactive, the Earth is constantly nurturing life beneath its surface, with seeds germinating and plants growing silently. This symbol suggests that even in moments of stillness and quiet, there is an underlying vitality and potential for growth. The poet uses this imagery to illustrate that stillness can be a precursor to renewal and rejuvenation, emphasizing the latent energy and life that exist within apparent calmness.

15 Answer any one of the following questions in about 75 words :**(1) Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley ? Why ?****Solution:**

Yes, the third level was a medium of escape for Charley. Charley, feeling overwhelmed by the stress and demands of his modern life, longed for a simpler, more peaceful time. The third level at Grand Central Station, which he perceived as a gateway to the past, represented an idealized escape from the complexities of his present reality. This fantasy allowed him to momentarily detach from his problems and imagine a world where life was more straightforward and serene, providing him with psychological relief.

(2) What is it that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb inspite of himself ?**Solution:**

Derry is drawn towards Mr. Lamb because of Mr. Lamb's positive outlook on life and his ability to see beyond physical appearances. Despite Derry's initial reluctance and self-consciousness due to his facial scars, Mr. Lamb treats him with kindness and respect, offering him genuine friendship and understanding. Mr. Lamb's wisdom, acceptance, and encouragement help Derry feel valued and give him a new perspective on life, making him want to be around Mr. Lamb despite his own insecurities.

MP Board Class 12 English Question with Solution - 2022

SECTION-A (Reading)

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Life is a struggle. "We live in deeds and not in years." If we rest, we rust. If we work, we shine like jewels. Adventures are the essence of life but action also entails contemplation. Proper action needs the proper initiative.

Napoleon took the wrong initiative and brought the downfall of France. Proper action is always taken by the wise persons. The wise persons always foreshadow the hardships for executing a policy. They become passive when they forecaste that their efforts are at stake. All great leaders and diplomates take the steps keeping in view their reputation. We should strike when the iron is hot. Some persons take the steps haphazardly with the result that they lose the opportunity and thus they are treated as fools. Angels are wise people are very particular about their actions. It has been the aim of all philosophers to understand the world. After understanding, they move very gradually and not like fools who plunge into the situation without contemplation.

Questions :

Select the right one from the following.

(a) According to writer -

(i) Napoleon acted wisely.

(ii) Adventures are not essence of life.

(iii) We may shine like metals.

(iv) Leaders and diplomates act keeping in view their reputation.

Solution:

The answer is option (iv)

(b) Some people are treated as fools because -

(i) They act haphazardly.

(ii) They act like philosophers.

(iii) They strike when the iron is hot.

(iv) They always foreshadow the hardship.

Solution:

The answer is option (i)

(c) The aim of the philosopher is

(i) to act like angels.

(ii) to act like a saint.

(iii) to act like a poet.

(iv) to understand the world.

Solution:

The answer is option (iv)

(d) The passage implies that

(i) one should act quickly

(ii) understanding should precede action

(iii) fools penetrate into the matter.

(iv) fools always wins

Solution:

The answer is option (ii)

(e) Verb form of 'Contemplation' is ____ .

(i) Contempt

(ii) Contemplate

(iii) Contamination

(iv) Contaminess

Solution:

The answer is option (ii)

(f) Opposite of 'rise' is

(i) sit

(ii) progress

(iii) promotion

(iv) downfall

Solution:

The answer is option (iv)

Fill in the blanks :

(g) We should strike when the iron is ____ .

(i) cool

(ii) wet

(iii) dry

(iv) hot

Solution:

The answer is option (iv)

(h) Life is a ____ .

(i) struggle

(ii) battle

(iii) panorama

(iv) field

Solution:

The answer is option (i)

Give one word for the following :

(i) An exciting / dangerous experience is called ____ .

(i) torture

(ii) adventure

(iii) enjoyment

(iv) happiness

Solution:

The answer is option (ii)

(j) A person who is silly is called_____ .

(i) wise

(ii) intelligent

(iii) fool

(iv) smart

Solution:

The answer is option (iii)

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

It was a rare occasion for ten students of this school to participate in the National Exhibition on Environment Protection held at IIT, Powai, Mumbai. About two hundred students from various parts of India took part in it. Many voluntary organizations and distinguished environmentalists also participated in it. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra inaugurated the exhibition. The leading themes of the exhibition were the protection of our forest wealth; keeping our rivers and lakes pollution free; the hazards of air and sound pollution. The biggest draw of the exhibition was the section on the Himalayas. The exhibition evoked a spontaneous response among the local people especially, the students.:-

Questions :

(1) Make notes on the above passage in points.

Solution:

- **Event:** National Exhibition on Environment Protection
- **Location:** IIT, Powai, Mumbai
- **Participants:**
 - Ten students from the school
 - About two hundred students from various parts of India
 - Many voluntary organizations
 - Distinguished environmentalists
- **Inauguration:** By Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra
- **Leading Themes:**
 - Protection of forest wealth
 - Keeping rivers and lakes pollution-free
 - Hazards of air and sound pollution
- **Biggest Draw:** Section on the Himalayas
- **Response:** Spontaneous response from local people, especially students

(2) Give a suitable title to the passage.

Solution:

"National Exhibition on Environment Protection at IIT Powai"

SECTION-B (Writing)

3. You are going abroad. You want to sell your house, built three years ago. Draft an advertisement giving all the necessary details of the house and its locality.

Solution:

Advertisement for House Sale

FOR SALE: Modern House in Prime Location

Are you looking for a beautiful, well-maintained home? This is your chance to own a stunning house built just three years ago, located in a prime and highly sought-after neighborhood.

Property Details:

- **Location:** [Your Address], [City], [Country]
- **Age:** 3 years
- **Type:** Independent House
- **Plot Area:** [X sq. ft./X sq. meters]
- **Built-up Area:** [X sq. ft./X sq. meters]

Features:

- **Bedrooms:** [Number of Bedrooms]
- **Bathrooms:** [Number of Bathrooms]
- **Living Room:** Spacious and airy
- **Kitchen:** Modern modular kitchen with high-quality fittings
- **Dining Area:** Elegant and well-lit
- **Parking:** Covered parking space for [X] cars
- **Garden:** Beautifully landscaped garden
- **Balcony/Terrace:** Large balcony with a great view
- **Additional Features:** [Swimming pool, gym, home office, etc.]

Locality:

- **Proximity to Key Locations:**
 - ☒ km to the nearest school
 - ☒ km to the nearest hospital
 - ☒ km to the nearest shopping center
 - ☒ km to the nearest public transport

Amenities:

- 24/7 security
- Nearby parks and recreational areas
- Quiet and peaceful neighborhood
- Easy access to major highways

Price: [Your Price] (Negotiable)

Contact Information:

- **Name:** [Your Name]
- **Phone:** [Your Phone Number]

- **Email:** [Your Email Address]

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to own a modern, comfortable home in a great location. Contact us today for more details or to schedule a viewing!

OR

Design an attractive poster on the conservation of water.

Solution:

Detailed explanation of the messages on the poster:

Save Water, Save Life

- This headline emphasizes the critical importance of water conservation. Water is essential for all forms of life, and conserving it ensures the sustainability of ecosystems, human health, and agriculture.

Every Drop Counts

- This message reminds people that even small actions can have a significant impact on water conservation. It encourages mindful usage of water in everyday activities like brushing teeth, washing dishes, and watering plants.

Conserve Water for Future Generations

- This phrase highlights the responsibility we have to ensure that future generations have access to clean and sufficient water. It calls for long-term thinking and sustainable practices to preserve water resources.

Do Your Part

- This message is a call to action, urging individuals to take personal responsibility for conserving water. It suggests that everyone can contribute to water conservation through small, consistent efforts, such as fixing leaks, using water-saving devices, and being mindful of water use.

By following these guidelines and raising awareness through such posters, communities can work together to protect this vital resource and ensure its availability for future generations.

4 Last month you purchased a TV set from Ram Electronics, Pushpa Vihar, Bhedaghat. It is not working properly. Imagine a few defects write a letter of complaint to the manager asking for repair or replacement. You are AfBar/Amrita, M-114. Model Town. [Bhopal.]

Solution:

M-114, Model Town

Bhopal

Date: [Insert Date]

The Manager

Ram Electronics

Pushpa Vihar

Bhedaghat

Subject: Complaint Regarding Defective TV Set

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you about a serious issue with a TV set I purchased from your store on [insert purchase date]. The details of the TV set are as follows:

- **Brand:** [Brand Name]
- **Model:** [Model Number]
- **Invoice Number:** [Invoice Number]

Since the purchase, the TV set has been exhibiting multiple defects which are as follows:

1. **Screen Flickering:** The screen flickers intermittently, making it difficult to watch any programs.
2. **Audio Issues:** The sound frequently cuts out or distorts, rendering the audio output unusable.
3. **Remote Control Malfunction:** The remote control does not respond properly, even after changing the batteries multiple times.
4. **Connectivity Problems:** The HDMI ports often fail to recognize connected devices.

These issues have caused significant inconvenience and disappointment. Given that the TV set is still within the warranty period, I kindly request you to arrange for its repair or provide a replacement at the earliest.

I am attaching a copy of the purchase receipt and warranty card for your reference. I trust that you will address this matter promptly and look forward to your positive response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Amrita
M-114, Model Town
Bhopal
[Your Contact Number]
[Your Email Address]

OR

You are Shekhar/Shweta of 4, Balaji Road, Indore. Write a letter to your friend advising him to study English and general knowledge for

competitive exams.

Solution:

4, Balaji Road
Indore
Date: [Insert Date]

Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I wanted to take a moment to share some advice regarding your preparation for competitive exams.

As you know, competitive exams are becoming increasingly challenging, and having a strong foundation in English and general knowledge is crucial for success. Here are a few reasons why you should focus on these subjects:

1. English Proficiency:

- **Communication Skills:** English is not only a subject but also a vital tool for effective communication. It is essential for writing essays, understanding questions, and articulating your thoughts clearly.
- **Comprehension and Vocabulary:** Many competitive exams have sections dedicated to reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. A good command of English can significantly improve your performance in these areas.

2. General Knowledge:

- **Current Affairs:** Staying updated with current events helps you tackle questions related to recent developments, politics, economics, and international affairs.
- **Static GK:** Knowledge about history, geography, science, and important personalities forms a significant part of the general knowledge section in most competitive exams.

Tips for Improving English:

- **Read Regularly:** Read newspapers, magazines, and books to enhance your vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- **Practice Writing:** Write essays, letters, and reports to improve your writing skills. Practice grammar exercises to strengthen your understanding of the language.
- **Speak and Listen:** Engage in conversations in English, listen to English news channels, and watch English movies or shows to improve your speaking and listening skills.

Tips for Enhancing General Knowledge:

- **Stay Updated:** Follow news channels, read newspapers daily, and subscribe to magazines that cover current affairs.
- **Use Technology:** Utilize apps and websites dedicated to general knowledge and current affairs. Participate in online quizzes and discussions.
- **Study Regularly:** Make a habit of studying general knowledge topics regularly. Keep notes and revise them frequently.

I am confident that focusing on these areas will significantly boost your chances of success in competitive exams. Remember, consistency and dedication are key. If you need any resources or further guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Wishing you all the best in your preparation. Stay focused and motivated.

Warm regards,

Shekhar/Shweta

4, Balaji Road

Indore

[Your Contact Number]

[Your Email Address]

5 You are Randhir/Radha. Hindustan Times who witnessed a fire accident in Central market. Bhopal. Using the information in the output, given below along with your own details, write a report in about 200 words on 'A Devastating Fire' for your newspaper. Central Market - A sensitive zone godowns, shops and stores - plastic goods - short circuit - whole area engulfed by flames, people pouring water buckets - fire brigade, reached late - struggled through narrow lanes. Fire men real heroes no loss of human life - loss of property incrores.

Solution:

A Devastating Fire in Central Market

By Radha, Hindustan Times

Bhopal, [Date] - A devastating fire broke out yesterday in the bustling Central Market of Bhopal, a sensitive zone known for its dense concentration of godowns, shops, and stores. The market, which primarily deals in plastic goods, became a scene of chaos and destruction as flames rapidly engulfed the entire area.

The fire reportedly started due to a short circuit in one of the shops. Within minutes, the flames spread through the highly flammable plastic materials, turning the market into an inferno. Local shopkeepers and residents acted quickly, pouring buckets of water in a desperate attempt to control the blaze. However, their efforts were in vain as the fire continued to rage, fueled by the abundant plastic products.

The fire brigade arrived late to the scene, hindered by the narrow lanes that made it difficult for the fire trucks to reach the affected area promptly. Despite the delay, the firefighters displayed immense courage and determination. They battled the fierce flames for hours, working tirelessly to bring the fire under control. Their heroic efforts ensured that there was no loss of human life, a silver lining in the midst of the tragedy.

The aftermath of the fire revealed a staggering loss of property, estimated to be in crores. Countless shops and godowns were reduced to ashes, leaving many shopkeepers and business owners devastated. The incident has highlighted the urgent need for better fire safety measures and infrastructure improvements in crowded markets like Central Market.

As the city grapples with this tragic event, the bravery and dedication of the firefighters stand out as a beacon of hope. Their swift action, despite the challenging circumstances, prevented what could have been a far more catastrophic disaster. The residents of Bhopal will undoubtedly remember this incident as a grim reminder of the importance of fire safety and preparedness.

OR

Write an article in about 200 words on "The Importance of Games and Sports".

Solution:

The Importance of Games and Sports

In today's fast-paced world, the significance of games and sports cannot be overstated. They play a crucial role in the holistic development of individuals, contributing to physical, mental, and social well-being. Engaging in sports and games ensures a healthy body by improving cardiovascular health, enhancing muscle strength, and boosting overall fitness levels. Regular physical activity helps in combating obesity and related diseases, promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Beyond physical benefits, sports and games foster mental well-being. They enhance cognitive functions, improve concentration, and reduce stress and anxiety. Participating in team sports cultivates essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and discipline. It teaches individuals to work collaboratively, respect others, and develop a sense of fair play and sportsmanship.

Moreover, sports provide a constructive outlet for energy and a break from the monotonous routine of daily life. They offer opportunities for social interaction, helping to build friendships and strengthen community bonds. Engaging in sports from a young age instills a sense of discipline and time management, contributing to better academic performance.

In essence, games and sports are vital for a balanced and fulfilling life. They are not just about competition, but about nurturing a healthy mind and body, building character, and fostering social harmony. Encouraging participation in sports and games is essential for developing well-rounded, resilient individuals and vibrant communities.

SECTION -C (Grammar)

6 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option : (any five) $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) I have seen lot of places.

(a) all

(b) a

(c) an

(d) the

Solution:

correct answer is option (b)

(ii) I prefer tea _____ coffee.

(a) than

(b) with

(c) to

(d) by

Solution:

correct answer is option (c)

(iii) Manguss are locing ____ .

(ii) beught

(b) buy

(c) buying

(d) buyed

Solution:

correct answer is option (c)

(iv) Anand is ____ M.A. in I:nglish.

(a) il

(b) an

(c) the

(d) No article

Solution:

correct answer is option (b)

(v) linve you ____ complaint ngninst us ?

(a) much

(b) many

(c) some

(d) any

Solution:

correct answer is option (d)

(vi) He is poor ____ honest.

(a) and

(b) bul

(c) or

(d) nor

Solution:

correct answer is option (b)

(vii) We _____ follow the rules of Irillic.

(a) must

(b) Shall

(c) will

(d) ned

Solution:

correct answer is option (a)

7 Do as directed : (any five)

(i) The boy is my cousin.

The boy is wearing a red shirt.

[Rewrite the pair of sentences using 'who']

Solution:

The boy who is wearing a red shirt is my cousin.

(ii) His brother is very studious.

He rarely finds time for entertainment.

[Combine the pair of sentences using 'so that']

Solution:

His brother is so studious that he rarely finds time for entertainment.

(iii) her / pen / put / ink / some / she / in

[Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence]

Solution:

She put some ink in her pen.

(iv) Neha said, "I want to open this bag."

[Change into indirect speech]

Solution:

Neha said that she wanted to open that bag.

(v) As soon as the boys saw the Principal, they became silent. [Rewrite using 'No sooner _____ than']

Solution:

No sooner did the boys see the Principal than they became silent.

(vi) They are flying kites.

[Change the voice]

Solution:

Kites are being flown by them

(vii) We (live) here since 1952 .

[Supply the correct verb form]

Solution:

We have lived here since 1952.

SECTION-D

8 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

When I first visited Gandhi in 1942 at his Ashram in Sevagram, in central India, he said, "I will tell you how it happened that I decided to urge the departure of the British, it was in 1917.

He had gone to the December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors. During the proceedings, Gandhi recounted, "a peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant in India, poor and emaciated, and said, 'I am Rajkumar Shukla. I am from Champaran and I want you to come to my district' !" Gandhi had never heard of the place. It was in the foothills of the towering Himalayas, near the kingdom of Nepal.

Questions :

(i) Who came to meet Gandhiji ?

(a) Raj Mishra

(b) Raj Kumar Shukla

(c) Ram Narayan Shukla

(d) Ram Lakhan Mishra

Solution:

correct answer is option (b)

(ii) Gandhiji had gone to the annual convention of Indian National-1 Congress party in ____ .

(a) 1917

(b) 1915

(c) 1916

(d) 1918

Solution:

correct answer is option (c)

(iii) Where is Champaran situated ?

(a) In the foothills of the towering Himalayas.

(b) Near China

(c) Near Sri Lanka

(d) In the foothills of Aravali

Solution:

correct answer is option (a)

(iv) Gandhiji had never heard of Champaran. [True/False]

Solution:

True

(v) How many delegates were there in annual convention of Indian

∞ National Congress ?

(a) 2201

(b) 2102

(c) 2305

(d) 2301

Solution:

correct answer is option (d)

9. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning. I saw my mother.

besides me.

doze. open mouthed. her face

ashen like that

of a corpse and realised with

pain

That she was as old as she

looked but soon.

Questions :

(i) Which day is described in the above extract ?

(a) Monday

(b) Friday

(c) Tuesday *O*

(d) Sunday ∞

Solution:

correct answer is option (b)

(ii) Who was sitting beside the speaker of the poem ?

(a) her mother

(b) her father

(c) her brother

(d) her sister *S*

Solution:

correct answer is option (a)

(iii) Give the opposite or the word 'soon'.

- (a) early
- (b) humy
- (c) late
- (d) quick

Solution:

correct answer is option (c)

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech ! Not only that, It also raises intelligent questions ! Incredible ! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office, than facts.

The chief astrologer took his finger off his nose and fixed his eyes upon the little Prince. "The Prince was bom in the hour of the Bull. The Bull and the tiger are enemies, therefore, death comes from the tiger", he explained.

Questions :

(i) Where did the chief astrologer place his finger ?

- (a) on his ear
- (b) on his mouth
- (c) on his eyes
- (d) on his nose

Solution:

correct answer is option (d)

(ii) How old was the baby Prince when he opened his lips in speech ?

- (a) Ten days old
- (b) One month old
- (c) Six days old
- (d) Two days old

Solution:

correct answer is option (a)

(iii) Who are the enemies according to the astrologer ?

- (a) The Bull and the cow**
- (b) The Bull and the tiger**
- (c) The Tiger and the monkey**
- (d) The Lion and the tiger**

Solution:

correct answer is option (b)

(iv) Give the opposite of 'friend' from the passage.

- (a) enemy**
- (b) cousin**
- (c) relative**
- (d) companion**

Solution:

correct answer is option (a)

10 Answer any five of the following questions in about 30 words : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(i) What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day?

Solution:

Franz was expected to be prepared with a lesson on participles for school that day. However, he was unprepared and anxious about being reprimanded by his teacher, Mr. Hamel.

(ii) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps ? Where is he and where has he come from ?

Solution:

Saheb is looking for anything valuable or useful in the garbage dumps. He is in Seemapuri, on the outskirts of Delhi, and he has come from Dhaka, Bangladesh, in search of a better life.

(iii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water ?

Solution:

Douglas was determined to get over his fear of water because it had plagued him for years, restricting his enjoyment of swimming and other water activities. He wanted to overcome this fear to live a fuller life without anxiety.

(iv) What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap ?

Solution:

The peddler felt he had fallen into a rattrap after he got lost in the forest with the stolen money. He realized that the metaphorical rattrap he often talked about had ensnared him, as he was lured by the bait of money and ended up in trouble.

(v) List the places that Gandhiji visited between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran.

Solution:

Between meeting Rajkumar Shukla and arriving at Champaran, Gandhiji visited Kanpur, his ashram near Ahmedabad, Patna to meet Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and Muzaffarpur to gather more information.

(vi) Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed ?

Solution:

Most celebrity writers despise being interviewed because they feel it invades their privacy and can misrepresent their views. Interviews often sensationalize personal details, detracting from the dignity of their work.

(vii) How, in your opinion, can Mukesh realise his dream ?

Solution:

Mukesh can realize his dream of becoming a motor mechanic by pursuing vocational education, seeking apprenticeships, and gaining practical experience. Dedication, perseverance, and support from his family and community will be essential.

11 Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words : $3 \times 2 = 6$

(i) What does the poet want for the children of the slum ? How can their lives be made to change ?

Solution:

The poet wants the children of the slum to break free from the grim confines of their environment and have access to education and opportunities. Their lives can be changed by providing them with quality education, proper nourishment, and a healthy living environment, enabling them to realize their full potential.

(ii) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve ?

Solution:

Counting up to twelve and keeping still will help us achieve a moment of introspection and unity. It will allow us to pause from our hectic lives, reflect on our actions, and foster a sense of peace and tranquility, leading to better understanding and harmony among people.

(iii) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem "A thing of beauty".

Solution:

In the poem "A Thing of Beauty," the poet mentions various things of beauty, including the sun, the moon, trees old and young, daffodil flowers, clear rills, musk-rose blooms, and the grandeur of the dooms we have imagined for the mighty dead

(iv) What is the childish longing that the poet refers to? Why is it vain ?

Solution:

The childish longing the poet refers to is the desire to capture and hold on to the beautiful moments of life, believing they will last forever. It is vain because beauty and happiness are transient, and trying to cling to them instead of appreciating them in the moment leads to disappointment.

12. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(i) Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house ?

Solution:

Dr. Sadao was a skilled Japanese surgeon and scientist. His house was situated on a rocky beach on the Japanese coast, near the sea, providing a serene and picturesque view of the ocean.

(ii) How does Jo want the story to end and why?

Solution:

Jo wants the story to end with the wizard hitting the mother with his magic wand and changing Roger Skunk's smell back to something pleasant. She desires this ending because she empathizes with Roger Skunk, who was unhappy due to his bad smell and wanted to fit in with his friends.

(iii) Who is tiger king ? Why does he get this name ?

Solution:

The Tiger King is the Maharaja of Pratibandapuram, named Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur. He gets this name because he is determined to kill one hundred tigers to defy a prophecy that he would be killed by a tiger, showcasing his obsession with tiger hunting and his fearless nature.

13 Answer any two of the following questions in about 75 words : $2 \times 3 = 6$

(i) Why should child labour be eliminated and how ?

Solution:

Child labour should be eliminated because it deprives children of their childhood, education, and a chance for a better future. It subjects them to exploitation, harmful working conditions, and perpetuates the cycle of poverty. To eliminate child labour, strict enforcement of laws prohibiting

child labour is essential. Providing free and quality education, raising awareness about the importance of schooling, supporting families financially, and creating job opportunities for adults can help reduce the economic dependency on child labour.

(ii) What made the peddler finally change his ways ?

Solution:

The peddler finally changed his ways due to the kindness and hospitality shown to him by Edla Willmansson, the ironmaster's daughter. Despite discovering his true identity, Edla treated him with compassion and respect, offering him a place to stay and celebrating Christmas with him. This unexpected generosity touched the peddler deeply, making him realize the possibility of a better life and leading him to abandon his deceitful ways, symbolized by leaving behind the stolen money and a letter of gratitude.

(iii) How does ECO find the time to work so much ?

Solution:

Umberto Eco finds the time to work so much by adhering to a disciplined and structured routine. He manages his time efficiently, dedicating specific hours to different activities. Eco is known for his meticulous planning and ability to multitask. He integrates his work into his daily life seamlessly, utilizing every available moment productively. Eco's passion for his work and his methodical approach allow him to accomplish a vast amount of work without feeling overwhelmed.

14 Answer the following question in about 75 words :

What do you think is the colour of 'Sour cream' ? Why do you think the poet has used this expression to describe the classroom walls ?

Solution:

The color of 'sour cream' is typically a pale, off-white or yellowish hue. The poet has used this expression to describe the classroom walls to convey a sense of decay and neglect. Just as sour cream suggests something that has gone bad, the walls symbolize the deteriorating condition of the classroom and the lack of attention to the students' learning environment. This metaphor highlights the bleak and uninspiring atmosphere of the classroom, reflecting the overall despair and hopelessness in the lives of the children who study there. The use of this expression underscores the urgent need for improvement and care in their educational surroundings.

OR

Why is 'grandeur' associated with the mighty dead ?

Solution:

'Grandeur' is associated with the mighty dead because it refers to the lasting impact and awe-inspiring legacy they leave behind. The mighty dead, often revered historical figures, leaders, or heroes, are remembered for their significant contributions, noble deeds, and remarkable achievements. Their lives and actions continue to inspire and influence future generations. The term

'grandeur' encapsulates the respect, admiration, and veneration that these individuals command, signifying the enduring glory and dignity they possess even in death. This association emphasizes the timeless nature of their greatness and the perpetual honor attributed to their memory.

15 Answer the following question in about 75 words :

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?

Solution:

Antarctica is the place to go to understand the Earth's present, past, and future because it serves as a pristine record of our planet's climate history. Its ice cores contain trapped air bubbles that offer insights into atmospheric composition and climate changes over millions of years. Studying these cores helps scientists understand past climate patterns, which in turn aids in predicting future climate trends. Additionally, Antarctica's unique and isolated ecosystem allows for the study of how organisms adapt to extreme conditions, providing valuable information about biodiversity and survival. As a key indicator of global climate health, changes in Antarctica's ice sheets and temperatures can signal broader environmental shifts, making it crucial for comprehending Earth's environmental dynamics.

OR

Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ?

Solution:

Mr. Lamb is an elderly man with a positive outlook on life, despite having lost one of his legs in a war and now using a tin leg. He lives alone and spends his time tending to his garden. He is friendly and open, often inviting people into his garden and engaging in conversations with them. Derry, a young boy with a burned face who is self-conscious and withdrawn, gets into Mr. Lamb's garden by climbing over the wall. Initially, Derry is hesitant and defensive, but Mr. Lamb's kindness and philosophical views on life gradually help Derry to open up and see life from a different perspective.