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# ENGLISH

## LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

### (CBSE 2022-23 Class-X)

### Answers & Solutions

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

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

## SECTION-A (20 Marks)

### (READING SKILLS)

#### 1. Read the passage given below:

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

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

**[10×1=10]**

(i) To go out for a walking tour is

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

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** to hike.

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

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

**Answer (d)**

**Sol.** because the depressing daily routine is forgotten.

- (iii) Complete the following with a phrase:

The various sounds of nature acquire \_\_\_\_\_

**Sol.** a new meaning and significance to us.

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

A contact is established between us and nature.

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

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

aroma : cooking ; fragrance : \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sol. Value Points:**

Aroma : Cooking ; Fragrance : Flowers.

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

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

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

**Answer (b)**

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

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

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

**Answer (d)**

**Sol.** it is an escape from our busy schedule.

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

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

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

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

Hiking gives us a feeling of unlimited joy.

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

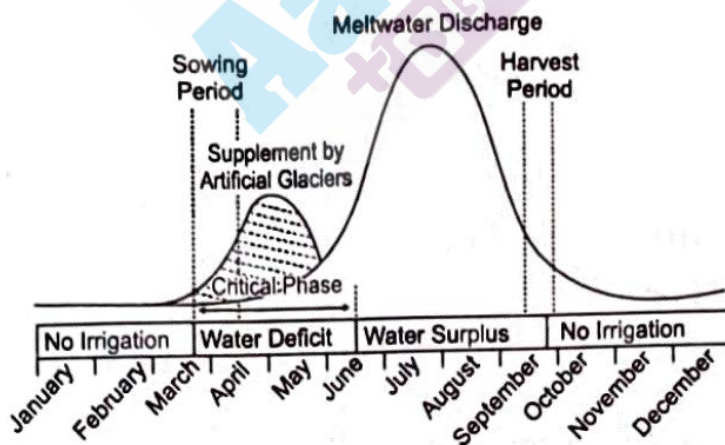
- (x) Substitute the word 'leap with joy' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from the passage.

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

**Sol.** Exuberant / rejoiced / cheerful / elated

2. Read the extract given below :

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



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

[10×1=10]

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** glaciers melt

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

Icing : cake :: layers : .....

**Sol.** Icing : cake :: layers : glacier

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

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

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

**Answer (a)**

**Sol.** on sloping hills facing distribution channels.

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

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

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** July, August, September.

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

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

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

**Answer (a)**

**Sol.** glaciers

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

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

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** situated

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

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

- (ix) List one reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option.
- Sol.** Artificial glaciers are the best option in fulfilling the shortage of water because the changing rainfall patterns have caused severe drought situations in Ladakh.
- (x) Select the most suitable title from the following for the passage :
- Water Shortage.
  - New Ways to Pool Water.
  - Artificial Glacier.
  - River Beds.

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** Artificial Glacier.

## SECTION-B (20 Marks)

### (GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

3. Attempt **ANY TEN** of the following questions: [10×1=10]

- (i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the online update headline :

The Government has ..... many changes to give relief to the common man.

- brought in
- brought up
- brought about
- brought forth

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** brought about

- (ii) Read the conversation between two students.

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

**Ramesh :** Are you planning to participate in the annual play?

**Saera:** I would like to but I don't think I will be selected.

Ramesh asked Saera whether she was planning to participate in the annual day to which Saera replied .....

**Sol.** that she would like to but she didn't think she would be selected.

- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from school notice board:

Students ..... walk silently in the corridor during class hours.

- should
- may
- must
- would

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** must

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

Rahul along with his cousins are leaving for sea.

	Error	Correction
(a)	along	belong
(b)	with	within
(c)	are	is
(d)	for	to

**Answer (c)**

Sol.	Error	Correction
	are	is

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

As I stood in the balcony and watched the passers by throw paper out of their car, I was ..... by their behaviour.

- (a) put up (b) put in  
(c) put away (d) put off

**Answer (d)**

**Sol.** put off

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

The policeman gave no ..... (indicate) that there was a road banner ahead.

**Sol.** Indication

- (vii) Report the dialogue between father and son by completing the sentence :

**Father :** Which project did you enjoy working on the most?

**Son :** The one in which I had to build a remote control car.

In response to the question about his favourite project, the son said that .....

**Sol.** Value points

In response to the question about his favourite project, the son said that he enjoyed working on building a remote control car.

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

The dog has eaten his food before the trainer arrived.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

Sol.	Error	Correction
	has	had

- (ix) Raziya shared some information with Shahid about a tree plantation drive. Report Shahid's question.

Did you participate in the tree plantation drive?

**Sol.** Shahid asked Raziya if she had participated in the tree plantation drive.

- (x) Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Since he woke up he .....

- (a) has been study
- (b) has been studying
- (c) had studied
- (d) is studying

**Answer (b)**

**Sol.** has been studying

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

**Passerby :** Can you tell me the way to Rampur.

**Farmer :** Drive for four kms and then turn right.

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

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

**Answer (b)**

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

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

Water was vital to human health and fitness.

Error	Correction

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

- (A) Today the ratio of car to house member is one is to one. This has led to parking issues in colonies. Cars are parked on the road which narrows road space leading to congestion. **[5]**

You have read about incidents of short-tempered brawls and physical violence in colonies because of lack of parking space.

Write a letter to the editor of "Times of India" in about 100-120 words, drawing attention to this problem and what measures can be taken to resolve the problem. You are Sharan/Sunita from Maya Nagar.



**Sol.** Brilliant Vidyalaya

Maya Nagar

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The Editor

Times of India

Maya Nagar

**Subject:** Raising concern regarding insufficient parking space

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your notice that the problem of inadequate parking space is taking an ugly face day by day. The news of neighbours quarrelling violently over occupying parking space is very common these days.

The problem as serious as this one requires immediate and effective ways to curb the menace. Measures such as establishing minimum parking requirements by developing multistorey parking will result in optimum space utilization. Proposing such plans for residential colonies will be a boon to the people. There are some added advantages of this development such as the security and safety of the vehicles. Moreover, this would also improve the living stands as well.

Inadequate parking area is an important issue, which has not been taken seriously. Now, the situation is such that it needs to be addressed effectively.

I hope that the publishing of this concern in the columns of your renowned paper helps people lead a better life in the colony.

Your truly

Sunita

**OR**

- (B) You are Rita/Rahul, you purchased a T.V. set from Capital Electronics. However after a month the T.V. set stopped working properly. The volume could not be adjusted and the screen kept going dark. [5]

Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the store asking them to send a technician and if required replace the T.V. set since it was within warranty period.

**Sol.** Letter Writing

13, Rita Park

Preet Vihar

New Delhi

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The Sales Manager

Capital Electronics

Khan Market, New Delhi.

Sir,

**Sub:** Complaint regarding a defective Television set

I regret to inform you that I had purchased a Television set (LG 20") from your store in Khan Market. I had purchased it on 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 and have been facing the following problems shortly after installing it at my residence.

The following problems were faced within ten days:

- (a) The picture gets very blurry sometimes
- (b) The volume fluctuates every now and then

These problems have been making it very uncomfortable T.V viewing experience. Since the product has been purchased only a month ago and is still under warranty, I would request you to send some technician for inspection of the product or give me a replacement at the earliest.

Look forward to your prompt action,

Yours sincerely,

Rita

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

- (A) The reintroduction of cheetah in India has excited the people because it is a step forward in the strategy to conserve threatened species and restore ecosystem functions. **[5]**

**Reasons for extinction :**

- hunting, poaching, illegal trade
- diminishing habitat due to deforestation
- climate change
- increase in human population

**Strategies to conserve wild life**

- mapping water bodies
- conserving suitable habitat
- government support – strict laws

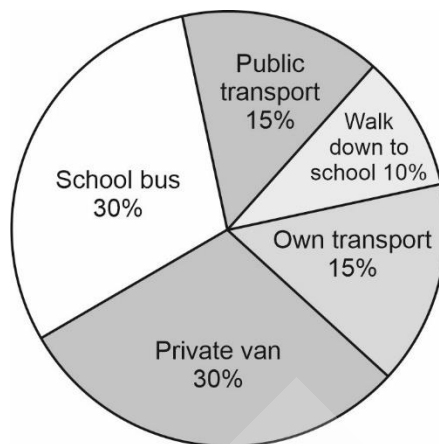
Based on the above information write a paragraph in about 100-120 words analysing the status of threatened species in India.

(Sample):

**Sol.** Wildlife is a precious gift from God to our planet. To maintain a healthy ecological balance; animals, plants and marine species are as important as humans. But due to a lot of reasons, especially natural disasters, many species have become endangered and even extinct. Cheetah is one such animal whose numbers have drastically reduced due to the alarming increase of hunting, poaching and illegally trading them. Overpopulation results in more deforestation which is diminishing their habitat. The whole ecology is getting disrupted. Climate change is also responsible for their extinction. The good news is that Cheetahs have been reintroduced in India with the support of government and strict laws, mapping water bodies and conserving suitable habitat. But these are not the only animals whose existence has been threatened. Animals like red panda, rhinoceros, leopard, etc. are becoming extinct as well and we must be very concerned about that too. We must remember one of our biggest responsibility is to let every living being coexist peacefully otherwise a strong disbalance in nature will occur very soon.

OR

- (B) A survey was conducted by your school on how many children walk down to school, how many use their own transport, how many use the school bus and how many come in private vans. The findings are given below. [5]



Based on the pie-chart given above write a paragraph analysing the information on 'Preference of Private vans to school buses'. Think of reasons for this preference by some parents is it more convenient and safer. (100-120 words)

**Sol. Title :** Preferences of different modes to school / Means of transport to school/logistics to school.

**Content :** ❖ Should be brief but complete.

❖ Should be to the point

❖ Interesting to read

❖ Language should be simple and correct

**Suggested Value Points :**

- The chart shows the percentage of the students preferring different modes of transport.
- The highest percentage goes with the school buses which is 30% of possibly parents; rely on the transport facility provided by the schools.
- 30% students prefer going to school using the private vans as private vans reach school, arrive home timely.
- 15% students use public transport as the school does not provide the transport facility there.
- 15% students use their own vehicles to reach school as they do not like to travel either by the public transport or a school bus or a private van.
- 10% students walk down to school as school is near by.

Hence, we can say that the data given above clearly represents the different choices of transport facility opted by parents and students.

## SECTION-C (40 Marks)

### (LITERATURE)

#### Reference to the Context

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

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

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

#### Answer (c)

**Sol.** his vision was obstructed.

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

#### Answer (d)

**Sol.** stopped responding completely.

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

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

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

#### Answer (d)

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

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

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

**Sol.** astonishment

OR

- (B) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow : [5×1=5]

**Lomov** : But you can see from the documents, honoured Natalya Stepanovna. Oxen Meadows, its true were once the subject of dispute, but now everybody knows they are mine. There's nothing to argue about. You see my aunts grandmother gave the free use of these Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of your

father's grandfather, in return for which they were to make bricks for her. The peasants belonging to your father's grandfather had the free use of Meadows for forty years, and had got into the habit of regarding them as their own, when it happened that .....

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

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

**Answer (d)**

**Sol.** ownership of Meadows

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

**Answer (b)**

**Sol.** perpetuity

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

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

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

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

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

The peasants had free use of Meadows for ..... years.

**Sol.** forty

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

**[5×1=5]**

Don't eat that chocolate Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

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

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

- (i) The Speaker's tone is
- loving.
  - hopeful.
  - instructive.
  - indifferent.

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** Instructive

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

rare: uncommon :: peace : .....

**Sol.** Tranquil

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

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

**Sol.** True

- (iv) Select the appropriate option:

Amanda's mother is continuously ..... Amanda.

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

**Answer (b)**

**Sol.** reprimanding

- (v). Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'dull'?

- (a) dreary
- (b) shady
- (c) bright
- (d) angry

**Answer (c)**

**Sol.** bright

OR

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

**[5×1=5]**

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

- (i) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers .....

- (a) helplessness
- (b) he has not been able to hunt
- (c) his prey has not come to the water hole
- (d) he is not free

**Answer (a)**

**Sol.** helplessness

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

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

(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

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

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

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

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

**Answer (b)**

**Sol.** lurking

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

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

**Sol.** True

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each:**

**[4×3=12]**

- (a) Why did the night turn sorrowful for Lencho after the rains? (A letter to God)
- (b) Describe the young seagull's first flight. (Two stories about flying)
- (c) Who are paders and why are they friends of children? (Glimpses of India)
- (d) Why did Valli spend her time all alone and what became her favourite pastime. (Madam rides the bus)
- (e) Describe the pirate who comes through the window. (The tale of Custard the Dragon)

**Sol. Suggested Value Points:**

- (a) • The night turned sorrowful for Lencho after the rains because on that night the hailstorm had destroyed his crop badly.
- It spoiled the hard work of Lencho leaving him with nothing.
- Lencho's soul was full with sadness because he had nothing to feed the family and he thought that his family would starve whole year.
- All his hard work throughout the year bore no fruit as the hailstorm destroyed the whole harvest leaving him with no means of income.
- (b) • The young seagull was very hungry.
- Dived at the fish that was in her mother's beak.
- Fell into space and became terribly afraid.
- Heart stood still, could hear nothing.
- But it only lasted for a minute.
- The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards and began to fly / was no longer afraid.



- (c) • Baker is also known as pader in Goa.
- He used to be a friend companion and guide for the children.
- Children loved the bread bangles that he brought for them.
- This was a sweat bread of a special make.
- (d) • Valli used to spend her time by standing in front her doorway.
- She had no playmates of her own age in her locality.
- Observing the activities of the street and passing of the bus was very fascinating for her and it became her favourite pastime.
- (e) • Describe the appearance of the pirate.
- Mention the weapons he had
- The intention of the pirate while entering the house.

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

**[2×3=6]**

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

**Sol. Suggested Value Points:**

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



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

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

OR

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

**Sol. Suggested Value Points:**

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

OR

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

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

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

**Sol. Suggested Value Points:**

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

**OR**

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

**Sol. Suggested Value Points:**

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

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