

**CLASS X (2020-21)**  
**ENGLISH (CODE 0184)**  
**SAMPLE PAPER-03**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**General Instructions :**

- (i) This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

## PART - A (40 Marks)

**READING**

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below. 10

Man does not Live by food alone. Water is vital to human health and fitness. Although it is not a nutrient per se as are carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins and minerals. It, in fact, is a key nutrient as no life is possible without it. Whereas we can do for weeks without food, we cannot live without water longer than a couple of days.

Water approximates 60 per cent of the body weight of human adults. The total amount of water in a man weighing 70 kilograms is approximately a little over 40 litres. It is an excellent solvent—more substances are soluble in water than in any other liquid known so far. This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluids which sustain life supporting chemical reactions. It dissolves varied products of digestion and transports them to the rest of the body. Likewise, it dissolves diverse metabolic wastes and helps drain them out of the body. Besides, it performs a variety of functions—some well known and well understood while others not so well appreciated yet vita l. The no less important role of water is to distribute/dissipate the body heat efficiently, thereby regulating body's temperature. Water accomplishes this role ideally because it has high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to the other.

Above all, water has a high-specific heat, implying that it takes a lot of heat to raise the temperature of water and likewise much heat must be lost to lower its temperature.

Drinking a lot of water is an inexpensive way to stay healthy. Even excess of water is harmless. Water therapy— drinking a litre or so the first thing in the morning is kidney-friendly.

The water regulation in the body is affected by hypothalamus in two ways i.e., (i) by creating the sensation of thirst which makes us drink water and (ii) by controlling the excretion of water as urine. If water regulation fails, medical emergency ensues.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.**  $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) Water is vital to human health and fitness because:
- (i) man does not live by food alone
  - (ii) it is an excellent solvent

(iii) we cannot survive for more than a couple of days without it

(iv) it controls thirst and excretion of water as urine

**Ans :** (iii) we cannot survive for more than a couple of days without it

(b) Water is called a key nutrient because:

(i) it dissolves different products of digestion

(ii) no life is possible without it

(iii) it carries products to the rest of the body

(iv) it raises temperature of the body

**Ans :** (ii) no life is possible without it

(c) Water is an ideal constituent of the body fluids because:

(i) it is an excellent solvent

(ii) it dissolves metabolic wastes

(iii) it drains wastes out of the body

(iv) it regulates excretion of urine

**Ans :** (i) it is an excellent solvent

(d) Water regulates body temperature efficiently as:

(i) it circulates easily

(ii) it has high-specific heat

(iii) it dissolves food easily

(iv) it has high thermal conductivity

**Ans :** (iv) it has high thermal conductivity

(e) What does the author means when he uses the word 'regulation' in the last para?

(i) Official rule

(ii) Control

(iii) Device for fair use

(iv) Worn or used as per rules

**Ans :** (ii) Control

(f) Which component is an inexpensive way to stay healthy?

(i) Water

(ii) Minerals

(iii) Vitamins

(iv) Proteins

**Ans :** (i) Water

(g) Which of the following statements is not true?

- (i) Water regulates body temperature
- (ii) Excess water is not harmless
- (iii) Excess water is not harmful
- (iv) Water transports nutrients to the body

**Ans :** (ii) Excess water is not harmless

(h) Which activity is considered as water therapy?

- (i) Its high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to another
- (ii) Drinking a litre of water in the morning
- (iii) Drinking excess quantity of water
- (iv) All of the above

**Ans :** (ii) Drinking a litre of water in the morning

(i) What is the per cent of water content in a human body?

- (i) 60%
- (ii) 40%
- (iii) 80%
- (iv) 70%

**Ans :** (i) 60%

(j) Which word in para 2 conveys the opposite of 'similar'?

- (i) Dissipate
- (ii) Ideal
- (iii) Accomplished
- (iv) Diverse

**Ans :** (iv) Diverse

(k) Which word in para 4 is a synonym or undamaging'?

- (i) Excess
- (ii) Harmless
- (iii) Therapy
- (iv) Friendly

**Ans :** (ii) Harmless

(l) Which word in para 2 is a synonym of 'maintain'?

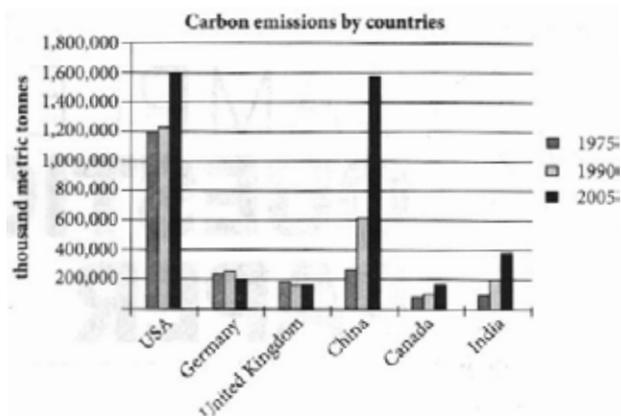
- (i) Supporting
- (ii) Sustain
- (iii) Diverse
- (iv) Varied

**Ans :** (ii) Sustain

2. Read the passage given below. 10

The chart below gives information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of

them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005.

As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.

USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all.

The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.**

1 × 10 = 10

(a) The given data compares the amount of emission of:

- (i) carbon dioxide
- (ii) oxygen
- (iii) nitrogen
- (iv) None of these

**Ans :** (i) carbon dioxide

(b) In terms of the percentage increase, which country was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all in year 2005?

- (i) China
- (ii) USA
- (iii) India
- (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

**Ans :** (i) China

(c) Which country is the most polluter country?

- (i) China
- (ii) USA
- (iii) India
- (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

**Ans :** (ii) USA

(d) What do you think can be the reason for surging of CO<sub>2</sub> emission in million tonnes?

- (i) Fast paced industrialisation
- (ii) Lack of sustainable development
- (iii) The urge to become world's top powerful economies
- (iv) All of the above

**Ans :** (iv) All of the above

(e) Which country has the lowest emission of CO<sub>2</sub> in the graph?

- (i) Germany
- (ii) United Kingdom
- (iii) Canada
- (iv) India

**Ans :** (iii) Canada

- (f) Which country has observed a dramatic rise over its years in CO<sub>2</sub> emission?  
 (i) China (ii) USA  
 (iii) India (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

**Ans :** (i) China

- (g) Which country had the same level of CO<sub>2</sub> emission in the first and the second decade?  
 (i) Germany (ii) Canada  
 (iii) Both (i) and (ii) (iv) None of these

**Ans :** (iii) Both (i) and (ii)

- (h) What is the highest quantity unit of global emission of CO<sub>2</sub> by different countries?  
 (i) 1,600,000 (ii) 1,570,000  
 (iii) 1,300,000 (iv) None of these

**Ans :** (i) 1,600,000

- (i) Which country had the minimum CO<sub>2</sub> emission during 1975?  
 (i) Germany  
 (ii) The United Kingdom  
 (iii) China  
 (iv) India

**Ans :** (iv) India

- (j) Which countries reported gradual growth in reduction of global CO<sub>2</sub> emission?  
 (i) Germany and India  
 (ii) USA and China  
 (iii) The United Kingdom and USA  
 (iv) Germany and The United Kingdom

**Ans :** (iv) Germany and The United Kingdom

- (k) Which of the following statements is true?  
 (i) The countries have achieved meteoric rise in CO<sub>2</sub> emission  
 (ii) The countries have not been able to reduce their CO<sub>2</sub> emission significantly  
 (iii) USA seems to leave behind China in coming years  
 (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

**Ans :** (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

- (l) Which country has been the major polluter in these three decades?  
 (i) USA (ii) India  
 (iii) China (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

**Ans :** (i) USA

### LITERATURE (10 Marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

As for Maddie, this business of asking Wanda every day how many dresses and how many hats, and how many this and that she had was bothering her. Maddie was poor herself. She usually wore somebody's hand-me-down clothes. Thanks goodness, she didn't live up on Boggins Heights or have any funny name.

- (a) In what ways was Maddie different from Wanda?  
 (i) She did not live in Boggins Heights  
 (ii) She did not have a funny name  
 (iii) Both (i) and (ii)  
 (iv) Maddie was not as poor as Wanda

**Ans :** (iii) Both (i) and (ii)

- (b) Who started the business of (asking about) dresses, hats and other things?  
 (i) Maddie (ii) Peggy  
 (iii) Maddie and Peggy (iv) Wanda

**Ans :** (ii) Peggy

- (c) In the line, 'she had was bothering her', who does 'her' here refer to?  
 (i) Maddie (ii) Wanda  
 (iii) Peggy (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

**Ans :** (i) Maddie

- (d) Why was Maddie unhappy?  
 (i) She was called out by funny names  
 (ii) She had to wear hand-me-down clothes  
 (iii) She was poor  
 (iv) She didn't like to see the way Peggy teased Wanda

**Ans :** (iv) She didn't like to see the way Peggy teased Wanda

- (e) Which word in the passage means 'disturbing'?  
 (i) Goodness (ii) Bothering  
 (iii) Business (iv) Hand-me-down

**Ans :** (ii) Bothering

or

'Her first journey—what careful, painstaking, elaborate plans she had to make for it! She had thriftily saved whatever stray coins come her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons and the like, finally she had saved a total of sixty paise. How difficult it had been, particularly that day at the village fair, but she had resolutely stifled a strong desire to ride the merry-go-round, even though she had the money.

- (a) From which chapter has this extract been taken?  
 (i) Madam Rides the Bus  
 (ii) Bholi  
 (iii) The Hundred Dresses-II  
 (iv) From the Diary of Anne Frank

**Ans :** (i) Madam Rides the Bus

- (b) Why had 'she' in the passage saved sixty paise?  
 (i) For her strong desire to ride merry-go-round  
 (ii) For every temptation of peppermint, toys and balloons  
 (iii) For enjoying the village fair  
 (iv) For riding on the bus

**Ans :** (iv) For riding on the bus

- (c) What does 'it' refer to in 'how difficult it had been'?
- For the painstaking plan
  - For the resistance from her temptations and desire
  - For going to the village fair
  - For saving the money

**Ans :** (iv) For saving the money

- (d) How did 'she' manage to save money?
- By saving every coin she received or was left spare with her
  - By not enjoying the rides in the fair
  - By resisting all the favourite things in the fair
  - All of the above

**Ans :** (iv) All of the above

- (e) Which word in the passage means 'not being extravagant'?
- Painstaking
  - Elaborate
  - Stifled
  - Thriftily

**Ans :** (iv) Thriftily

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

"In a world of possessions, people will take"  
Balls, Balls will be lost always, the little boy  
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external."

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- The Ball Poem, Leslie Norris
  - Animals, John Berryman
  - The Ball Poem, John Berryman
  - Animals, Walt Whitman

**Ans :** (iii) The Ball Poem, John Berryman

- (b) Where did the boy lost the ball?
- In the harbour water
  - At the dockyard
  - In the boat
  - In the ground

**Ans :** (i) In the harbour water

- (c) The poet speaks of a ball as a symbol of:
- wealth
  - childhood memories
  - property
  - All of these

**Ans :** (iv) All of these

- (d) Why will no one buy a ball back?
- There is no money to spare
  - The ball was rarely found
  - Lost things cannot be recovered
  - Losses and gains are part of life

**Ans :** (iii) Lost things cannot be recovered

- (e) Which literary device is used here?
- Personification
  - Alliteration
  - Imagery
  - Illusion

**Ans :** (ii) Alliteration

**or**

He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage  
On pads of velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage.

- (a) Who is 'he' here?
- Tiger
  - Human being
  - Lion
  - Dragon

**Ans :** (i) Tiger

- (b) How does 'he' walk?
- Angrily
  - Fiercely
  - Steadily
  - All of these

**Ans :** (iii) Steadily

- (c) Which emotion does the tiger not express?
- Pride
  - Dissatisfaction
  - Anger
  - Both (ii) and (iii)

**Ans :** (iii) Anger

- (d) Where is the tiger now?
- In the jungle
  - In the zoo
  - In the grassland
  - In his den

**Ans :** (ii) In the zoo

- (e) Which literary device is used here?
- Personification
  - Repetition
  - Imagery
  - Allusion

**Ans :** (i) Personification

### GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

5. Choose the correct options to complete the passage.

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

Our tongue (a) ..... a lot of things. The (b) ..... bumps on it called taste buds can differentiate between salty food and sweet food. The tongue (c) ..... in chewing the food by moving to where our teeth can bite it.

- is doing
  - do
  - does
  - had done
- less
  - little
  - few
  - lesser
- is helping
  - will be help
  - has helped
  - helps

**Ans :**

- (iii) does
- (ii) little
- (iv) helps

6. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct option.

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

- Udit : I'm really thrilled about joining my new school. I don't know (a) ..... when I actually step in there.
- Arun : Don't feel overexcited otherwise (b) .....
- Udit : Tell me (c). ..... there.

Arun : We shall reach there tomorrow morning my brother. Do you know what you will carry since the school is on a hill station?

- (a) (i) how shall I feel  
 (ii) what can I find  
 (iii) how I feel  
 (iv) what will I get
- (b) (i) you might be nervous  
 (ii) you will get nervous  
 (iii) you will be nervousing  
 (iv) you shall become nervous
- (c) (i) when may we reach  
 (ii) when shall we reach  
 (iii) how will we reach  
 (iv) why shall we reach

**Ans :**

- (a) (i) how shall I feel  
 (b) (ii) you will get nervous  
 (c) (ii) when shall we reach

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for any four of the six sentences given below:  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Wood ..... on water.  
 (i) floated (ii) will float  
 (iii) floats (iv) float

**Ans :** (iii) floats

- (b) Somebody ..... to go and talk to her.  
 (i) have (ii) were  
 (iii) has (iv) will

**Ans :** (iii) has

- (c) Talk to ..... child separately.  
 (i) these (ii) some  
 (iii) each (iv) few

**Ans :** (iii) each

- (d) She asked him to give ..... papaya and ..... orange.  
 (i) a; the (ii) the; the  
 (iii) the; an (iv) a; an

**Ans :** (iv) a; an

- (e) The condition of these stairs ..... not very good.  
 (i) are (ii) have  
 (iii) is (iv) were

**Ans :** (iii) is

- (f) You ..... be hungry after all that walking.  
 (i) may (ii) must  
 (iii) need (iv) can

**Ans :** (ii) must

## PART - B (40 Marks)

**WRITING**

$2 \times 5 = 10$

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. 5

You are Aman/Amita, Blue Bells Public School, Delhi. Write a letter to UK Publishers, Pratap Vihar, Delhi to place an order for English to Hindi, encyclopedia, fiction books etc. for your school library. Request them for a catalogue, discount offered and other necessary details.

**Ans :**

Blue Bells Public School  
 Delhi  
 10 April 20XX  
 The Store Manager  
 UK Publications  
 Pratap Vihar  
 Delhi

**Subject:** Placing an Order for Purchasing Books

Sir,

I am writing this letter to place a bulk order for the supply of books for the school library for the academic session 2020-21. We wish to place an order to you as we have heard a lot about your publication and the quality content that you offer.

The particulars of the books and their quantity to be supplied are given below:

S.No.	Particulars	Quantity
1.	English to Hindi Dictionary	10
2.	Hindi to English Dictionary	10
3.	Children's Encyclopedia	15
4.	Fiction Books (Hindi)	15
5.	Fiction Books (English)	15
6.	Indian Mythology	5 sets

All the books should be hardbound and in perfect condition. We expect at least 15% discount. In case of any damage in transit, the goods will be returned at your cost. Payment would be made by cheque once the goods are received in good condition.

We expect prompt delivery within a week.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Aman  
 (Librarian)

**or**

You are Mohit/Mohini, a resident of 32/B, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Last week, you came across an advertisement pertaining to city tour of Kerala and wish to avail it during the vacations. Write a letter of enquiry to the Tour Manager, Balaji Tours and Travels, Connaught Place, Delhi, enquiring about the itinerary for 7 children and 20 adult members.

**Ans :**

32/B. Ravi Nagar  
Delhi  
10 April 20XX  
Tour Manager  
Balaji Tours and Travels  
Connaught Place  
Delhi

**Subject:** Enquiry about the Charges and Facilities Provided for tour to Kerala

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement in the Hindustan Times, dated 8 April 20XX. I wish to know the details of the same. I am planning to visit Kerala in the coming vacations with my family (20 adult members and 7 children) and wish to avail your facility of conducting sight-seeing tours and see the most renowned and popular places there.

Kindly furnish me with the following details:

- Travel itinerary
- Accommodation (AC rooms)
- Total charges—cost per head
- Places to visit (sight-seeing, shopping)
- Special attractions
- Pick and Drop facility
- Food/meals provided
- Mode of transport (Air/Train/Bus)
- Mode of payment
- Discount for families, if any

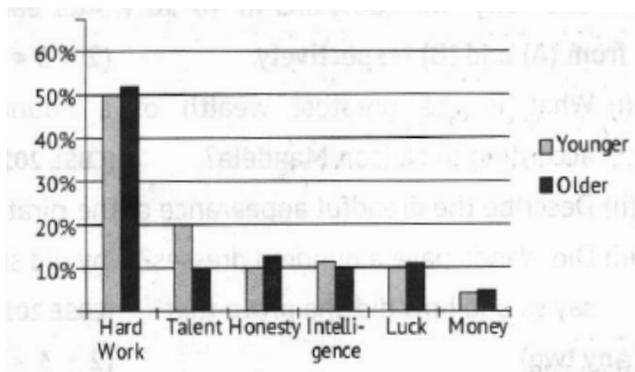
It shall be highly appreciated if the details are provided to me at the earliest.

Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

Mohit

9. The bar graph given below contains data related to the people's opinion about their consideration for the most important factor for success. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words after observing the graph carefully and analysing; highlight the main features and make suitable comparisons. 5

The Most Important Factor For Success



**Ans :**

There are many factors that are considered important by people for getting success. However, success has always supported those who have worked diligently towards their life goals.

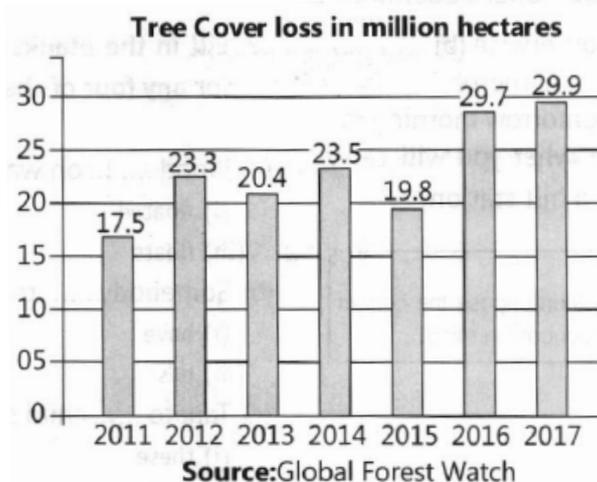
We have been given a study here in the form of double bar graph that compares the opinion of the younger generation and older generation on the most important factor for success in terms of percentage.

The darker shade rectangular bars tell us about the opinion of the older generation whereas the lighter shade rectangular bars tell us about the opinion of the younger generation. As discussed above that success favours those who toil and sacrifice the menial joys of life to achieve their goals. Similarly it can be observed through the graph that 50% younger people favour hardwork as the most important factor for success whereas according to the older people hardwork contributes more than 50% as an important factor.

As the time has rolled into the world of competition, talent has started taking its stake to 20% in view of the younger people whereas the older people consider it important only 10%. Likewise is the case in the factor of intelligence. The younger consider intelligence as the most important factor as the number of old people favouring it which counts upto only 10%. Honesty is considered important only 14% by the older generation which is 4% more important as perceived by the younger generation.

or

The following bar graph gives information about the forest loss during 2011-2017 across the globe. The tree cover loss is given in terms of million hectares. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words after observing the bar graph carefully and analysing, highlight the main features and make suitable comparisons.



**Ans :**

The bar graph gives us the information about the forest cover loss from 2011 to 2017 across the globe. The Global forest watch gives us the report of forest loss in million hectares during 7 years. On closely observing the data, we can see that the tree cover loss was constantly fluctuating. The growth in tree cover loss has neither achieved an exponential rise nor reduced drastically. It has once gone down and then up and thus following the pattern. Here, it can be seen that the maximum loss can be observed in the year 2017 with 29.9 million hectares of forest cover loss and the minimum forest loss has been of 17.5 million hectares in the year 2011. In the year 2012 and 2014 the area under forest cover loss has been similar with just a slight difference. A significant decrease can be noticed in the year 2015 that can be a little favour of humans upon the nature but the gloomy part is that after 2015, only the rise can be seen in the two

subsequent years i.e. 29.7 million hectares loss in 2016 and in 2017. 29.9 million hectares forest has been cleared. In 2013, there was a slight decline in the count of area of forest loss and the area cleared has been 20.4 million hectare. Whatever may be the reasons for the high rate of declining forest cover, the alarming situation comes before us that the nature needs only the sustainable development in order to replenish the loss lest the humans should face disastrous results.

### LITERATURE (30 Marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.  $2 \times 4 = 8$

(A) (any two)  $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) How did Valli save money for her first bus journey?

**Ans :**

To save money for her first bus journey, she resisted the temptation of buying balloons, peppermints, toys etc. in the village fair. She also resisted her strong desire to enjoy the merry-go-round there. She saved an amount of sixty paise. Hence, she collected the amount required for the bus journey.

- (ii) Why does the tiger ignore the visitors?

**Ans :**

The tiger ignores the visitors because he considers them devoid of feelings as none of them tries to help him out of the prison.

- (iii) What brought a sudden change in the poet of Dust of Snow?

**Ans :**

The poet was in a bad mood. He considered that his day was ruined. But the crow shook off the dust of snow on him. His mood changed and the rest of the day was saved for him.

(B) (any two)  $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) What did Bill, The Hack Driver, say about Lutkins?

**Ans :**

Bill told the lawyer that Lutkins was a clever fellow hard enough to catch. He owed money to many people, including Bill. He was always up to something or the other and had never even paid anybody a cent. He also said that Oliver played a lot of poker and was good at deceiving people.

- (ii) Why do you think the tendency to show off becomes a curse for Matilda?

**Ans :**

She wasted her youth and suffered for ten long years only because of her vanity. Her desire for short-lived pleasure had become a curse for her.

- (iii) What did Griffin, the scientist, do to escape after setting the fire to his landlord's house?

**Ans :**

Griffin, the scientist, removed his clothes, became invisible and got away without being seen. He became a homeless wanderer without clothes, without money and he was quite invisible, until he happened to step into mud and left footprints behind.

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.  $3 \times 4 = 12$

(A) (any two)  $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) What is the greatest wealth of a country according to Nelson Mandela?

**Ans :**

South Africa is rich in the gems and minerals. But minerals and gems are not the greatest wealth of a nation. Mandela thinks that the greatest and real wealth of a nation are its people. They are finer and truer than the purest diamonds.

- (ii) Describe the dreadful appearance of the pirate?

**Ans :**

The pirate looked quite dreadful and dominating. He carried a pistol in his left as well as in right hand. He held a shining dagger in his mouth. His beard was black and one of his legs was of wood. It seemed that his intentions were terrible.

- (iii) Did Wanda have a hundred dresses? Why did she say so and how did she prove that?

**Ans :**

No, she did not have the actual dresses. She had only the drawings of a hundred dresses on papers. All had different designs and colours. She had lined them up in her closet. She proved herself right by submitting a hundred drawings of dresses in the drawing and painting competition of her school.

(B) (any two)  $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?

**Ans :**

Bholi's teacher played an important role in changing the course of her life. She was polite and friendly which touched her heart. She encouraged her every time and was affectionate towards her. The teacher transformed her into a confident person who could read, write and speak clearly. This gave her the required confidence. Moreover, the teacher's appreciation and encouragement helped her overcome her low morale.

- (ii) Hari Singh did not catch the train deliberately when he could catch it easily. Why?

**Ans :**

Hari Singh did not catch the train deliberately while he could catch it easily because he realised that Anil would feel sad for the loss of trust that he had reposed in him. Moreover, Hari did not want to lose the chance of getting educated. His inner conscience held him back.

- (iii) Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?

**Ans :**

Mrs. Pumphrey thinks that the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery" because in two weeks, Tricki had recovered completely and had been transformed into a hard-muscled animal. When Tricki saw her, he leaped into her lap and licked her face. She was so excited that tears started rolling out of her eyes. She declared Tricki's recovery as a triumph of surgery to express her happiness and gratitude towards the doctor.

12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words: 5  
The story 'Madam Rides a Bus' has a lot of people talking in it. The conductor jokes and laughs with Valli, some passengers try to show their concern for her, and her mother and her aunt spends time chatting.

On the basis of your reading of the chapter, think of similar people or similar situations and write a dialogue based on an imaginary, event.

**Ans :**

- Elderly woman : Dear! Are you all alone in the bus?
- Valli : Yes! I am travelling alone and I've got a ticket too!
- Elderly woman : Are you afraid of traveling alone child?
- Valli : (puffed up) Aunty! I am not a child. I am eight years old now. Don't call me child.
- Elderly woman : (laughs & smiles at Valli) Ok! Ok! So tell me dear then what shall I call you?
- Valli : (smiling at the woman's laughter) My name is Valliammi, you can address me as Valli.
- Conductor : (interrupting) Ah han! Not only Valli, call her as Madam Valli.  
[Valli, the woman & the conductor laugh.]
- Valli : Aunty! Why do you wear such big earrings? They make your ear lobes so big.
- Elderly woman : (surprised) I must say you are quite observing. I like to wear them. Would you like wearing them once?
- Valli : Oh no! They seem so heavy. If I wear them my ears won't be able to bear the weight and I am afraid that my ears might fall off along the earrings as soon as I wear them.
- Elderly woman : (laughing at her innocent joke) You are so hilarious! I am very amused with this reply.

**or**

Day in and day out people are becoming more and more callous and insensitive to the joys and all sufferings of the people around them. On the other hand Valli grieves the accidental death of the young cow. How does this make Valli a beacon of light for the society today?

**Ans :**

It was Valli's first bus ride. Valli emerged as a very clever, sensitive, self-respecting and fun-loving girl. Valli was mature, clever and practical beyond her years.

The sight of a young cow running towards the bus at full speed enthused her. The more the driver honked, the more frightened the animal became and came just in front of the bus. Valli enjoyed the fun and laughed till tears came into her eyes. Valli was a very sensitive girl. Valli got introduced to the mystery of life and death on her first bus journey in the outside world. On her way back, she saw the same cow lying dead on the road. Some speeding and fast vehicle must have hit it. It was a horrible sight. It looked quite frightening. It was lying with its legs spread out, a fixed stare in its lifeless eyes and blood around it. The image of the dead cow haunted her dampening her spirits and making her sad. Valli was excited and joyous in her journey but the death of the cow brings her peep into life and death simultaneously. She learns that many things happen without our knowledge. We all should understand that life and death are common to all but as this was the first experience to Valli noticing a death made her feel gloomy. We all should be sensitive to our surroundings, fellow creatures and other beings is the conspicuous idea that the author wants to preach all of us.

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

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Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell us about her?

**Ans :**

This is a normal practice in India that girls seldom oppose their parent's choice for a groom. The upbringing of daughters does a kind of mental conditioning which doesn't give them enough courage to rebel against their parent's wish. Bholi more or less followed the tradition of being an ideal Indian girl and agreed to an unequal match because she felt lucky to get a well-to-do groom who owned a big shop, had a house of his own and had several thousands in the bank. Moreover, he was not asking for any dowry. Bholi also heard her mother saying that he did not know about her pock marks and her lack of sense. If the proposal was not accepted she might remain unmarried all her life. Later on when the groom expressed his greed to everyone, it repulsed Bholi and she opposed the marriage. Unlike her sisters, Bholi is educated and has a mind of her own. She is as independent as any other modern girl of a big city. On seeing her father pleading and getting humiliated, she decided not to marry him.

This tells us that she loves and respects her parents, has self-respect and knows what is right or wrong and is able to take a wise decision.

**or**

Describe the contribution of his mother in Richard Ebright's life. What role did she play in making Ebright a scientist?

**Ans :**

People say that behind the success of a man stands a woman. And in Richard Ebright's success as a scientist and also as a man, solidly stood his mother.

Richard Ebright's father had died when he was just in the third grade. "Richie was my life after his father died," said his mother. He \was her only companion and they spent almost every evening at the dining table. Ebright's mother encouraged his interest in learning. She knew that her son had a driving curiosity along with a bright mind. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials and other equipment. She helped Ebright in many ways. She was an important link between Dr. Urquhart and her son. She wrote to Dr. Urquhart and after her advice. Ebright sent tagged butterflies to him in Canada. She knew that her son had a passion for collecting things. By the time he was in the second grade. Ebright has collected all twenty-five species of butterflies found around his hometown. His interest in his butterfly collecting would have ended had she not got him a children's book called 'The Travels of Monarch X'. That book told how monarch butterflies migrated to Central America. It opened the world of science to the eager collector.

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