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# Questions & Solutions

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

### Class-X CBSE (Term-II) 2022

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) The Question Paper contains **three** sections *READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR* and *LITERATURE*.
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each **Part/Section**.



## SECTION - A (Reading)

### 1. Read the passage given below.

- (1) Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.
- (2) The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.
- (3) From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced".
- (4) He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. "I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but, hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."
- (5) Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life.  
"Running had thus become my God, my religion and my beloved".  
"My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach."
- (6) On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training. "I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would increase my speed to such an extent that after my rounds, I would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me, asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory."

Based on your reading answer any **five** questions from the **six** given below:

[1×5=5]

- (i) What is Milkha Singh known as? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics?
- (ii) List any two of Milkha Singh's achievements.
- (iii) What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow?
- (iv) State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.
- (v) What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world?
- (vi) Explain the phrase 'I would start again' in the last sentence.



### Solution 1

- (i) Milkha Singh is known as The Flying Sikh. He was disappointed with his performance in the Melbourne Olympics and realised how strong and professional the international competition was. With his loss, he understood that he had to work harder to compete and succeed at the international level.
- (ii) (Any two)
  - (a) He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour
  - (b) Won Gold in 400 meters at Asian Games as well as Commonwealth Games
  - (c) Represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics, Melbourne
- (iii) He went through vigorous training even when his trainers and doctors asked him to slow down. For two years he ran two or three miles cross-country at the crack of the dawn. He committed himself to hard exercises and vigorous training.
- (iv) (Any two)
  - (a) He practised so hard that he was drained of all energy.
  - (b) He vomited blood while practising.
  - (c) He sometimes dropped down unconscious because of strenuous exercise.
- (v) The visions of victory and jam-packed stadium cheering him motivated him to be the best athlete in the world.
- (vi) To be the best athlete, he went through vigorous training and this took his all strength. When he felt drained, the visions of spectators applauding him in the stadium made him forget all his pain and pricks and thus he would start over.

2. Read the following excerpt from a Case Study. J.K. Rowling- A Journey

The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates.

Rowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne. "The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit." Rowling said in an interview. "He got the measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so.

However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage or secure a pension.

A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was stuck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully formed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life.

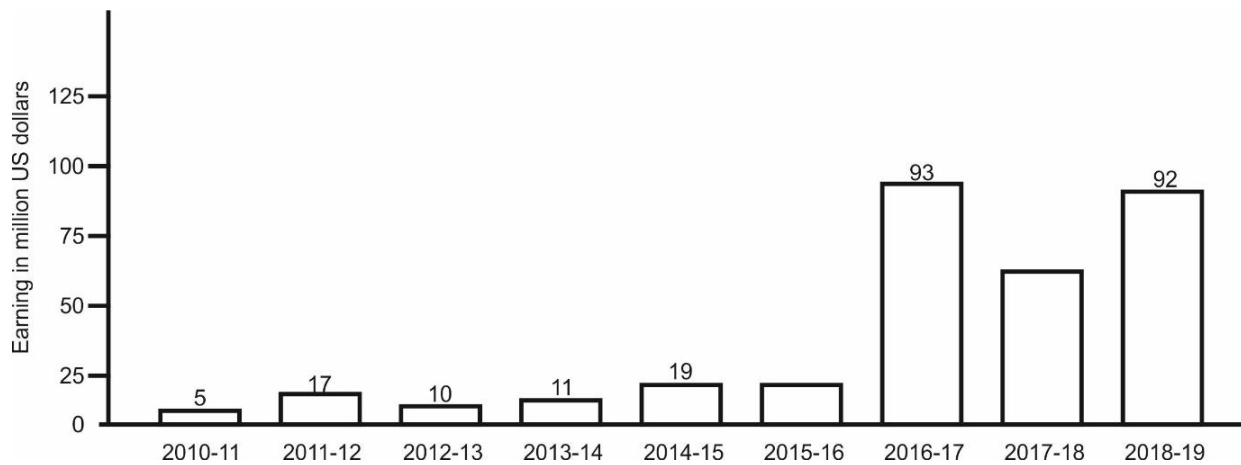
Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English.

At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that plot was too complex. Refusing to compromise, she found a publisher.

In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had sky rocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of zeroes appeared on the author's bank balance and her life was turned upside down. Day and night she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.

Rowling's quality control has become legendary, as her obsession with accuracy. She's thrilled with Stephen Fry's taped version of the books and outraged that an Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses. "Don't they understand that the glasses are the clue to his vulnerability."

Annual earnings of J.K. Rowling from 2010 to 2019.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer any five of the six questions given below. [1×5=5]

- (i) Explain J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame'.
- (ii) What reason did the publishers give for rejecting Rowling's book?
- (iii) What was the drawback of achieving fame?
- (iv) Why was Rowling outraged with the Italian dust jacket?
- (v) Find a word in the last para that means the same as 'insecure/helpless'.
- (vi) According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful?

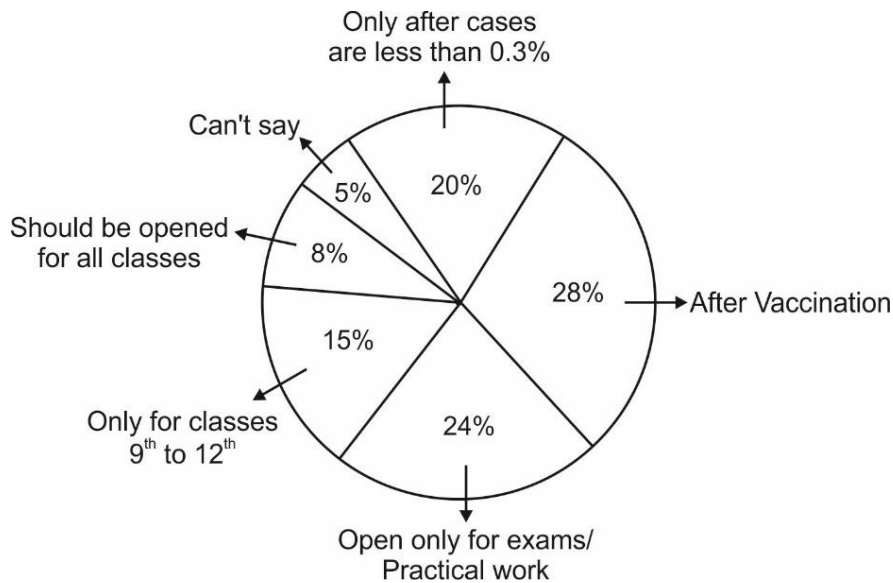
### Solution 2

- (i) The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame' is incredible and as unbelievable as magic, almost as well known as the characters she creates.
- (ii) The publishers told her that the plot was too complex.
- (iii) The drawback of achieving fame was constant disturbance of journalists knocking at her door day and night for interviews.
- (iv) Rowling was outraged with the Italian dust jacket because it showed Harry without his glasses. She was outraged because they didn't understand the relevance of his glasses, showing his vulnerability.
- (v) vulnerability
- (vi) According to the graph, it took seven years for Rowling to become very successful.

## SECTION – B (Writing and Grammar)

3. Attempt any **one** from (i) and (ii).

- (i) A group of enterprising young adults conducted a survey on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital [5]



Write a paragraph in about **120** words analysing the listed responses.

- (ii) You are Vikram/Vanya, Librarian, B.S. Public School, Delhi.

Write a letter to the Manager of Amar Publication House, Mumbai, placing an order for 4 sets of Social Studies books for grades 6-8 published by N.C.E.R.T. in not more than **120** words. Mention school discount, mode of payment and date of delivery. [5]

### Solution 3

- (i) **Analytical paragraph**

**Content: 3 marks**

**Organisation & Expression: 2 marks**

**Suggested Value Points:**

- Introducing the main idea of the graph - The given pie chart illustrates a survey done on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital conducted by a group of enterprising young adults
- Drawing comparison on the basis of phase-wise reopening of educational institutions
- Using appropriate comparative words and connectors to write the summary
- Giving inferences on the basis of how educational institutes should be opened as per listed responses
- It is clearly evident from the pie chart that people had different opinions about it. It is observed that 28% opined that the institutions should be reopened if the majority of the people are vaccinated.
- In contrast to this only 8% suggested that it should be opened for the students of all the classes.
- When it comes to the students for classes 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> around 15% of the people agreed to resume offline classes for these students.
- Moreover, it is to be seen that 24% of the population suggested that the schools should be reopened only when there is any kind of practical work or exam to be conducted in the school.
- As the third highest majority, 20% are of the opinion that we could consider reopening only when the cases are less than 0.3%.



- On the other hand, 5% people didn't have any opinion on this and couldn't decide whether it's a good decision taken by the govt. or not.
- Overall, we can say that majority of the people are of the opinion that the schools should be reopened in full swing only once all the people including children also are fully vaccinated in order to keep everyone safe and secure.

(ii) **Formal Letter:**

**Content: 2 marks**

**Format** – (Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject Heading, Salutation, Complimentary Close)

**Expression: 2 marks** (grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings, coherence & relevance of ideas and style)

**Accuracy: 1 mark**

**Suggested Value Points:**

- Introduction with the quotation received
- Order details in tabular form
- Payment details
- Discount information & closing

**(Sample)**

Placing an Order

B.S. Public School  
Delhi

April 27, 2022

Reference No. BSPS / 2022 / 111

The Manager  
Amar Publication House  
Mumbai

Subject – Order letter as per your Quotation Letter dated April 21, 2022

Dear Sir

We are happy to put an order with you as per your quotation received. Please find below the dispatch details:

S. No.	Class	Publication	Subject	Quantity
1	6	NCERT	Social Studies	4 sets
2	8	NCERT	Social Studies	4 sets



The order should reach us within seven days as we need these books urgently. Books must be of publication year 2022-23 and packed properly. We have made part payment of rupees Rs. 3000 via **NEFT** no **XXXXR520190109599036XX**, dated **27-04-2022** in your account.

Kindly ensure that the standard discount of 10 % is levied on the order. In case of any damaged goods received, the remaining payment shall be withheld.

Yours sincerely

Vikram / Vanya

Librarian

4. The following paragraph has an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. [1×3=3]

	Incorrect	Correct
Air pollution is emerging like a	e.g., <u>like</u>	<u>as</u>
global problem among the world.	(a) _____	_____
Much of our cities have	(b) _____	_____
industries which is responsible for 20% of the	(c) _____	_____
pollutants.		

#### Solution 4

	Incorrect	Correct
(a)	among	in
(b)	Much	Most
(c)	is	are

5. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows: [2]

**Neha:** I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.

**Namita:** Yes, after a long time we will be meeting our friends and teachers.

Neha told Namita (1) \_\_\_\_\_ looking forward to the class picnic \_\_\_\_\_. Namita agreed that after a long time (2) \_\_\_\_\_ friends and teachers.

#### Solution 5

- (1) that she was really, the following day  
 (2) they would be meeting their

### SECTION - C (Literature)

6. Answer any **six** questions in about **30-40** words each. [2×6=12]

- (i) What does the writer recall about his childhood in Goa? (*Glimpses of India*)
- (ii) "These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment." What were the sights that moved 'him'? (*The Sermon at Benaras*)
- (iii) Mention any two issues over which Amanda was nagged and scolded?
- (iv) Why does the poet wish to 'turn' and live with animals? (*Animals*)
- (v) Describe Custard the dragon.
- (vi) What did Ebright learn from his failure at the Science fair? (*The Making of a Scientist*)
- (vii) How did Lutkins impress the lawyer? (*The Hack Driver*)

## Solution 6

**Content: 1 mark**

**Expression: 1 mark**

(i) **Suggested Value Points:**

- He remembers his childhood memories fondly
- How the bakers used to be an integral part of everyone's lives – friend, companion and guide of the children
- Excitement caused by thud and jingle sound of the traditional baker's bamboo
- Importance of traditional baker's bread in ceremonies and daily life
- How prosperous a baker's household used to be

(ii) **Suggested Value Points:**

- He saw four things - a sick man, an old man, a funeral procession and a monk begging
- This encounter with the sufferings and grief moved him and he left to seek the path of enlightenment

(iii) **Suggested Value Points:**

- Amanda was being scolded for eating chocolates, for biting nails, for not sitting up straight
- She was always nagged by her mother. She was asked whether she had finished her homework, tidied her room, cleaned her shoes
- She was even told to stop sulking

(iv) **Suggested Value Points:**

- Poet thinks that the animals are content and happy in their surroundings.
- Poet wants to turn into animals and live with them because they are innocent, calm and quiet.
- The animals are placid and the poet also praises them for this quality.
- The poet doesn't want to live as a human anymore as he sees them full of vice, materialistic tendencies and fear.

(v) **Suggested Value Points:**

- It had big sharp teeth, spikes on his top and scales underneath
- It had nose like a chimney, toes like daggers and mouth like fireplace
- A tickling could disturb him
- He was coward despite being the strongest
- Belinda and the other animals make fun of it

(vi) **Suggested Value Points:**

- At science fair, Ebright made a neat display of slides of frog tissues
- He learnt that winners had done real experiments
- Understood his mistake and also the real essence of the spirit of a man of science

(vii) **Suggested Value Points:**

- Oliver Lutkins was the hack driver.
- He impressed the narrator by his simplicity and pleasant appearance.
- He introduced himself as Bill. The hack driver made a complete fool of the narrator by taking him to all the places where he could find Lutkins but every time missed him by a fraction of minutes.
- He had a good understanding with his town folks who helped him in fooling the lawyer.





7. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120** words each. **[4×2]**
- (i) As Valli, make a diary entry sharing your joys and disappointments during the bus ride. **[4]**
- (ii) Natalya and her father Chubukov 'turn around' when Lomov puts his proposal in the open. As a reader briefly describe what you think of Natalya and Chubukov from the play "The Proposal". **[4]**
- (iii) The credit of Bholi's transformation to Sulekha goes to her teacher. Elaborate with reference to the text. **[4]**

### **Solution 7**

**Content: 2 marks**

**Expression & Accuracy: 2 marks**

(i) **Suggested Value Points:**

- Valli was really excited for her first bus journey.
- She 'devoured' everything with her eyes.
- When she started to look outside, she watched the bus passing along the bank of a canal.
- She saw palm trees, grasslands, distant mountains and the vast blue sky.
- Acres of green fields stretched out as far as her eyes could see. The bus went past the railway station, the bright looking shops and through the busy crossroads.
- One funny scene cheered her. A young cow ran in front of the bus. It was just in the middle of the road. The more the driver honked, the more frightened the cow became. Valli laughed till tears were in her eyes.
- However, another sight dampened her enthusiasm. The same cow which looked so lovable and beautiful a while ago was lying dead beside the road. A fast running vehicle had struck her dead. Now, the same cow was looking so horrible and frightening that Valli stopped looking outside.
- In short, the canal, mountains, palms, grasslands and the blue sky enthused and thrilled Valli.
- But, the repulsive elderly woman chewing the betel nut and the dead cow dampened her enthusiasm during the journey.

(ii) **Suggested Value Points:**

- Chubukov represents a typical rich landlord of 19<sup>th</sup> century Russia.
- He is quite practical. He knows Lomov can be a good match for his daughter Natalya.
- So, he at once gives his assent to Lomov's proposal of marrying her. Actually, he has been waiting for such a proposal for a long time.
- Natalya is a woman of twenty-five years. She is of marriageable age and wants to get married at any cost.
- Lomov visits her house and has come with a proposal of marriage.
- In spite of having many good qualities which helps her to be an ideal wife, Natalya has certain weaknesses in her character. She is quarrelsome like her father.
- But when she came to know about the proposal of Lomov she weeps and yells and asks her father to fetch him back.



(iii) **Suggested Value Points:**

- Bholi was a neglected child in her family. Nobody took care of her. Nobody loved her. Nobody had any expectation from her.
- Luckily, she was sent to school and her teacher changed her life entirely.
- Bholi's teacher was polite and friendly which touched her heart.
- The teacher transformed her into a confident person who could read write and speak clearly.
- Moreover teacher's appreciation and encouragement helped her overcome her low morale.
- Her teacher groomed her with care, affection and enabled her to become an educated lady at the end.

