

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**Section A**

1. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

**[10]**

**The Measles Resurgence**

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4. Following the publication of this article, Wakefield published several follow-up papers that further questioned the safety of the MMR vaccine. An onslaught of media coverage then began. Parents appeared on television sharing anecdotal evidence linking their child's inoculation to the onset of ASD. The popular press quickly seized upon this story: in 2002, over 1200 articles were written about



the link between MMR vaccines and ASD. Less than 30% of these articles mentioned that an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe.

- (i) The purpose of parents appearing on the television sharing anecdotal evidence was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.  
(1) According to a study, it is found that the cause behind ASD in children is increasing stress and anxiety at a tender age.  
(2) The advancement in diagnostic techniques by doctors had proven great to decrease the number of ASD cases.
- (1) is the result of (2).
  - (1) is the reason for (2).
  - (1) is true and (2) is false
  - Both (1) and (2) are false
- (iii) State the meaning of the statement "The popular press quickly seized upon this story."
- (iv) According to the doctors, the number of reported cases of ASD have experienced a dramatic increase in the past 25 years. It was because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Select the option listing what the given sentence refers to.  
The symptoms of ASD did NOT include:  
(1) abnormalities in social interaction  
(2) high fever  
(3) bipolar behavior  
(4) unusual interests  
(5) Abnormal communication
- (1), (2) and (5)
  - (2) and (3)
  - (4) and (5)
  - (1), (3) and (5) 1
- (vi) The MMR vaccine contained three live viruses. (True/false)
- (vii) The story of MMR vaccines and ASD relation got attention proving the power of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii) Which of the following options suggest that the safety of the vaccines had no great evidence as such?
- The parents of the children in this study contended that the symptoms of autism in their children developed within days of vaccination.
  - Wakefield published several followup papers that further questioned the safety of the MMR vaccine.
  - Parents appeared on television sharing anecdotal evidence linking their child's inoculation to the onset of ASD.

d. Less than 30% of these articles mentioned that an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe.

- (ix) The MMR vaccine was first developed in the 1950's. (True/false)
- (x) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage  
Dangerous : safe :: retreat: \_\_\_\_\_

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[10]

- i. The choices we make on a daily basis wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation-can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.
- ii. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.
- iii. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe, Sometimes we don't even realise how lines help to keep us safe.
- iv. I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself. "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it. "I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, traveling. speaking engagements and so on-simply exhausting myself.
- v. Finally. I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle
- vi. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.
- (i) According to the author, list 1 reason that 'living on the edge' has become popular.  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) What qualities can be identified from the context: "I know I have limits and that 've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it."  
1. negligent  
2. indecisive  
3. spontaneous

- 4. reckless
- 5. patient
- a. 2 and 5
- b. 3 and 5
- c. 1 and 4
- d. 2 and 3

- (iii) The phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refers to circumstances that can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The author attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ the readers through this passage.
- a. advice
  - b. warn
  - c. stop
  - d. prove
- (v) The author uses colloquial words such as "yeah" and "Woo-hoo!". Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?
- a. hooked
  - b. guy
  - c. stuff
  - d. stress
- (vi) Select the option that makes the correct use of "unsustainable", as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.
- a. In the long run, the \_\_\_\_\_ government will do nothing for the people.
  - b. The cabinet is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ officials.
  - c. The conservationists reported an \_\_\_\_\_ set of event.
  - d. Plastic will turn the world \_\_\_\_\_ in future.
- (vii) The author said, "to get our lives in order". What does this mean?  
This means to \_\_\_\_\_
- (viii) State the most appropriate title for the passage.
- (ix) The author was living a disciplined life. True/false.
- (x) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage.  
Overburden : overload :: tiring : \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

3. **Report the dialogue between a student and his teacher, by completing the sentence:** [1]

**Student:** Please explain it again.

**Teacher:** Acid reacts with a base to form salt.

In response to a student's request to explain that again, the teacher said that \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]  
Dressing up for his office party, Rohan mumbled, "Does this tie \_\_\_\_\_ my shirt?"

a) go with

b) go along

c) go well

d) go for

5. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from the headline of a news report: [1]

TWO CHILD DIE AFTER MASSIVE FIRE BREAKS OUT IN TIRUPATI

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	child	children
B	die	dies
C	breaks	break
D	in	at

6. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a message on a LED Traffic Display. [1]

THE BEST DRIVERS ARE AWARE THAT THEY \_\_\_\_\_ BE BEWARE.

a) MUST

b) SHOULD

c) MAY

d) WILL

7. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]

The President

RWA, Magna Greens Apartments

42, Gandhi Marg, Jonpara

Mumbai

**Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_ (seek) Recommendation for 'Serving Citizens' Award'

Nominations.

Dear Sir

8. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]

**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 that she was really looking forward to the class picnic the next day. Agreeing to Neha Namita said \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

**Mumbai**

**HI LIFE EXHIBITION**  
The finer fashion showcase of the season.



Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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10. Uncle Sam was looking for a pen to fill his form in the bank. The assistant from the help desk asked the following question to Uncle Sam. Report the assistant's question. [1]

Are you looking for something?

11. The football team that \_\_\_\_ last year's championship \_\_\_\_ little chance of winning it again this year. [1]

a) was going to win / stand

b) was winning / stood

c) has won / has stood

d) won / stands

12. He said to his friend, "please wait for me". [1]

**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_

a) He told his friend to wait for him.

b) He requested his friend that he should wait for him.

c) He said to his friend to wait for him.

d) He requested his friend to wait for him.

13. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the message during a spiritual discourse. [1]

Don't anticipate trouble or worry about what \_\_\_\_\_ never happen.

a) can

b) may

c) shall

d) will

14. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: [1]

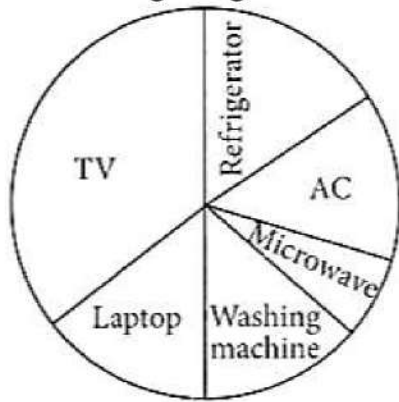
An initial investigation into the matter has revealed that the fire may have been caused by a short circuit.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	an	the
B	into	of
C	has	have
D	may	might

### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The given pie chart shows a variety of different electronic appliances used by average middle class families of old Gurugram. Write an analytical paragraph [5]

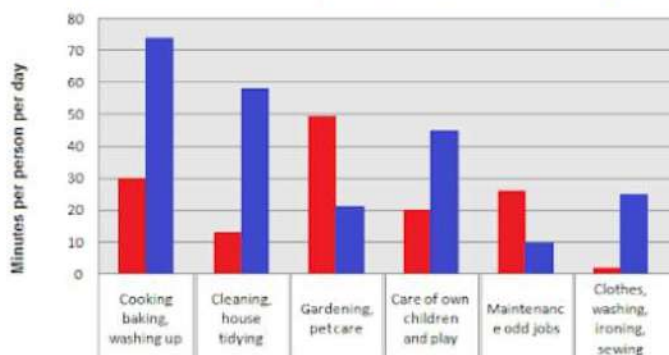
elaborating the given information.



OR

The chart shows the division of household tasks by gender (blue represents female and red shows male) in Great Britain. Write an analytical paragraph describing the chart given in not more than 200 words.

**Division of household tasks by Gender in Great Britain**



16. You are Akshay/Akshita, 23, Rampur Road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When you go on the road, you see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and drive their vehicles recklessly which sometimes leads to road rage. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advising people to follow rules while driving vehicles. [5]

OR

You are the librarian of Delhi Jain Public School, Palam. You are instructed to buy some academic and reference books for the library. While browsing some good publishers over the internet you landed on the website of Oxford University Press, India and found this information there.

The ACADEMIC and REFERENCE programmes publish across a range of subjects. Books on economics and business, history, politics, law, and literature as well as philosophy and religion, sociology and anthropology, and gender studies reach out to students, teachers, researchers, professionals, and general readers. Online services and student-friendly textbooks are recent additions. Cutting across age and reading habit, key focus areas in GENERAL books include arts and architecture, wildlife and natural history, culture, media studies and cinema, Indian writing in translation, and ecology and environment.

Write a letter to Oxford University Press, Ghaziabad, placing an order for books. Mention at least 4 titles of the books to be supplied immediately. Address yourself as

Kalpana.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

So, in order to not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: He asked money from his employees.

- (i) Who decided to answer the letter?
  - a. The postmaster
  - b. Lencho himself
  - c. a post office employee
  - d. God
- (ii) How did the postmaster help the writer of the letter?
- (iii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means the same as a **firm decision**.
- (iv) Write an antonym for **unnoticeable** from the passage?
  - a. evident
  - b. faith
  - c. resolution
  - d. goodwill
- (v) What kind of a person was the postmaster?
  - a. cunning
  - b. arrogant
  - c. amiable
  - d. lethargic

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

Suddenly Valli clapped her hands with glee. A young cow, tail high in the air, was running very fast, right in the middle of the road, right in front of the bus. The bus slowed to a crawl, and the driver sounded his horn loudly again and again. But the more he honked, the more frightened the animal became and the faster it galloped - always right in front of the bus.

- (i) Which animal was spotted by Valli?
  - a. Cow
  - b. Monkey
  - c. Goat
  - d. Horse
- (ii) Why did the bus slow to a crawl?



- (iii) What did the honking do to the animal?
- It got scared
  - It felt delighted
  - It lied down
  - It ran away from the bus
- (iv) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the given extract means fearful/afraid.
- (v) How did Valli react on seeing the animal?
- She clapped her hands
  - She started dancing
  - She yelled
  - She fainted

18. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

(There is a languid, emerald sea,  
where the sole inhabitant is me-  
a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

- (i) Who do these lines refer to?
- Amanda
  - Mermaid
  - Amanda's sister
  - None of these
- (ii) Why is this stanza given within brackets?
- (iii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ from the stanza means a free-flowing act of going with motion and force.
- (iv) Why does Amanda want to be sole inhabitant of sea?
- Away from noise
  - Away from mother
  - Away from this noisy and disturbing atmosphere
  - Away from everyone
- (v) Which poetic device is used in line-1?
- Simile
  - Metaphor
  - Alliteration
  - Personification

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

The way a crow  
Shook down on me

The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.

- (i) Trees can symbolize many things. Of many symbols, the hemlock tree represents, write the symbol that Frost drew upon in all likelihood, for this poem.  
Symbol of Endurance: Oak Tree :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Hemlock Tree
- (ii) Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet prior to the experience shared in the poem.
- Reassured
  - Disappointed
  - Curious
  - Demotivated
  - Thankful
  - Disheartened
  - Impulsive
- Options:
- i, iii and vii
  - ii, iv and vi
  - v and vii
  - i and iii
- (iii) Identify the option that DOES NOT use the word **rue** correctly.
- The film was a disaster and he rued his decision to act in it.
  - I am sure she rued the day she listened to a fortune-teller.
  - It wasn't long before I rued my disobedience and my deceit.
  - Others finally rue the one who is dishonest and heartless.
- (iv) Synecdoche is a rhetorical device that uses a part to represent the whole. E.g., a great set of wheels! (Set of wheels has been used for car.) Pick an example of synecdoche from the poem.
- (v) Choose the option showing the reason NOT corresponding with **...a crow Shook down on me/The dust of snow**.
- The crow's landing on the branch of the tree.
  - The shivering of the crow, due to the cold.
  - The readjustment of position of the crow on the branch.
  - The cawing of the crow hidden in the foliage.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

[6]

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



- (ii) Describe Ausable's real personality traits that are given in the story.
- (iii) How did Ebright's mother help him?
20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]
- (i) Imagine yourself to be the narrator of **Mijbil the Otter**. A friend of yours is confused about whether to adopt an otter as a pet or not and has asked for your advice. Based on the experiences described in the chapter, write a letter to your friend giving your opinion on the matter. You may use the prompt given below:  
XYZ, Camusfearna  
Sandaig Bay, UK  
4 December '61  
Dear Gavin  
Trust you and Mij are doing well. I am writing for a special reason that will surely interest. This is because it concerns the love of your life-otters! I have been...  
Yours affectionately  
Kevin
- (ii) All parental acts are for the betterment of the children. Justify this statement by taking points from the lesson- "The First Flight".
21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]
- (i) Describe Anil's qualities as a man and as an employer.
- (ii) **A Question of Trust** is a story about the robbery of the robber. Expound.
22. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. [12]
- (i) Grief is often seen as a measure of love. Do you think the Buddha's sermon undermines a mother's love? Justify your response.
- (ii) Which age old question does the poem Fire and Ice revolve around?
- (iii) What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?
- (iv) Imagine that Custard writes a blog on **Overcoming fears**.  
A part of the blog focuses on ways to overcome the fears within.  
As Custard, write this part of the blog.  
You may proceed like this:  
While we agree that fear is like a big monster that resides within us. This monster shall continue to overpower us if we do not overpower it. To begin with,...
- (v) Who receives Lomov? How does he behave?

# Solution

## Section A

### 1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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(i) to support the claim of a connection between the MMR vaccine and autism

(ii) (d) Both (1) and (2) are false

It is clearly given in the passage that the medical professionals have 'not' found the underlying causes of ASD. And due to changes in diagnostic practices and advances in the understanding of psychiatric health, there had been a big 'increase' in the number of cases of ASD. So, both (1) and (2) are false. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(iii) The statement conveys that the famous media publishers covered the story in all aspects.

(iv) the changes in diagnostic practices and advances in the understanding of psychiatric health.

(v) (b) (2) and (3)

While symptoms like (1), (4) and (5) are stated in the passage, (2) high fever and (3) bipolar behavior are nowhere mentioned in the passage. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

(vi) True

It is given in the passage that 'The vaccine was a mixture of three live viruses and is administered via injection to children when they are one year old.' Hence, it is true.

(vii) media

(viii) (d) It is mentioned that only 30% of the published articles had an overwhelming amount of scientific evidence that suggested that these vaccinations were completely safe.

Whereas this means that 70% supported the claim of vaccines being unsafe. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(ix) False.

The MMR vaccine was first developed in the 1960 s.

(x) resurgence

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(i) According to the author, the person "thinks it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge", so he constantly wants to find excitement in life.

(ii) (c) 1 and 4

Explanation: The context shows negligence as the person will 'ignore' the limits and (4) recklessness as the person knows that 'he has reached his limit but still chooses to see



how long can he get by with it". It doesn't show any of (2), (3) or (5) options, Hence, option (c) is the right answer.

(iii) possibly dangerous

(iv) (a) advice

(v) (d) stress

**Explanation:** The term 'stress' is not a colloquial word or any slang. It is a proper English term. Options (a), (b) and (c) are all slangs that are informal. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(vi) (d) Plastic will turn the world \_\_\_\_\_ in future.

**Explanation:** The term 'unsustainable' means a thing that cannot be sustained or lived. Here, (a), (b) and (c) are not the correct statement for the term to fit in while (d) is the correct choice. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(vii) organise our lives

**Explanation:** To get something 'in order' means to 'organise' it.

(viii) The most appropriate title for the passage can be 'The need to limit ourselves'.

(ix) False

**Explanation:** According to the author, he needed to organise his life in a proper way as he was living an unsustainable life.

(x) Exhausting

### SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. acid reacts with a base to form salt

4. (a) go with

**Explanation:** Combine nicely

5. (A) child - children

6. (a) MUST

**Explanation:** MUST

7. Seeking

8. that after a long time they would be meeting their friends and teachers.

9.	error	correction
	finer	finest

10. The assistant asked if Uncle Sam was looking for something.

11. (d) won / stands

**Explanation:** won / stands

12. (d) He requested his friend to wait for him.

**Explanation:** He requested his friend to wait for him.

13. (b) may

**Explanation:** may

14. (D) may - might

### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The given pie chart shows the type of various electronic appliances used by average middle class families in old Gurugram.

The given data shows that an average middle class family in old Gurugram preferred to have a TV the most. Second preference happened to be refrigerator. AC, washing machine and laptop fell into almost same category. And the least preferred appliance is microwave. The pie chart shows comparison in the product preferred and it is mainly due to their usage and utility based on the usefulness in lessening the human workload. Laptop stands equal to washing machine and AC as it has become a necessary aid in children education.



To conclude the given chart, it clearly shows TV as the most preferred choice and microwave as the least preferred one. This has helped us in understanding the consumer preferences in case of electronic appliances based on their usability.

OR

The chart shows the number of minutes per day spent by British men and women in doing household tasks. On average, the women spend about four hours doing household tasks whereas the men spend less than two and a half hours. The tasks on which women spend more time than men include cooking, cleaning the house, taking care of the children, and laundry. In doing all these tasks, women spend approximately 200 minutes which is almost three times the time spent by men in these tasks. On the other hand, men spend twice the time than women in doing tasks like gardening and maintenance of odd jobs in the house. Men spend the highest time, almost 50 minutes, in gardening and pet care. While the women spend only 30 minutes for these tasks. The time spent by men in washing, ironing, and sewing clothes is as low as 2 minutes per day as opposed to 25 minutes spent by women. In short, women spend far more time doing household chores than men whilst men prefer to do gardening, pet care, and maintaining odd jobs.

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14th April, 20xx

The Editor

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**Subject: Concern over growing accidents of Road Rage in Delhi**

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers towards the serious issue of growing incidents of road rage in Delhi. Now and then, we come across the news of road rage where people start fighting on the roads on trivial issue. People are over-stressed these days and their frustration is often displayed through such incidents. They start quarrelling on a matter of small collision or honking or even on the issue of parking. Generally, the fight starts verbally which turns into a physical fight. Many incidents of serious injuries and death of people have been reported so far and hence it needs immediate attention of everyone.

The government should come forward with strict legal provisions to stop these and the people should also learn to be patient and tolerant in order to make Delhi roads safe to travel.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Akshay

OR

Delhi Jain Public School,

near Palam metro Station,

Palam

4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 20XX

The Manager

M/s Oxford University Press

Civil Lines,

Ghaziabad.

Sir,

**Subject: Supply of books for the School Library**



As a librarian of school, through this letter, I request you to place a bulk order for the supply of books. The books are needed in the school library. The Principal has kindly consented to grant money for the purchase of some books.

The list of books with their particulars is attached herewith.

**List of Books:**

S.No.	Name of Books	Authors or Publishers	Copied required
1.	History of India	L. Prashad	45
2.	Modern Trigonometry	Bansi Lal	40
3.	Modern Algebra	S.K. Sen	55
4.	The New Atlas of the World	Frank Bros.	30
5.	Wings of fire	A. P. J. Abdul Kalam	25
6.	The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	15
7.	The goosebumps	R.L. Stine	20

We would be pleased if you could provide us with a 20% discount on the purchase of books. Besides, we request you to give another 5% special discount that is usually granted to the institutional buyers. It goes without saying that you will have to bear the mail and other expenses involved in the dispatch and delivery of books.

Kindly deliver these books in their latest edition and in proper conditions and order not later than 25<sup>th</sup> November if our terms and conditions are acceptable to you.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

Kalpana.

**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

**17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

So, in order to not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: He asked money from his employees.

- (i) a. The postmaster
- (ii) The postmaster help the writer by collecting money and sending it to him.
- (iii) resolution
- (iv) a. evident
- (v) c. amiable

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

Suddenly Valli clapped her hands with glee. A young cow, tail high in the air, was running very fast, right in the middle of the road, right in front of the bus. The bus slowed to a crawl, and the driver sounded his horn loudly again and again. But the more he honked, the more frightened the animal became and the faster it galloped - always right in front of the bus.

- (i) a. Cow
- (ii) The bus slowed down to a crawl because a cow came in front of it.
- (iii) a. It got scared



- (iv) Frightened
- (v) a. She clapped her hands

18. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

(There is a languid, emerald sea,  
where the sole inhabitant is me-  
a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

- (i) a. Amanda
- (ii) The given extract is given in brackets because it shows inner thoughts (day dreaming) of Amanda. As those thoughts, are in Amanda's imagination and not, in reality, they are given in parenthesis.
- (iii) drifting
- (iv) c. Away from this noisy and disturbing atmosphere
- (v) b. Metaphor

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.

- (i) Symbol of Healing
- (ii) b. ii, iv and vi
- (iii) d. Others finally rue the one who is dishonest and heartless.
- (iv) **Has given my heart/A change of mood**  
(Because it is not only his heart but his entire person that is now experiencing a better mood as a result of the actions of the crow.)
- (v) b. The shivering of the crow, due to the cold.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) Mrs. Pumphrey thinks that the dog's recovery is 'a triumph of surgery' because its condition is very critical when it gets admitted to Mr. Herriot's hospital. It is not able to even walk properly. But after the treatment, it recovers fully.
- (ii) Ausable's personality is not like that of a secret agent in appearance. He is very fat. He is not active. He does not look like a secret agent in any way. However, another side of his personality comes into light when he confronts Max. His encounter with Max highlights his quick wit, smartness, presence of mind and persuasion.
- (iii) Ebright's mother was a great help to him. She always encouraged his interest in learning. She took him out on trips. In fact, she also bought him a telescope, a microscope, cameras, mounting materials and other equipment that helped him in many ways. She brought a book titled 'The Travels of Monarch X', which developed Ebright's interest in butterflies and if he did not have anything to do, she found things for him to learn.

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

(i) XYZ, Camusfearna

Sandaig Bay, UK

4 December 1961

Dear Kevin

Trust you too are doing well. I am glad to know that you are interested in adopting a pet. Believe me, your life is going to change absolutely after a pet enters your life.

And adopting an otter is one of the best decisions of your life. I advise you to bring your thought into action at the earliest. No doubt, otters prove to be the best companions.

They demand nothing in turn of their unconditional love and company they provide you with. I have been living with Mij for several years now. What I want to share with you today, is that otters are very intelligent and fun-loving animals. The main characteristic of an otter is to extend and spread every drop of water. Mij loves to juggle with small objects with his paws lying on his back. His favourite toy is marbles.

If you want you can accompany me to Basra. I am going there the next week. You too, can get an otter from there.

Believe me it will be a great fun.

Waiting for a positive response from your end.

Yours affectionately

Gavin.

(ii) The young seagull's family tried every possible method to encourage him to fly. His parents understood that their little one needed a little more motivation to achieve his goal of flying. Initially, they tried to threaten the young seagull in many ways but to no avail. The mother gull realized that the need to fly would make the little one do so. She took a piece of fish and started approaching him. But, the mother stopped just beyond his reach. In his eagerness to get the food, the young bird started diving. That made the young seagull fall from the ledge while trying to get the fish. He was able to fly. Thus, the purpose was served. His mother's efforts made him fly. Even though the young seagull's parents starved him, they were succeeded to make his first flight and proved that 'All parental acts are for the betterment of the children'.

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

(i) Anil was a kind, simple and easy going young man. He was tall and lean in stature and interested in sports like wrestling. He was a writer who wrote for magazines and made money in fits and starts. The narrator met Anil when he was watching a wrestling match. During this match, the narrator started talking to him to make him his friend. Anil was not very rich and could not afford to employ Hari as a cook, yet he became ready to have him in his room on his request. He had the patience and goodness to not only teach Hari to cook but also to read, write and add numbers. Many times he himself made tea and cooked food and served it to Hari Singh. Though he knew that Hari was stealing little bits of money from him, he ignored this fact. He was a very trustworthy person. Even when he earned a large amount of money, he kept the money under his mattress and not under lock and key. He was generous and paid Hari whenever he got some money. Hari had tried to steal the money from him. He was forgiving and he forgave Hari for the theft and continued to be good to him.

(ii) No doubt, 'A Question of Trust' is a story about the robbery of the robber. Horace Danby was not an ordinary thief. He planned meticulously before attempting a robbery but still he was fooled by a young lady in red who posed herself as the owner of the house. She made him break open the safe without Horace realising that she was a thief. To keep herself safe, she ensured that the fingerprints of Horace were left everywhere on the site. Thus it is true that it is the story about the robbery of the robber.

22. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) Grief is a measure of love for those who are not enlightened and are still trapped in this materialistic world. A spiritually enlightened person can understand and accept that the physical life is only temporary, just a stop where the soul stays temporarily, before the transition.
- (ii) The poem revolves around the age-old question of whether the world will end in fire or ice or the world will freeze to death or burn to death. The poet warns the readers to not let desire, lust, greed, dislike, envy and hatred grow within else it should manifest the human destruction. The poet determines that either option would achieve its purpose sufficiently well.
- (iii) The elders in Goa are nostalgic about the good old Portuguese days. They also reminisced about the loaves of bread famous from the Portuguese times which they were immensely fond of.
- (iv) ...To begin with the best thing to do is to examine the reasons behind the fears, ask yourself it is a caution or irrational fear and focus on the positive. All fears are worse when we face them alone. So find someone to share your fears with. Finally, face your fears. Accept failure as a part of life and get through it and over it.
- (v) Chubukov receives Lomov and gives him a warm welcome. He treats him with a lot of respect and politeness. However, when Lomov tells him that he has come to trouble him, Chubukov thinks that he has come to borrow money.

