

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]

1. Millions of tons of small waste from plastic bags, bottles and clothes in the world's ocean present a serious threat to human health and marine environment. This is a warning issued by the U.N. in a report on the most dangerous environmental problem facing the world today. Global plastic production has increased considerably in years nearly by 38%.
2. A poor waste management means when we have finished with our takeaways contains cigarette butts and party balloons, they are worn down into trillions of even small particles by the waves. Therefore, there is a growing presence of these micro plastic the world's oceans.
3. It was estimated in 2010 that millions of tons of plastic was washed into the sea and have since shown up in the stomachs of whales, plankton and other marine life. Richard Thompson, professor of marine biology said that in laboratory experiments the proof that micro plastic can cause harm to organisms.
4. More than a quarter of all fish now contained plastic, according to a recent study which analysed the guts of fish sold in California. Scientists fear that chemicals in plastic also chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could cause poisoning and many disorders in marine life if consumed in huge quantities.
5. Even human could be adversely affected by the plastic. People could even be breathing in plastic micro-particles suspended in the air with the risk of harmful effect on the lungs similar to air fumes.
6. Volunteers around the world collect trash and tally up what they find on the beach in Ocean's Conservancy's Annual International Coastal Cleanup. The result item-by-item, location-by-location Ocean Trash Index provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways around the world,

according to Ocean Conservancy.



7. Boyance Slat, a Dutch student has developed a technology that could sift dangerous plastic particle out of the ocean and sell them for profit or re-cycling. Richard Thompson recommended that people avoid using products with micro beads and to make sure they dispose of all plastic products in a appropriate way by, if possible.

- (i) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 - (1) More than a quarter of all fish now have plastics present in them.
 - (2) Millions of tons of plastic waste is present in the world's oceans.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2)
 - b. (1) is the reason for (2)
 - c. Both (1) and (2) are true
 - d. (1) contradicts (2)
- (ii) According to the passage, Richard Thompson is a _____.
- (iii) _____ provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways.
- (iv) Through what does the cigarette butts and party balloons worn down into smaller particles?
- (v) We can find out that more than a quarter of all fish contained plastics in them by:
 - a. the stark warning issued by the UN in a report on the most dangerous environmental problems facing the world today.
 - b. collecting trash and tallying up what they find each day.
 - c. laboratory experiments performed by Richard Thompson a profession marine biology.
 - d. analysing the fish sold in California.
- (vi) Choose the correct set of statement which is NOT TRUE.
 - (I) Plastic could have similar effects like car fumes.
 - (II) Chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could cause poisoning in marine life.
 - (III) Humans will never be adversely affected by the plastic.

(IV) In 2001, Millions of tons of plastic was washed into the sea.
(V) There is a growing presence of micro plastics in the world's oceans.

- a. (II), (V)
- b. (I), (V)
- c. (I), (II)
- d. (III), (IV)

(vii) What amount of paper bags in the index are diffused into the oceans?

(viii) Fill in the blank with with the correct option.

There are _____ beverage cans found in the index.

- a. 337,865
- b. 339,875
- c. 339,445
- d. 333,347

(ix) Richard Thompson has recommended to use product that has no micro-beads of plastic into them. True/False.

(x) How can the technology developed by Beyonce Slat help to curb the plastic issue?

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

[10]

1. We live in an era where it is difficult to miss fast and junk food and the rise in teenage obesity and related health issues due to it.
2. During teenage, weight gain is normal but when it goes beyond control the person becomes obese. Our body requires energy to function, which is derived from the food we eat but when the intake of food becomes more than the amount that the body requires, the excess energy is stored as body fat.
3. Contemporary lifestyle sees an increasing consumption of junk food and spending time watching television and playing computer games. Overeating along with lack of physical exercise are the major causes leading to teenage obesity. Large intake of high-calorie food and low-nutrient food leads to unnecessary weight gain. Besides these, obesity can also be genetically inherited where some people have the genetic tendency to burn calories more slowly compared to others. Stress is also a reason for obesity where people resort to overeating to alleviate their stress.
Teenage obesity is growing immensely and has been named an 'obesity epidemic:
4. A number of health issues arising out of it like diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, sleep disorders, hormonal imbalance, and asthma. Along with these, obesity can also result in psychological problems like low self-esteem due to the constant jeering of peers. Obese teens are more prone to being teased and physically bullied compared to others of their age.
5. Therefore, it is necessary to control excessive weight gain. Inactivity is the major cause of obesity and regular exercise is the best way to control it. Physical activity like jogging, swimming and playing outdoor games can help to keep one fit. A balanced diet with lots of vegetables, fruit and whole grains is also essential. Junk food and soft drinks should be substituted with lots of



vegetables, fruit and whole grains in the diet. Drinking around 8-10 glasses of water also helps to reduce calorie intake.

6. Parents have an important role in controlling teenage obesity as they should try to set examples by following a healthy diet and leading a healthy lifestyle. A combined effort of the parents and kids can help to control this eating disorder.

- (i) According to the author, why is it difficult to miss junk food for teenagers today?
- (ii) According to the passage, junk food is the major cause of obesity. True/false.
- (iii) Obese teens are more prone to be bullied. The term 'prone' refers to _____
- (iv) What is the meaning of the phrase 'constant jeering of peers' in the passage?
- (v) If a teenager follows a good diet, _____ can still lead him to obesity.
 - a. heredity
 - b. junk food
 - c. bad habits
 - d. laziness
- (vi) Select the option with the underlined words that can substitute the word 'alleviate' (paragraph III).
 - a. Sameer had been promoted to the Manager's position.
 - b. The medicine reduced the headache soon.
 - c. The teacher was too angry with the class.
 - d. Richa's marks have been increased since last complaint made to her parents.
- (vii) According to the passage, which emotion leads to over-eating in teenagers?
- (viii) Select the problems that obesity may lead to, according to the passage.
 - (1) diabetes
 - (2) vertigo
 - (3) high blood pressure and cholesterol
 - (4) hormonal imbalance
 - (5) sleeping disorders
 - a. (1), (2), (3) and (4)
 - b. (3), (4) and (5)
 - c. (1), (2) and (5)
 - d. (1), (3), (4) and (5)
- (ix) Which of the following option may make a teenager prone to getting surplus fat?
 - a. playing too much of badminton
 - b. eating a balanced diet
 - c. playing too much of online games
 - d. going to a lot of parties
- (x) Identify the tone of the given phrase 'Therefore, it is necessary to control excessive weight gain'.



SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

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

Anne: It is my birthday tomorrow.

Confectioner: You can collect your cake by noon.

Anne told the confectioner that it was her birthday the following day. The confectioner told her _____.

4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]
The mother asked the fighting siblings, "Why don't you two _____? You're always arguing."

a) get around

b) get away

c) get at

d) get along

5. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an online paper on Global Warming. [1]

Over the long term, such changes _____ result in a loss of biodiversity on the planet. Some ecosystems, such as coral reefs and coastal mangrove swamps, are likely to disappear completely.

a) would

b) may

c) could

d) shall

6. Tim was very upset yesterday because he _____ that he _____ his wallet. [1]

a) realises, loses

b) realised, will lose

c) had realised, lost

d) realised, had lost

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

Education plays an important role in building the individual's identity and personality.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	plays	play
B	an	a
C	in	for
D	the	an

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

Liz: You might come to my place. What time shall we meet?

Mike: I'll be there at eight.

Suggesting Mike come to her place Liz asked him what time they would meet. Mike replied _____.



9. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]
I would like to _____ (propose) the idea of implementing 'Wholesome Lunch Month' for all school students.
10. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

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Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

11. It was a cease-fire, and the commander was checking a few things before sending a troop. Report the commander's question. [1]
Do our soldiers have enough weapons?

12. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an environmental magazine. [1]
Low-lying islands in the Pacific Ocean _____ eventually become uninhabitable.

a) could

b) may

c) would

d) might

13. "Do you want some more sweets?" asked my friend. [1]
Reported speech: _____

a) My friend asked me if I want some more sweets.

b) My friend asked me whether I wanted some more sweets.

c) My friend asked me that I wanted some more sweets.

d) My friend said to me if I wanted some more sweets.

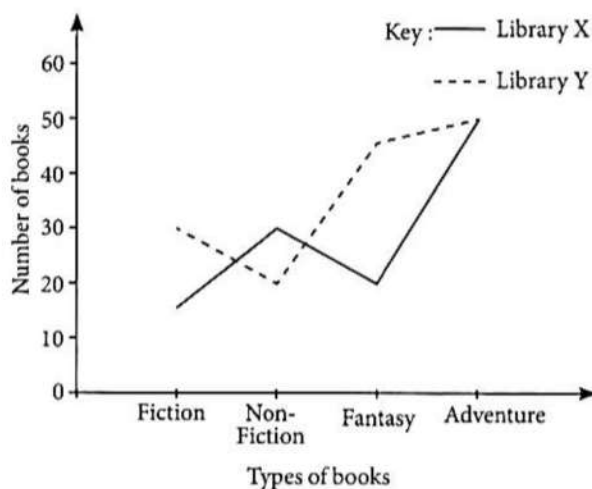
14. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction. [1]
Small gardens on bus shelter roofs are being planted with flowers chosen to help support the struggle insects.
Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

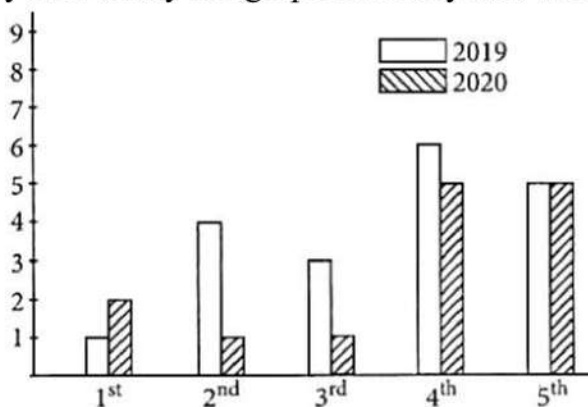
15. The given double line graph shows the number of different types of books in two libraries. Write an analytical paragraph using the information given in the graph. [5]





OR

The given bar graph shows the wickets taken by a bowler during five test matches in two years. Study the graph carefully and write an analytical paragraph.



16. You have been involved with an NGO, 'VERDICT' working in the field of education. In July 2012, your organisation admitted 150 students, who were engaged in other activities, in the Govt, and public schools under RTEA-2009. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper relating your experience and suggesting what more could be done in the field of education. You are Ankit/Ankita living at 'Nehru Vihar', New Delhi. [5]

OR

You are Rohan/Ragini. During a visit to Mumbai, you happened to visit the sets of a television reality show featuring children. The long shooting hours made you wonder whether the children were losing their precious childhood years, which should have been spent enjoying a carefree life. Write a letter to the editor of a leading national daily expressing your concern. Take ideas from the hints given below:

- loss of innocence
- neglect of studies
- overriding parental ambition
- burdened with responsibilities at a tender age

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

To enhance the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend **Kitty**.

- (i) Who is **I** here?
 - a. Anne Frank
 - b. Otto Frank
 - c. Margot Frank
 - d. Mrs. Frank
- (ii) Who is her long-awaited friend?
 - a. Margot Frank
 - b. Kitty, the diary
 - c. Mr. Van Daan
 - d. Mr. Keesing
- (iii) What do most people do?
 - a. They jot down facts in a diary
 - b. They do not keep a diary
 - c. They lose their diary
 - d. They forget to update their diary
- (iv) The phrase _____ in the passage means to **record**.
- (v) What name did Anne Frank give to her diary?

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

"We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity."

- (i) Why are the guests at the spectacular ceremony being called distinguished?
- (ii) It is a victory for 'human dignity'. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what 'human dignity' would include.
 - a. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) indecency
 - b. (i) liberty (ii) indecency (iii) self-respect
 - c. (i) immorality (ii) self-respect (iii) equality
 - d. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) self-respect
- (iii) To be host to the nations of the world on their own soil was a _____.
- (iv) How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.





I feel...

- a. (i) emotional (ii) elated (iii) unmindful
- b. (i) elated (ii) unmindful (iii) overwhelmed
- c. (i) overwhelmed (ii) elated (iii) honoured
- d. (i) elated (ii) honoured (iii) unmindful

- (v) Pick the option that showcases the usage of 'host' as in the extract.
- a. He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.
 - b. She was able to host the event without any hindrance.
 - c. She met the host and apologised for her friend's misbehaviour.
 - d. He is the best host that one can ever come across.

18. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. [12]

- (i) What message might the Buddha's story hold for those who are in positions of power and privilege?
- (ii) What features of a bear are described in the poem How to Tell Wild Animals?
- (iii) What do you think Valli was planning to do?
- (iv) Why shall a young person never be thrown into despair? Answer in the context of For Anne Gregory.
- (v) Read the statements given below:
Statement 1 - Lomov is looking to marry.
Statement 2 - Lomov is looking to marry Natalya.
Bring out the difference between the two statements and explain what it tells you about Lomov.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [6]

- (i) How did Mrs. Pumphrey spoil Tricki?
- (ii) What happened to Max when he jumped from the window?
- (iii) Why did Richard Ebright raise a flock of butterflies?

20. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

- (i) What does **it** refer to here?
 - a. Fire
 - b. Ice

- c. World
- d. Poet

- (ii) _____ stands for insensitivity, coldness, intolerance, indifference, rigidity and hatred.
- (iii) We can infer through the above lines that:
The human capability of insensitivity and hatred has _____.
- (iv) What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?
 - a. ababa
 - b. abbaa
 - c. abacb
 - d. aabbc
- (v) The world will perish:
 - a. once
 - b. thrice
 - c. twice
 - d. never

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

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

- (i) **Pads of velvet** means:
 - a. tiger's skin
 - b. tiger's whiskers
 - c. tiger's soft soles
 - d. none of these
- (ii) Who is **he** in the above lines?
 - a. Tiger
 - b. Poet
 - c. Zoo keeper
 - d. Lion
- (iii) Where is **he**?
 - a. In the jungle
 - b. In a small cage
 - c. In a circus
 - d. None of these

- (iv) _____ is the literary device employed in **quiet rage**.
- (v) Why does the tiger walk only **few steps**?

21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- (i) How did Griffin’s invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble? Give examples in support of your answer.
- (ii) What ideas does Think-Tank get after hearing the nursery rhymes and seeing its pictures?

22. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- (i) Mijbil the otter meets the little boy from the poem, ball. Try to build an interesting Conversation between the two of men.
- (ii) Look at the given image of different parenting styles and what they signify.

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Which of the given parenting styles would you attribute to the young seagull's parents? Do you think there was a difference between the mother's and father's attitude? Support your answer with reference to the text.

Solution

Section A

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(i) (a) (1) is the result of (2)

It is clearly given in passages that due to the plastic waste amalgamating in the waters of



the oceans, the marine life is risked and contaminated with micro-plastics in them.

Hence, (a) is the right answer.

(ii) Professor in marine biology

(iii) Ocean Trash Index

(iv) Waves

(v) (d) analysing the fish sold in California.

(vi) (d) (III), (IV)

(vii) 298,332

(viii) (b) 339,875

(ix) True

(x) Beyonce Slat has developed a technology that can shift the dangerous plastic particles out of the ocean and recycle it.

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(i) According to the author, it is difficult for the teenagers to miss junk food today due to the contemporary life of teenagers.

Explanation: In the passage, the author clearly says that, 'Contemporary lifestyle sees an increasing consumption of junk food, and spending time watching television and playing computer games.'

(ii) False

Explanation: It is given in the passage that 'inactivity' is the major cause of obesity.

(iii) Likely or exposed

(iv) To be teased by friend circle

(v) (a) heredity

(vi) (b) The medicine reduced the headache soon.

Explanation: The term 'alleviate' means to decrease or (b) reduce. Options (a), (c) and (d) are wrong as per the meaning of the term. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

(vii) Stress/anxiousness leads to overeating in teenagers.

(viii) (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5

Explanation: According to the passage, all (1), (3), (4) and (5) are the result of obesity while (2) is nowhere mentioned in the passage. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(ix) (c) playing too much of online games

Explanation: It is given in the passage that 'Inactivity is the major cause of obesity'. This means that (c) playing too much of online games which does not involve any physical activity may make a teenager get extra fat. Options (a), (b) and (d) are not a reason for it. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

(x) concerned

Explanation: The author says that 'Obese teens are more prone to being teased and physically bullied compared to others of their age. So, as a concern he wants them to control weight that will also make them healthy.

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. that she could collect her cake by noon

4. (d) get along

Explanation: Have a good relationship.

5. (a) would

Explanation: would

6. (d) realised, had lost

Explanation: realised, had lost

7. (D) the - an

8. that he would be there at eight.

9. propose

10.	error	correction
	each	all the

11. The commander wanted to know if their/his soldiers had enough weapons.

12. (c) would

Explanation: would

13. (b) My friend asked me whether I wanted some more sweets.

Explanation: My friend asked me whether I wanted some more sweets.

14.	error	correction
	struggle	struggling

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The given double line graph shows the number of different types of books the two different libraries have.

The graph provides information that there are mainly four types of books namely fiction, non fiction, fantasy and adventure, that the libraries X and Y have. Library X has fifteen books of fiction, thirty non-fiction, twenty books of fantasy and the highest number of



books it has is of adventure which levels off fifty. It has a lots of books on adventure and a very less number of fiction books.

On the other hand, library Y has 15 more fiction books that is around 30 compared to library X. But it has 10 non-fiction books less than library X. There is a huge difference between the number of fantasy books the two libraries have. Library Y has 45 books whereas library X has only 20 books of fantasy. The data shows that both libraries have same number of books on adventure that numbered 50. It is the only genre that both libraries have in plenty overall. The figures show that both libraries X and Y have a huge demand of books with adventurous stories that is why they have it in plenty which is in equal number in both libraries. But we have seen fantasy books are also in high demand in library Y which can soon equal to adventure books. However, library X has only adventure books in plenty whereas all other books are very less in number comparatively.

OR

The given double bar graph depicts the number of wickets taken by a bowler during five test matches in two years i.e., 2019 and 2020.

The first glance at the graph makes it evident that the performance of the bowler was better in 2019. In 2019, the bowler took only one wicket in 1st test match. However, in other four matches his performance excelled. In second test match, the bowler took 4 wickets. In third test match he took 3 wickets and in fifth he took 5 wickets. His fourth match was his best performance in which he took six wickets in total. In the whole year he took a total of 19 wickets.

In terms of performance 2020 was not a good year for the bowler, as per match and overall performance saw a downward trend. The bowler began on a better note taking 2 wickets in first match of 2020. However, in 2nd and 3rd test match, the performance came down and the bowler only took 1 wicket in each match. Fourth match proved to be a reviving stroke after 3 consecutive poor performances and he took 4 wickets in fourth match. In the next match, the bowler continued his upward performance streak and took five wickets.

To conclude the given information, it can be said that throughout both the years, the bowler's performance was quite fluctuating. However, by the time of last/ fifth match the bowler seemed to catch pace in both the years.

16. 15, Nehru Vihar,

Delhi

17th August 20XX

The Editor,

The Hindustan Times,

Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Importance of Education

Education plays an important role in our lives because it is true that education is key to success without education nothing is possible in the world. It plays a significant role in the development of our society. Education brings many changes to our society. If we want to develop our society, then we should get an education. I have been involved with an NGO called 'Verdict' for the past two years. Our core field of work is to spread awareness about the importance of education and to provide education. In July 2012, we got 150 students admitted in Government and public schools under the provisions of RTEA-2009.

My experience with the NGO has been an overwhelming one, yet an eye-opening one too. A lot still needs to be done if we want our country to develop and progress. One possible solution to this situation is to make it compulsory for 'Each One to Teach One.' Along with this, if the schools are compelled to turn to afternoon classes and provide education to the



lower strata people at subsidized fees, the problem would be solved to a great extent. Thus, I say that it is time to get education for making our futures more and brighter in the coming generation.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ankita.

OR

12, Sea Road,
Mumbai
March 20, 2018
The Editor,
The Hindu,
Mumbai

Subject: Reality Shows-Loss of Precious Childhood

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I want to express my deep concern regarding the children participating in the so-called 'Reality Shows'. Even if you have to exploit young children for making money, it seems that it does not matter, as recently there has been a mushrooming of 'Reality Shows' featuring children of tender years.

The lure for money tempts the parents to send their children to such shows. The parents should be counselled that their overriding ambition is burdening their children with responsibilities and pressure. Along with the neglect of studies, they lose their innocence. The poor children have to undergo a lot of inconvenience and suffering during such shows. The long shooting hours and the dazzle of lights overstrain them.

I strongly feel that the participation of children in such shows should be completely banned. Children should be allowed to lead their normal lives and enjoy their childhood. Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Rohan

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

To enhance the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend **Kitty**.

- (i) a. Anne Frank
- (ii) b. Kitty, the diary
- (iii) a. They jot down facts in a diary
- (iv) Jot down
- (v) Kitty

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

"We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations if the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity."



- (i) The guests at the spectacular ceremony are called distinguished because they are eminent world leaders witnessing it.
- (ii) d. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) self-respect (iii) rare privilege
- (iv) c. (i) overwhelmed (ii) elated (iii) honoured
- (v) b. She was able to host the event without any hindrance.

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

- (i) Buddha's story holds the message of the grief and suffering that everyone has to face after the death of beloved, be it the man with position and power. Everyone is treated equally by death. Everyone has to face the same sadness and grief pain when death comes to any beloved one. Also everyone born on this earth has to die a day regardless of their power and position.
- (ii) The poet suggests that the bear can enter an area where humans live. That is why an encounter with a bear even in the yard is possible. As soon as the bear comes near a human being, he embraces him. The bear hugs him so tightly that it can be fatal too.
- (iii) Valli was planning to ride on the bus. She had calculated the money required for the bus fare and the time taken to cover the complete journey. It took forty-five minutes. So she decided to take the one-o'clock afternoon bus, reach the town by one forty-five and come back home by two forty-five.
- (iv) Generally, a young man develops some fascination for a beautiful lady. Sometimes the external appearance of the lady affects him deeply. The honey-coloured hair of the lady may lead him to love her without caring for the inherent qualities of her head and heart. It may throw him into despair.
- (v) Indeed, Lomov is looking to marry but only Natalya because he considered her as a good home makes. Though he was not in love with Natalya, he wanted to marry her as he was suffering due to weak heart and sleep sickness. He wanted a companion who could look after him.

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

- (i) She never realised that Tricki was a greedy dog and this would spoil his health. She could not even refuse to answer Tricki drooling for cream cakes and chocolates. Mrs. Pumphrey fed him excessively, spoiling Tricki's health to such an extent that he had to be hospitalised.
- (ii) Ausable persuaded Max to believe that it was the police who was knocking at the door. He had already fabricated a story about a balcony next to the window of his room. So Max took the entire story as gospel and jumped from the window without examining it. He cried loudly. It was the end of Max.
- (iii) At the end of the book 'The Travels of Monarch X', the writer Dr. A. Urquhart had invited the readers to help him in the study of butterfly migration by tagging them. So Ebright started tagging monarch butterflies. He realized that chasing the butterflies one by one won't enable him to reach many. So he decided to raise a flock of butterflies.

20. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice



Is also great
And would suffice.

- (i) c. World
- (ii) Ice
- (iii) the potential for inner destruction
- (iv) a. ababa
- (v) c. twice

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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

- (i) c. tiger's soft soles
- (ii) a. Tiger
- (iii) b. In a small cage
- (iv) Oxymoron
- (v) The tiger can take only a few steps because the cage is small and it is not easy to move in it.

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

- (i) There is no doubt that Griffin was a brilliant scientist but a lawless person. He set fire to his landlord's house and became invisible when his landlord asked him to leave the house. To become invisible, he had to swallow a rare drug and take off his clothes. That way, he would become invisible with ease. The second time when the employees in the London Store chased him, he escaped easily by throwing off his newly found clothes. After this, he entered the shop of a theatrical company and robbed money and clothes from there with ease. At the end of the story, once again, he could save himself from the village constable by being invisible. Thus his invisibility always came to his help whenever he found himself in trouble. He was able to escape from the situations that he was stuck in due to his invisibility and his scientific bent of mind.
- (ii) After taking vitamins, the crew members try to understand the language and decode the nursery rhymes. Iota reads the nursery rhymes from a book. She reads 'Hey diddle...spoon.' After hearing the rhyme, Think-Tank says that the Earthlings have reached a high level of civilisation. He thinks that it is more threatening as humans have taught their domesticated animal's music, cultural and space techniques. He thinks that they are launching an interplanetary attack through the millions of cows. Then Sergeant Oop reads 'Humpty-Dumpty'. Think-Tank looks at the picture and screams that it is he who has a big balloon like head. At this, Think-Tank gets terrified and says that the Earthlings are after him and Space Central Control. He orders Noodle to prepare a space capsule for him. He leaves Mars and orders the crew members to leave the Earth without delay.

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

(i) **Mijbil:-** Ah' little boy why are you crying.

Boy:- I lost my ball and it was very very deal to me.

Mijbil: oh! let's move around, play or let's quickly late a splash in the bath-tub. you will feel good and your mod Would be instantly brightened.

Boy:- (cries aloud): No, I want my bale bade.

Mijbil:- I can't comprehend why humans get attached to the materialistic things so much. You ought to learn me mortal nature of things and. stay calm.

But me little boy weeps unconsolably, for he is too young to undestand the Complexities of human nature.

(ii) According to me, the young seagull's parents were authoritative parents. As in this case, parents have clear standards for their children. While the parents set limits, they also give the children an opportunity to explore and learn. Parent also explain why they punish the child when the punishment is given and give positive encouragement at the right time.

Yes, there was a great difference between the mother's and father's attitude. The mother used sensitive and responsive approach. She is actually portrayed as a tough but motivating character. She understood that her child needed a lot of motivation to achieve its fad of flying. Initially, she tried to threaten the young seagull in many way ways but to no avail. She knew very well that fear was the only thing that actually had to be feared. So, she used food to arouse young seagull's need.

