

Class- X Session- 2022-23

Subject- English Language & Literature (184)

Sample Question Paper - 9

with Solution

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. January 26 is celebrated as Republic Day in our country. It was on this day, in 1950, the new constitution of independent India came into force and India became a democratic republic. The Constituent Assembly headed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, took more than two years to bring the world's lengthiest constitution to its final shape.
2. The **enormous** task before the Constituent Assembly was to frame the basic law that would formalize India as a truly democratic nation. Democracy is aptly defined as a system of Government by the people, for the people and of the people. The founding fathers of the Constitution, therefore, had to ensure that the basic law of the land contained sufficient provisions for the fulfilment of the democratic aspirations of the people of India not only in the political sphere but also in the social and economic spheres. That explains the **inclusion** of a separate part in the Constitution, called the Directive Principles of State Policy.
3. These principles signify the fact that the framers of the Constitution were well aware of the wide gaps and inequalities that existed among the various sections of the Indian population. The Constitution makers had the wisdom to appreciate that political democracy is meaningless when an overwhelming majority of the population is historically trapped in poverty, illiteracy, ill-health and superstition. The Central and State Governments were expected to frame policies so that every citizen is assured of a decent living standard irrespective of sex, caste, religion, language and region.
4. The makers of our Constitution describe India as a Union of States and not as a federation. Being well conversant with the diversity of the nation in terms of the language, religion, caste and region, and its implications on the intended socio-economic development of the country as a whole, the makers of the Constitution opted for a political system in which the Central Government is equipped with overwhelming administrative, legislative and financial muscle. Most of the nations' policies and programmes for socio-economic development originate at the Central Government, and the responsibility for their successful implementation is entrusted to the states.



- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. 26 January was chosen as the date for Republic day.
- (ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.  
From paragraph 4, we can infer that our Constitution refers to India as a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Democratic (2) Federation (3) Nation-state (4) Union of States (5) Secular  
a. 2,4  
b. 3,1  
c. 4,2  
d. 4,5
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1. Constituent Assembly: Dr. Rajendra Prasad :: Drafting Committee: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Clue: Dr. Rajendra Prasad was the head of Constituent Assembly, similarly \_\_\_\_\_ was the chairperson of Drafting Committee)
- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence.  
\_\_\_\_\_ were well aware of the wide disparities and inequalities that existed among the various sections of the Indian population. (Paragraph 3)  
a. Indian Constitution demonstrates that the framers of the Directive Principles of State Policy  
b. Universal Adult Franchise demonstrates that the framers of the voting laws  
c. January 26 demonstrates that the framers of the Indian Constitution  
d. Directive Principles of State Policy demonstrate that the framers of the Indian Constitution
- (v) Which of the following pictures is associated with the Constituent Assembly?



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is equipped with overwhelming administrative, legislative and financial muscle.  
a. State Government  
b. Constitution  
c. Central Government  
d. Supreme Court

- (vii) Substitute the word 'enormous' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 2:  
The **enormous** task before the Constituent Assembly was to frame the basic law that would formalize India as a truly democratic nation.
- (viii) In Paragraph 3, why do you think the founding fathers had the foresight to realize that political democracy is meaningless?
- (ix) Give an explanation of why the Constitution's founding fathers felt it was necessary to ensure that the basic law of the land contained adequate provisions.
- (x) Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-4 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.

A

1. Why do we need a Constitution?
2. The Authority of a Constitution
3. The Philosophy and Making of The Constitution
4. The Importance of Rights

B

1. Towards Constitution
2. Inclusion of Directive Principles of State Policy.
3. India in the Past
4. Role and Responsibilities of Central and State Government

C

1. Why do we need a Constitution?
2. Relationship Between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
3. Making of the Indian Constitution
4. Guiding Values of the Indian Constitution

D

1. Constitution as A Living Document
2. Are constitutions static?
3. How to amend the constitution?
4. Philosophy of the constitution

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

[10]

1. Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret message in the communication process. One of the greatest gifts any of us can ever receive is the gift of listening. It is also one of the greatest gifts we can ever give. Unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. We live in a world where everyone is talking but few are listening. What often passes for listening is simply one person pausing to collect their thoughts for their next soliloquy.
2. Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear, whereas listening requires more than that it requires focus. Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told, the use of language and voice, and how the other

person uses his or her body. In other words, it means being aware of both verbal and non-verbal messages. Your ability to listen effectively depends on the degree to which you perceive and understand these messages.

3. Listening is a difficult task. Like every skill the more you do it, the better you get up. Listening can be developed through practice, or lost if not used regularly. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they've heard before responding. They ask questions because they want to know the answers. Not just to keep the conversation going.
4. So often, we are distracted with other things. We try to listen while continuing to work on the computer or watch television. To be fully present means we eliminate these distractions and focus exclusively on the other person. It takes great effort to be fully in the moment, leaning forward, eyes and heart open. Words are only the part of communication. Sometimes we need to experience the other person's feelings to really understand. We need to listen with our heart as well as our mind. We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this-and do it accurately-we communicate that we understand. It also gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Plenty of people are good talkers, few are good listeners. If you develop the latter skill, you will find yourself invited into amazing conversations that wouldn't otherwise happen.

- (i) According to the passage, listening appear to be a lost are because we live in a world where \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Choose the options with the sentences that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
  - (I) Words are only the part of communication.
  - (II) Lots of people are good listeners.
  - (III) Listening refers to the voice that you hear.
  - (IV) Good listeners focus on what they hear.
  - (V) Listening is a tough task.
  - (VI) Hearing requires no focus.
  - a. II, III, VI
  - b. III, V, VI
  - c. I, III, IV
  - d. I, IV, VI
- (iii) Fill in the blank with the correct option.  
\_\_\_\_\_ focus on what they are hearing.
  - a. good listeners
  - b. good orators
  - c. good understanding
  - d. good speakers
- (iv) Select the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the following.



- a. Do more listening than talking
  - b. Never stop listening
  - c. Learn by talking
  - d. Listening is talking
- (v) We need to experience the other person's feelings:
- a. to really understand
  - b. to be the part of the communication
  - c. to recalibrate our understanding
  - d. to keep the conversation going
- (vi) What our ability to listen effectively depends on?
- a. how the other person uses his or her body
  - b. use of language and voice
  - c. both (a) and (b)
  - d. degree to which we perceive and understand the messages
- (vii) We need to \_\_\_\_\_ with our heart as well as our mind.
- (viii) **hearing**, different from **listening** as:
- a. Hearing eliminates distraction; Listening gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding
  - b. Hearing is the ability to receive message; Listening is the ability to interpret message
  - c. Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear; Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how is it told
  - d. Option (a), (b) and (c)
- (ix) Listening refers to observing the sounds you hear. True/False
- (x) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage.  
Accurately : perfectly :: \_\_\_\_\_ : unfocused

### SECTION B –GRAMMAR

**Attempt any 10 questions**

3. **Report the dialogue between a father and son, by completing the sentence:** [1]  
**Son:** Are you not excited about the trip, dad?  
**Father:** I have been to Australia before.  
 In response to the question about being excited about the trip, the father says that \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]  
 The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ the police barriers and attacked the hunters.
- a) broke up
  - b) break up
  - c) break through
  - d) broke through





Failure’.

Enjoy when you cannot do it and endure when you \_\_\_\_\_ do it.

a) might

b) must

c) could

d) should

12. Ritu bumped into an ex-colleague (Gautam) at a party. They discussed their current job profile. Report what Gautam asked Ritu. [1]

Do you work from home?

13. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. [1]

While much needs to be done to transform our education system to meet the needs of all types of students, it is equally important to teach our children the art of take stress in their strides.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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14. My father said to us, "We should study and get a good division in the examination." [1]

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

a) My father told us that we shall study and get a good division in the examination.

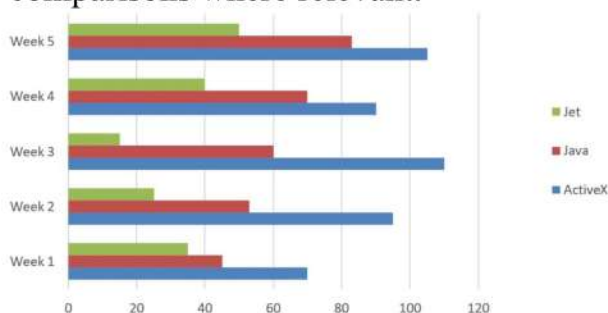
b) My father tells us that we should study and get a good division in the examination.

c) My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

d) My father said us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

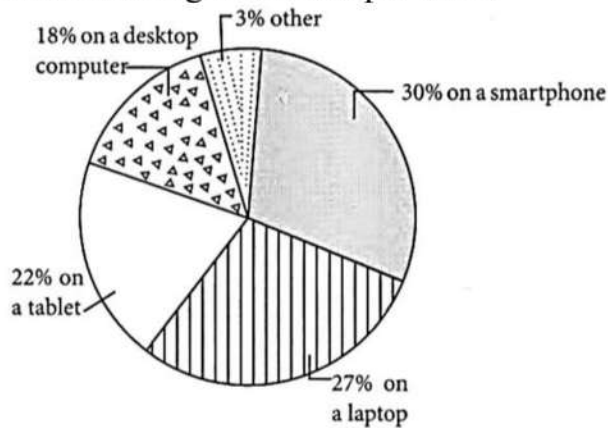
15. The bar chart shows the number of times per week (in 1000 s), over five weeks, that three computer packages were downloaded from the internet. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. [5]



OR

The given pie chart illustrates how internet users aged 15+ prefer to access the internet at home and in other places. Write an analytical paragraph using the

information given in the pie-chart.



16. Slums are spreading more than the planned townships. The life in the slums is miserable. Crowded living, lack of drinking water, insanitary conditions, poor power supply etc. are causing a lot of suffering to the people. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper drawing attention of the concerned authorities to this problem and asking for a proper solution. You are Udit/Udita, 26 Latouche Road, Kanpur. [5]

OR

You are Sunita / Suraj 4 Grant Road, Dadar. You are preparing for Bank PO and some other competitive exams. For this, you have enrolled in a reputed coaching institute in Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi. Now, you need accommodation for yourself in the nearby area. One of your friends shared this newspaper cutting with you.

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Write a letter to the Manager of Lotus paying guest service, 15, Aditya Complex, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, enquiring about the details such as type of accommodation, monthly charges, facilities provided etc.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

With a satisfied expression, he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall.

- (i) Who was satisfied?
- a. Lencho
  - b. The postmaster
  - c. The post office employees



- d. Lencho's wife
- (ii) Why was he satisfied?
- Due to raindrops
  - Because of the hailstorm
  - Because of his pet
  - As he found money
- (iii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means the same as **covered**.
- (iv) What happened suddenly?
- (v) What crop was ready to be harvested in Lencho's field?
- Tomatoes
  - Potatoes
  - Corn
  - Rice

OR

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

**[5]**

“Yes, I’m travelling alone,” she answered curtly. And I’ve got a ticket too.’ ‘Yes she’s on her way to town,’ said the conductor. ‘With a thirty paise ticket.’ ‘Oh, why don’t you mind your own business,’ said Valli. But she laughed all the same, and the conductor laughed too. But the old woman went on with her drivel. ‘Is it proper for such a young person to travel alone? Do you know exactly where you’re going in town? What’s the street? What’s the house number?’ ‘You needn’t bother about me. I can take care of myself,’ Valli said, turning her face towards the window and staring out.”

- (i) Pick the option that matches the expressions with **mind** correctly.

Expression	Meaning
1. bring to mind	A. be receptive to someone's ideas
2. be in two minds	B. think about only one subject
3. have an open mind	C. recall something
4. put your mind at ease	D. undecided
	E. reassure you
	F. reach a decision

- 1-F, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D
  - 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E
  - 1-B, 2-F, 3-E, 4-A
  - 1-F, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B
- (ii) Valli told the conductor to mind his own business and laughed as well. This

shows that Valli ...

- a. was not really bothered about what the conductor said.
- b. didn't like the conductor speaking about her.
- c. disliked what the conductor said but was amused.
- d. was impressed with what the conductor said.

(iii) The old woman went on with her drivel. The word **drivel** is used here to mean \_\_\_\_\_.

- (iv) The old woman asked her questions
- a. due to anxiety about Valli travelling alone.
  - b. out of curiosity and concern for Valli.
  - c. interest in Valli's life and need for travel.
  - d. due to the habit of interfering in Valli's life.

(v) How do you think Valli felt when the old woman asked her questions?

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

- (i) What did her experience teach Kisa Gotami?
- (ii) Which two ideas about how the world will end have been mentioned in the poem Fire and ice? Which idea does the poet support more?
- (iii) What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about? Write your answer in the context of Glimpses of India.
- (iv) Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage? Why is the dragon called a **cowardly dragon**?
- (v) What was the point of controversy between Lomov and Natalya about the Oxen Meadows?

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

Has given my heart,  
A change of mood.  
And saved some part,  
Of the day I rued.

- (i) What did it shake on the poet?
  - a. Dust of snow
  - b. Branch
  - c. Dust
  - d. None of these
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is the poet of the above lines.
- (iii) What was the mood of the poet in the beginning of the poem?
  - a. Sad mood

- b. Happy mood
  - c. Confuse mood
  - d. No mood at all
- (iv) What does “Dust of Snow” represent?
- (v) Name the poetic device used in the line “Has given my heart”
- a. alliteration
  - b. metaphor
  - c. oxymoron
  - d. similie

OR

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

[5]

I am an orphan, roaming the street.  
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

- (i) Identify the literary device used in the last line.
- (ii) Read statements A and B given below, and choose the option that correctly evaluates these statements.  
**Statement A-** The figure **I** imagines a less than realistic view of being an orphan.  
**Statement B-** The figure **I** does not like the speaker.
- a. A is true, B is false, according to the extract.
  - b. A is true, B cannot be clearly inferred from the extract.
  - c. A cannot be clearly inferred from the extract, B is false.
  - d. A is true and can be inferred from the poem, B is true too.
- (iii) In the given extract, the \_\_\_\_\_ is contrasted with the constant instructions received.
- (iv) The rhyme scheme **aaa** in the above extract is followed in all other stanzas of the poem that are written in parenthesis, i.e. (). Why?  
Read the reasons given below, and choose the option that lists the most accurate reasoning:
- i. It shows the simplicity of the child’s thoughts.
  - ii. It reflects the harmony and rhythm of the child’s inner world.
  - iii. It mirrors a child’s expression.
  - iv. It highlights the poet’s aesthetic sensibility.
- Options:
- a. (i) and (iv)
  - b. (i) and (ii)
  - c. (ii) and (iii)
  - d. (iii) and (iv)

- (v) Pick the option that lists the usage of the word **pattern**, as in the extract above.
- That is a lovely pattern for wallpaper.
  - He decided to wear a patterned shirt to the party.
  - Poetry is a form of pattern making.
  - She patterned her hair after her favourite celebrity.

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

- Mijbil and custard both appear to be dragons. Imagine you are custard from, my poem, **The tale of Custard the dragon** and accidentally spot Mijbil in the lawn who has accompanied his master to Belinda's little white house.
- From the beginning to the end of the lesson the black aeroplane is a mystery. How?

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

- Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh?
- The most successful people work smart, not hard** Justify the quote with reference to **A Question of Trust**.

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

- What does Mrs. Pumphrey do to help Tricki? Is she wise in this?
- What did Ausable do when he saw Max with a pistol?
- Do you think we always need sophisticated instruments for all science experiments? Why/Why not? Answer in the context of the lesson **The Making of a Scientist**.



# Solution

## Section A

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

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- (ii) c. 4,2
- (iii) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- (iv) d. Directive Principles of State Policy demonstrate that the framers of the Indian Constitution
- (v) C.
- (vi) c. Central Government
- (vii) ast, huge, immense, large, extensive.  
(Any other relevant meaning)



- (viii) The Constitution makers had the wisdom to appreciate that political democracy is meaningless when an overwhelming majority of the population is historically trapped in poverty, illiteracy, ill health, and superstition.
- (ix) Democracy is aptly defined as a system of Government by the people, for the people, and of the people. Therefore, the founding fathers of the Constitution had to ensure that the basic law of the land contained sufficient provisions for the fulfillment of the democratic aspirations of the people of India not only in the political sphere but also in the social and economic spheres.
- (x) B
1. Towards Constitution
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- (i) Everyone is talking but few are listening.
- (ii) (a) II, III, IV
- The context shows (I) negligence as the person will ignore the limits and (IV) 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 (II), (III) or (V) options. Hence, option (a) is the right answer

(iii)(a) good listeners

(iv)(a) Do more listening than talking

(v) (a) to really understand

In order to understand the other person completely, we need to listen to him through both our heart and mind. Hence (a) is the right answer.

(vi)(d) degree to which we perceive and understand the messages

(vii)listen

(viii)(c) Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear; Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how is it told

(ix)False

Listening refers to paying attention not only to the sounds you hear but also on the language, tone, voice, style etc.

(x) Distracted

### SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. he has been to Australia before

4. (d) broke through

**Explanation:** Pass a barrier or obstacle.

5. (D) enter - enters

6. (d) should

**Explanation:** should

7. bearing

8. (c) had been cleaning, went

**Explanation:** had been cleaning, went

9.	error	correction
	family	families

10. a drowning man will catch a straw.

11. (b) must

**Explanation:** must

12. Gautam asked Ritu if/whether she worked from home.

13.	error	correction
	take	taking

14. (c) My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

**Explanation:** My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

### SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The bar chart illustrates the download rate per week of ActiveX, Java and Net computer packages over a period of five weeks. It can clearly be seen that ActiveX was the most popular computer package to download, whilst Net was the least popular of the three. To begin, downloads of ActiveX and Java showed similar patterns, with both gradually increasing from week 1 to week 5. However, the purchases of Active X remained significantly higher than that of the other product over this time frame. In week 1, purchases of ActiveX stood at around 75,000, while those of Java were about 30,000 lower. With the exception of a slight fall in week 4, downloading of ActiveX kept increasing until it reached a peak in the final week of just over 120,000. Java downloads

also increased at a steady rate, finishing the period at 80,000.

The product that was downloaded the least was Net. This began at slightly under 40,000, and, in contrast to the other two products, fell over the next two weeks to reach a low of approximately 25,000. It then increased sharply over the following two weeks to finish at about 50,000, which was well below that of ActiveX.

OR

The given pie chart illustrates how internet users aged 15+ prefer to access the internet at home or in other places.

The data shows that people aged 15 and over spend most of their time using electronic gadgets and going online accessing internet for different purposes.

From the pie chart it is clear that the majority of people prefer to use smartphone that covers 30 per cent, which means that one third of the total young generation uses smartphones to go online. Laptops are also very popular as there is only three percent of difference between the two. As shown in the chart 27 per cent people prefer to use laptops to go online. 22 per cent prefer to use a tablet, whereas a desktop computer accounts for 18 per cent of users' preferred devices, and only a small minority of just 3% prefer a device other than these four main popular devices.

To conclude, it is clearly evident that the devices like laptops and tablets are the most popular choices, it shows that the majority of people access internet on portable devices. The desktop computer which is not so convenient to use is the least popular of the four main devices. It can be said that in the future we can expect to see even more and more people accessing the internet with smartphones as their preferred choice.

16. 26, Latouche Road

Kanpur

24th June, 20xx

The Editor

The Times of India

Tuglaq Road

New Delhi

**Subject: Need to improve miserable living conditions in slums**

Sir,

Through the columns of your reported newspaper, I would like to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the miserable living conditions in slums. A country's growth depends on the growth of its people. The people living in slums do not have basic amenities like clean drinking water, proper power supply and healthy food. Many can be seen ravaging through dustbins to get food. Lack of proper sanitation and living among such dreadful conditions lead to spread of many diseases. They are illiterate and thus lack job opportunities. They live in congested spaces where proper breathing is also unavailable.

Only if the slum dwellers get the basic amenities, the nation can be said to have truly progressed.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Udit

OR

4, Grant Road,

Dadar

25th February 2018



The Manager  
Lotus Paying Guest House,  
New-Delhi,  
Sir,

**Subject: Enquiry About Accommodation**

I am a resident of Dadar and have joined coaching classes in Laxmi Nagar, Delhi. I want to inquire if there is a room available as accommodation for a paying guest around this area. If so, please let me know whether it is single or twin sharing. Besides this, could you also send me the details regarding monthly charges of boarding and lodging? I am interested to know what kind of other facilities you also provide. If there are 24 hours power-supply, mode of transport available, meal, washing facility and also if there is any shopping centre located close by.

I shall be exceedingly grateful if you respond promptly as I currently I am living with some distant relatives. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Suraj.

**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

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

With a satisfied expression, he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall.

- (i) a. Lencho
- (ii) a. Due to raindrops
- (iii) Draped
- (iv) The rain changed into hailstones.
- (v) c. Corn

OR

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

“Yes, I’m travelling alone,” she answered curtly. And I’ve got a ticket too.’ ‘Yes she’s on her way to town,’ said the conductor. ‘With a thirty paise ticket.’

‘Oh, why don’t you mind your own business,’ said Valli. But she laughed all the same, and the conductor laughed too.

But the old woman went on with her drivel. ‘Is it proper for such a young person to travel alone? Do you know exactly where you’re going in town?’

What’s the street? What’s the house number?’

‘You needn’t bother about me. I can take care of myself,’ Valli said, turning her face towards the window and staring out.”

- (i) b. 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E
- (ii) c. disliked what the conductor said but was amused.
- (iii) nonsense/silly nonsense
- (iv) b. out of curiosity and concern for Valli.
- (v) Valli was upset and felt irritated when the old woman questioned her.

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

- (i) Kisa Gotami became tired and hopeless as she could not find a house where no one had ever died. She saw the lights of the city when she sat at the wayside. They flickered up and extinguished again. She learnt from her experience that human lives were like the lights and death was inevitable and common to all.
- (ii) Although both the ideas mentioned in the poem about the end of the world are hypothetical, the poet stresses that the world will either end in fire or in ice. Though the poet thinks both ways to be destructive, yet he seems to favour the idea of the destruction of the world in the fire a little more than that of in ice.
- (iii) The elders in Goa are nostalgic about the good old Portuguese days and the Portuguese loaves of bread. The Portuguese were very famous for their bread. Those eaters of loaves might have vanished but the makers are still there. The mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves still exist. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still continue to function.
- (iv) Custard cried for a nice safe cage to be safe in case some danger comes up. Everybody else in the house is brave and the dragon is the only one who fears a lot. The dragon had a very ferocious and frightening appearance but did not behave in an aggressive manner. This made others think that he was a coward and thus he is called the 'cowardly dragon'.
- (v) The point of controversy between Lomov and Natalya was the ownership over the Oxen Meadows. Natalya said that her grandfather and great-grandfather owned the land extended to Burnt Marsh, which meant that the Oxen Meadows were hers. But Lomov argued that his aunt's grandmother had given the free use of the meadows to the peasants of Natalya's father's grandfather for forty years, in return for which the peasants had to make bricks for her.

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

Has given my heart,  
A change of mood.  
And saved some part,  
Of the day I rued.

- (i) a. Dust of snow
- (ii) Robert Frost
- (iii) a. Sad mood
- (iv) Dust of Snow represents the healing power of Nature.
- (v) a. alliteration

OR

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

I am an orphan, roaming the street.  
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

- (i) Metaphor is used in the last line.  
Silence is golden – silence is said to be glorious like golden colour  
freedom is sweet – freedom is said to be sweet in taste.
- (ii) b. A is true, B cannot be clearly inferred from the extract.



- (iii) golden silence
- (iv) c. (ii) and (iii)
- (v) d. She patterned her hair after her favourite celebrity.

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

- (i) Oh! you naughty little otter, you look like a premium dragon. So your owner 'Maxwell' is a friend of my owner 'Belinda'. I guess you must have accompanied. Your master to my little white house. Don't be scared of me as I am not like owner dragons, infact I lack me basic qualities of a dragon; may are supposed to be fierce and brave. I hesitate to explore me world around alone. Infact I look for a nice safe cage just me way you feel safe with 'Maxwell' and hesitate in stepping out alone. People say that i am a coward, but it's just that i like to stay in the company of 'Belinda' and her owner pets.
- (ii) The narrator started his journey with old Dakota-088. At that time, the sky was clear but suddenly, he found himself in the midst of black clouds. There was zero visibility, everything was black. He couldn't find any way to escape. All of a sudden, the narrator saw a black aeroplane. He could see the pilot of the black aeroplane, who guided him to the airport. When he safely landed, he searched for the black aeroplane but the sky was empty. So, the narrator went to the control centre just to thank the other pilot but the woman in the control room informed him that there were no other planes flying that night. It remained a mystery till the end.

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

- (i) For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, i.e., by changing name, by making excuses, by making new way of making money etc. Anil was the most trusting person. Hari Singh had ever met. But he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change of mind. Anil knew even this fact also, but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life overpowered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for the simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was very good decision of Hari Singh.
- (ii) The quote 'the most successful people work smart not hard' is apt for the woman who duped Horace Danby not even once could Horace make out that she was not the wife of the house owner. The woman threatened to hand him over to the police and made him break the safe. Meanwhile she kept standing away smoking a cigarette and watched him do all time. There was no trace or fingerprint of that lady in the house. She framed a story of forgetting the numbers and Horace fell into her trap. Horace opened the safe gave her the jewels and went away. Thus without working hard, she got all the jewels, with her smartness.

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



- (i) Mrs. Pumphrey thinks that Tricki is suffering from malnutrition. So she gives him malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks. As a result, she overfeeds him. No, she is not wise in this because consequently, the dog falls ill.
- (ii) When Ausable switched on the lights and closed the door after entering the room, he saw Max with a pistol. Max stood halfway across the room and aimed at them. Ausable told him that he had given him quite a start. He thought that he was in Berlin. Ausable sat down on an armchair and fabricated a story about the balcony.
- (iii) No, not really. We have seen many a times that the great scientist have led to great discoveries and inventions using crude and raw instruments which have brought changes all over the world. So, it is not necessary that we need sophisticated instruments to create wonders.

