

Class X Session 2025-26

Subject - English Language and Literature

Sample Question Paper - 06

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
 - Section - A : Reading Skills
 - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading Skills

1. Read the passage given below:

[10]

1. If you're like most kids, you may love snow. Not only can it get you out of school, but it's also fun to play with. Who doesn't love to sled and build snowmen ? Snow can also be dangerous, too. You may have heard your parents talk about how difficult it can be to drive in snow. Car accidents aren't the only dangers created by snow. If you're ever skiing in the mountains, you'll want to be aware of avalanches. An avalanche is a sudden flow of snow down a slope, such as a mountain. The amount of snow in an avalanche will vary based on many things, but it can be such a huge pile that it can bury the bottom of a slope in dozens of feet of snow.
2. Avalanches can be caused by many things. Some of them are natural. For example, new snow or rain can cause built up snow to loosen and fall down the side of a mountain. Earthquakes and the movement of animals have also been known to cause avalanches. Artificial triggers can also cause avalanches. For example, snowmobiles, skiers, gunshots and explosives have all been known to cause avalanches. Avalanches usually occur during the winter and spring, when snowfall is greatest. As they are dangerous to any living beings in their path, avalanches have destroyed forests, roads, railroads and even entire towns.
3. Warning signs exist that allow experts to predict - and often prevent - avalanches from occurring. When over a foot of fresh snow falls, experts know to be on the lookout for avalanches. Explosives can be used in places with massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanches that don't pose a danger to persons or property. When deadly avalanches do occur, the moving snow can quickly reach over 80 miles per hour. Skiers caught in such avalanches can be buried under dozens of feet of snow. While it's possible to dig out of such avalanches, not all are able to escape.
4. If you get tossed about by an avalanche and find yourself buried under many feet of snow, you might not have a true sense of which way is up and which way is down. Some avalanche victims have tried to dig their way out, only to find that they were upside down and digging themselves farther under the snow rather



than to the top ! Experts suggest that people caught in an avalanche try to “swim” to the top of the moving snow to stay close to the surface. Once the avalanche stops, do your best to dig around you to create a space for air, so you can breathe easier. Then, do your best to figure out which way is up and dig in that direction to reach the surface and signal rescuers.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (10)

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option: Avalanche can be caused by **(1)**
 - a. new snow or rain.
 - b. heavy winds.
 - c. high altitude.
 - d. global warming.
- ii. Comment on warning signs exist which allow experts to predict avalanches in two sentences. **(2)**
- iii. Mention two reasons which destroyed the natural scenery. **(2)**
- iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of ‘massive’: **(1)**
 - a. tiny
 - b. lengthy
 - c. bulky
 - d. extensive
- v. The writer will agree with one of the given statements (paragraph 4) **(1)**
 - a. People caught in the Avalanche can try to swim to the top.
 - b. Put on an oxygen Mask.
 - c. Digging is not possible.
 - d. Should not come close to the surface.
- vi. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:
You may not have an idea of which way is up and which way is down. **(1)**
 - a. The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.
 - b. Due to the torrential rain, there was a heavy flooding.
 - c. The guest felt uneasy and uncomfortable watching the child’s performance.
 - d. The more the effort, the bigger the gain.
- vii. Fill in the blank with a suitable text:
The major causes which do not trigger an avalanche is _____ **(1)**
- viii. Explosives can be used in places _____. (complete the sentence) **(1)**

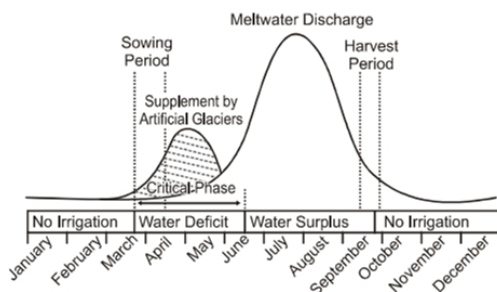
2. Read the extract given below:

[10]

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm . Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought

situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April-May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create a glacier.
4. Fondly called the glacier man, he has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by The President of India.
5. There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an 'artificial glacier'.



Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below: (10)

- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. **(1)**

Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.

- ii. Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks: **(1)**

Agriculture is completely dependent on _____ unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.

- a. rainfall pattern
- b. climate change
- c. glaciers melt
- d. extreme winter conditions

- iii. Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers. **(2)**

- iv. List two reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option. **(2)**

- v. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3: **(1)**

icing: cake:: layers: _____

- vi. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow _____. **(1)**

- a. on sloping hills facing distribution channels.
- b. on high altitude.
- c. on ice-cold water level.
- d. on mountain range.

vii. **Assertion (A):** Artificial glaciers have helped farmers in Ladakh to manage two crops instead of one.

Reason (R): Artificial glaciers melt in a controlled manner, ensuring water availability during the crucial sowing season.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.

D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

viii. The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means _____. (1)

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. **Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed** [10]

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

Subject: Need for _____ (promote) Healthy Eating Routines

Dear Madam

This is with reference to

(b) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: [1]

The Commissioner invitation the residents to share their problems regarding the sanitation issues.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(c) **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 _____.

(d) "I lost my book yesterday", she said to her teacher. [1]

Reported speech: _____

a) She said to her teacher that I have lost my book the previous day.

b) To her teacher, she was admitted that she has lost her book the previous day.

c) She admitted losing her book to her teacher yesterday.

d) She admitted to her teacher that she had lost her book the previous day.

(e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

Don't think there will be a severe shortage of usable water because there was _____ (a lot of / little / a few) rain fall yesterday.

(f) Read the given sentence from a book review article. [1]

Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Isn't it great when you find one of those books that completely pulls you in and make you fall in love with the characters?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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

TWO CHILDREN DIES AFTER MASSIVE FIRE BREAKS OUT IN TIRUPATI



4. Auto rickshaws and vans overcrowded with precariously seated children, is not an uncommon sight in cities today. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting this dangerous practice and urging authorities to take steps to curb this. Write the letter in 100-120 words as Sushant/Sunanda of Rani Bagh, Delhi. [5]

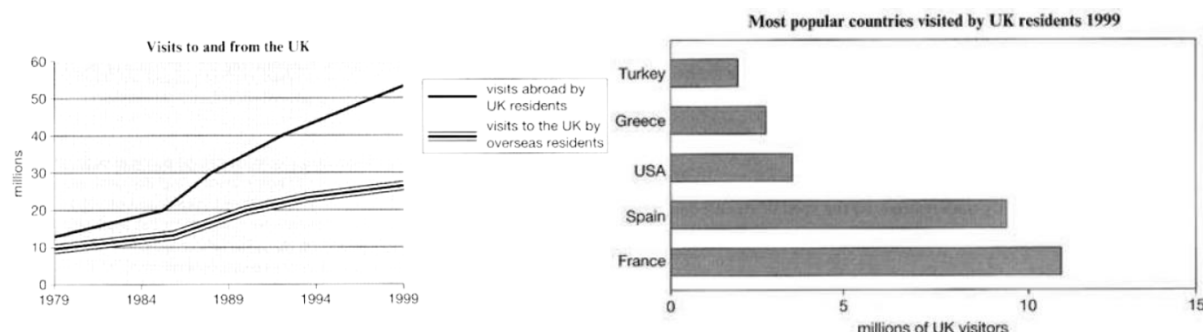
OR

You are pained to see that in your city, there is no proper arrangement for cleaning of drains. There are heaps of accumulated garbage and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the same as there is a fear of outbreak of disease. You are Alka/Ashish. (Word limit 100-120)

5. Digital/Visual learning came to the rescue of teachers and students in recent times. It also heralds the transition from old to new trends in the education system. Education can now be accessed anytime from anywhere and helps students learn at their own pace. Write an analytical paragraph on **Virtual Learning** in about 100-120 words. [5]

OR

The line graph shows visits to and from the UK from 1979 to 1999, and the bar graph shows the most popular countries visited by UK residents in 1999. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.



SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]

- (a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

"He was silent, stupefied, in dismay, at the sight of his wife weeping. He stammered, "What is the matter? What is the matter?" By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, "Nothing. Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I." He was grieved, but answered, "Let us see, Matilda. How much would a suitable costume cost, something that would serve for other occasions, something very simple?" She reflected for some seconds thinking of a sum that she could ask for without bringing with it an immediate refusal and a frightened exclamation from the economical clerk."

- i. What does 'economical clerk' indicate? (1)

- a. M Loisel was a spendthrift even though he earned a lot.
- b. M Loisel was thrifty as he had a meagre income.
- c. M Loisel calculated money all the time as he was a clerk.
- d. M Loisel was stingy about money and didn't spend it.

- ii. Fill in the blank with one word:

"I thought Matilda would be _____ seeing the invitation in my hand." (1)

- iii. Why was Matilda vexed? How did she react? (2)

- iv. What was Loisel's reaction to his wife's desire for a new dress? (1)



(b) **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

[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. We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination. Never, never and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another. The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement. Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!

- i. The guests at the spectacular ceremony are being called distinguished because: (1)
 - A. They have been invited as guests to attend it.
 - B. They are eminent world leaders witnessing it.
 - C. They are visiting the country for this purpose.
 - D. They have resumed diplomatic relations with the country.
- ii. Mention the words or phrase from the extract that encompasses the quality of equality, liberty, and self-respect. (1)
- iii. Why was this a 'rare privilege' according to the speaker? Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)
- iv. How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind. (1)
 - 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

7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**

[5]

(a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:

[5]

If strolling forth, a beast you view,
Whose hide with spots is peppered
As soon as he has leapt on you
You'll know it is the leopard.
He will do no good to roar with pain,
He'll only leap and leap again

- i. While walking, how does a leopard's hide appear to be?(1)
- ii. What is the hide peppered with? Which animal is being described here?(2)
- iii. The repetition used in "he'll only lep and lep again" is an example of _____.(1)
- iv. Given below are four examples of activities that Jasmeet does. Choose the option that correctly demonstrates 'strolling'.(1)
 - a. Jasmeet runs with a great speed after being chased by a dog.
 - b. Jasmeet walks in the garden, relaxing while listening to his favourite song.
 - c. Jasmeet skids sharply on the ice skate rink.
 - d. Jasmeet rushes to switch off the water pump in the backyard.

(b) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:

[5]

He should be lurking in shadow,



Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass

i. He should be lurking in the shadow to _____. (1)

ii. Where was the tiger actually? Choose the correct option: (1)

a. Jungle

b. Natural Habitat

c. Cage in the Zoo

iii. What is the tiger doing near the water hole in the poem "A Tiger in a Zoo"? (2)

iv. Which word refers to **fat**? (1)

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]

(a) Why did Rajvir visit Assam? [3]

(b) The crow and hemlock are usually used as negative references in literature. How is this different in the poem **Dust of snow**? [3]

(c) Lencho did not bother exploring any other means to resolve his situation but just turned to God. Do you feel that his approach was justified? Why/Why not? [3]

(d) How was Anne feeling about her chance of moving to the next grade? [3]

(e) What makes Custard, the dragon look fearsome? Explain. [3]

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]

(a) Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki's appearance? [3]

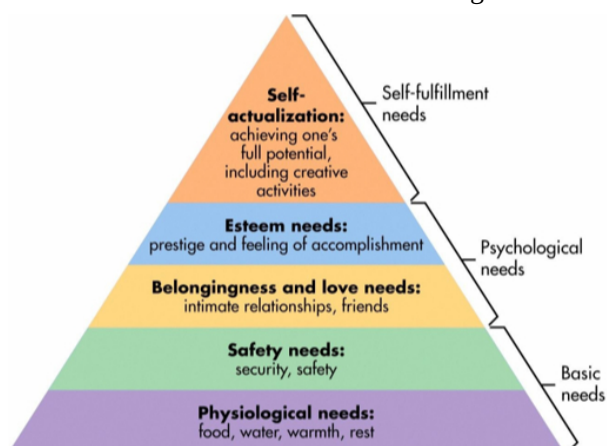
(b) Why did the Tehsildar come to Ramlal's village? What did he ask Ramlal to do? [3]

(c) Despite his unusual appearance, Ausable's presence of mind helped him get rid of Max. Comment with reference to the story **The Midnight Visitor**. [3]

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]

(a) Look at the image of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. [6]

Abraham Maslow devised a theory of motivation that shows the basic needs at the bottom, and more advanced needs as you move up. It includes the theory that fundamental needs must be met before an individual can be motivated to achieve higher order needs.



Where in this hierarchy of needs, would you locate the young seagull's first flight? Justify your response.

(b) Mijbil the otter meets the little boy from the poem, ball. Try to build an interesting Conversation between the two of men. [6]

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]

(a) How did Ebright's mother help him in becoming a scientist?

[6]

(b) Having stolen Anil's money what did Hari Singh do?

[6]



Solution

Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. new snow or rain.
 - ii. Even after warning signs that reveal danger of avalanches, there is a high risk of danger to persons or property. Escape from such danger is not possible always.
 - iii. (1) Artificial Reasons – Snow mobiles, skiers, gunshots and explosives
(2) Natural Reasons – Earthquakes, avalanches
 - iv. tiny
 - v. People caught in the Avalanche can try to swim to the top
 - vi. The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.
 - vii. Plastic waste
 - viii. With massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanche
2.
 - i. because the idea of artificial glaciers was proposed by a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government.
 - ii. Agriculture is completely dependent on glaciers melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.
 - iii. Any two steps taken while creating glaciers include diverting stream water to a shaded area of a north-facing hill. At the start of winter, this water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels.
 - iv. **Water Supply During Dry Seasons:** Artificial glaciers store water during the winter months, which can then be gradually released during the dry season, providing a consistent water supply to communities in arid regions.
Low-Cost and Sustainable Solution: Creating artificial glaciers is a relatively low-cost and environmentally friendly method compared to other water storage solutions, making it a sustainable option for regions with limited resources.
 - v. Icing : cake :: layers : Ice.
 - vi. At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels.
 - vii. A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
 - viii. situated

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following tasks, as directed

(i) promoting

(ii)	Error	Correction
	invitation	invited

(iii) acid reacts with a base to form salt

(iv) **(d)** She admitted to her teacher that she had lost her book the previous day.

Explanation:

She admitted to her teacher that she had lost her book the previous day.

(v) A lot of

(vi)	Error	Correction
	Make	Makes

(vii) **(B)** dies - die

(viii) **(d)** Put off

Explanation:

Postpone

(ix) that it was in the far corner on the second floor.

(x) **(b)** He requested his friend to wait for him.

Explanation:

He requested his friend to wait for him.

(xi) C. Love, spoke

The first blank is in a direct speech where the situation is of present. The second blank shows the past situation



where action started in the past and was completed in the past itself.

(xii) error	correction
for	of

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. C-15, Rani Bagh
Delhi
20 August, 2023

The Editor
The Hindustan Times
New Delhi

Sub: Urgent Action Needed to Ensure Child Safety in Public Transport

Sir,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the perilous practice of overcrowding in auto-rickshaws and vans, particularly with school children, a sight all too common in our cities today. It is disheartening to witness children precariously seated, risking their safety and well-being.

I urge the authorities to take immediate and stringent measures to curb this dangerous practice. Implementing stricter regulations, conducting regular inspections, and raising awareness about the importance of child safety during transportation are vital steps. It is the collective responsibility of the government, school authorities, and parents to ensure the safety of our children during their commute.

I implore the concerned authorities to address this issue promptly to protect our children from potential harm.

Yours sincerely,
Sushant/Sunanda

OR

7/31,
Kamla Nagar,
Kanpur - 45
29 August 2023

The Municipal Commissioner
Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Kanpur
Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Urgent Action Needed for Drain Cleaning to Prevent Disease Outbreak

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my grave concern about the lack of proper drainage cleaning in our city. The accumulation of garbage and stagnant water in the drains poses a serious health hazard. It is not only a breeding ground for diseases but also a potential trigger for an outbreak in our community.

As a responsible citizen, I urge you to take immediate action. Regular cleaning of drains and proper waste management are essential to prevent the spread of diseases and ensure the well-being of the residents. Additionally, organizing awareness campaigns about the importance of cleanliness and waste disposal would educate the public and encourage them to cooperate.

I kindly request your prompt attention to this matter. Ensuring a clean and healthy environment is our collective responsibility, and I believe your swift action will greatly contribute to our city's overall well-being.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely
Alka/Ashish

5. Virtual learning, characterized by digital and visual tools, has emerged as a lifeline for educators and learners, especially in recent times. This innovative approach signifies a transformative shift from traditional educational paradigms to a more dynamic and inclusive system. The flexibility offered by virtual learning enables students to access educational resources at their convenience, transcending geographical boundaries and time constraints. It empowers individuals to tailor their learning experiences, promoting self-paced and personalized education. Moreover, it fosters engagement through multimedia content, making learning more



interactive and engaging. In essence, virtual learning represents a pivotal advancement in education, facilitating accessibility, flexibility, and adaptability in the ever-evolving landscape of learning.

OR

The line graph illustrates the number of visitors in millions from the UK who went abroad and those that came to the UK between 1979 and 1999, while the bar chart shows which countries were the most popular for UK residents to visit in 1999. Overall, it can be seen that visits to and from the UK increased and that France was the most popular country to go to.

To begin, the number of visits abroad by UK residents was higher than for those that came to the UK, and this remained so throughout the period. The figures started at a similar amount, around 10 million, but visits abroad increased significantly to over 50 million, whereas the number of overseas residents rose steadily to reach just under 30 million.

By far the most popular countries to visit in 1999 were France at approximately 11 million visitors, followed by Spain at 9 million. The USA, Greece, and Turkey were far less popular at around 4, 3, and 2 million visitors respectively.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i) i. (b) M Loisel was thrifty as he had a meagre income.
ii. elated/happy
iii. She was vexed because she did not have any jewel to adorn herself with. She responded in a calm voice.
iv. First of all he asked her to wear whatever she possessed. When she got angry and refused to go to the party at all, he finally agreed to let her buy a new one.
- (ii) i. (B) 'Distinghued' here means 'someone different from the common'. The guest list consisted of some prominent and well known leaders of the world.
ii. Human dignity can be best defined with the virtue of equality, liberty and self-respect.
iii. It was a rare privilege because after decades of resentment Blacks got equal rights as Whites. It was the first time they were experiencing something like this.
iv. (C) is correct
Unmindful here means careless or forgetful. The speaker is recalling years of struggle and is asking his fellow citizens to maintain this freedom carefully. So all the other options A, B and D express unmindful as the feeling of the speaker which is incorrect.

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i) i. The leopard's hide appears to be peppered while walking.
ii. The hide is peppered with spots. The animal being described here is a leopard.
iii. Consonance (Consonance is a literary device that refers to the repetition of the same consonant sounds in a line of text)
iv. (b) is correct
- (ii) i. attack the deer who comes to drink water at the water hole.
ii. (d) Cage in the zoo.
iii. The tiger is lurking in the shadow, sliding through long grass near the water hole where plump deer pass.
iv. Plump.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words

- (i) Rajvir was a youngster and classmate of Pranjol in Delhi. He had never seen a tea garden before therefore he was excited to visit Assam and enjoy the beauty of tea gardens. He was invited there by Pranjol to spend summer vacation. He invited Rajvir to visit his home and the Dhekiabari Tea Estate during summer vacation.
- (ii) The crow and hemlock tree are used as a negative means to demonstrate the mood of the poet. Often the crow is symbol of ill omen and the hemlock tree is a poisonous one. But the poet used them beautifully to portray the fact that inauspicious things too can bring joy and happiness.
- (iii) Lencho did not bother exploring any other means to resolve his situation because he had a deep faith in God. He believed that only God could help him to come out of this disaster. He was the only one whom he could trust. All others were a bunch of crooks and they would take undue advantage of his situation. Hence his approach was justified.
- (iv)
 - Confident
 - She was not worried about her chances.
- (v) Custard, the dragon, appeared fearsome due to his large size, sharp claws, and fiery breath. His scales shimmered ominously, and his piercing eyes conveyed a sense of menace. His roaring and aggressive demeanour instilled fear in those who encountered him. In *The Tale of Custard the Dragon*, Custard is described as fearsome with sharp teeth, spikes, and dagger-like toes.



9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

- (i) Mr. Herriot was shocked at Tricki's appearance because he expected a well-bred, refined dog, but Tricki turned out to be extremely overweight (bloated sausage) and pampered. The dog had bloodshot eyes (rheumy eyes) and his tongue lolled from his jaws. The dog's obesity and overall condition were far from what he anticipated, which surprised and concerned him as a veterinarian.
- (ii) The Tehsildar came to Ram Lal's village to inaugurate the school for girls. He put the responsibility of sending the girls of the village on Ram Lal. He told Ram Lal as he was the representative of the government he must send his daughter to the school. He would set an example to the villagers by sending his daughters to the school.
- (iii) Despite his unusual appearance, Ausable's quick thinking helped him outsmart Max. He invented a story about a balcony to explain Max's entry. When Henry, the waiter, knocked, Ausable pretended it was the police, causing Max to panic and escape through the nonexistent balcony. Ausable's presence of mind turned a dangerous situation into a clever victory.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words

- (i) The young seagull's first flight can be located in the category of 'Basic Needs' in this hierarchy of needs. These needs are most essential for the very survival and maintenance of self. These include food, warmth and shelter. These needs must be met repeatedly within short time period such as hunger.

The seagull was very hungry. He hadn't eaten anything for last twenty four hours. When he saw his mother bringing food in her beak, he dived towards her. But fell from the brink of the ledge. He screamed with fear. But his fear lasted only for a moment. The next moment, he felt that his wings spread outwards instinctively. He was flying now. Thus, hunger motivated him.

- (ii) **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 take a splash in the bath-tub. you will feel good and your mood would be instantly brightened.

Boy:- (cries aloud): No, I want my ball to be bade.

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

But my little boy weeps unconsolably, for he is too young to understand the complexities of human nature.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

- (i) Ebright's mother dreamed of making her son a scientist. She provided him with intensive training to improve himself and develop a scientific bent of mind. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials, and other equipment. If she found him sitting idle, she would find work for him-not physical work, but learning things. His mother was very supportive. She wrote to Dr. Urquhart so that her son could be busy doing research. She inspired him to explore new things and instilled a sense of discovery into her child.
- (ii) After stealing Anil's money, Hari Singh grappled with guilt and internal conflict. The two possible courses of action for him were:

- **Temptation and Regret:** Initially, excitement might have driven him to spend the money quickly on treats or small pleasures. However, this initial thrill is soon replaced by guilt and fear of getting caught. He would have constantly worried about Anil discovering the theft and the consequences he'd have to face.
- **Change of Heart:** Unable to bear the guilt, Hari might return the stolen money anonymously leaving it where Anil would find it, or confess to his actions, seeking forgiveness. This act could reflect a dawning sense of remorse and a desire to repair the broken trust. He ultimately decides to take the second course of action which highlights the transformation in him.