

# Class X Session 2025-26

## Subject - English Language and Literature

### Sample Question Paper - 08

**: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Instructions:**

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.

The question paper contains THREE sections -

- Section - A : Reading Skills
- Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
- Section - C : Literature Text Book

Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

#### **Section A - Reading Skills**

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

**[10]**

Maggie is a golden doodle. However, she turned out to be more golden than a doodle. She has lots of energy, is loving, a people pleaser, soft and she loves every minute of life. But when she was small, we called her "Demon". She lived to jump on me, bite me, and steal anything. My goal had been to get a dog that would keep me walking every day. But more than that, I am in a period of my life where I was looking for a way to give back. Seeing Maggie's loving personality and high energy, I realized that Maggie needed a job and I decided to volunteer, and if we worked together, we could both have that. But the little "demon" needed to be tamed! After going through beginner and intermediate obedience at Canine Academy, I knew that Maggie would benefit from the Off-Leash program and that would help her get ready to become a therapy dog so that she could be busy and I could give back.

Since she came home from the Academy now, and what a great dog she is! She loved her training and did very well at Canine Academy. Walks that used to be difficult because, at 75 lbs, her pulling on the leash was hard on me, are now a pleasure. We walk twice every day and she has many friends in the neighbourhood, that have helped her grow from an unruly puppy to a beautiful companion, thanks to the Canine Academy. We train every day and she loves to attend the weekly training sessions that the Off-Leash graduates take part in. Lisa and her trainers gave Maggie the tools she needed to be an absolutely wonderful dog. Now we work together to fine-tune those tools and everyone that knew her before is quite impressed by how well-behaved she is now. Life is so much better with Maggie in it, but part of that is thanks to the wonderful people at the Canine Academy and the great work they do with dogs. If I ever add to my dog family, we will surely be calling them "demon"!

**Answer the following questions. based on the passage above.**



Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. (1)

The writer describes Maggie as a "demon" when she was small because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) she was mischievous, energetic, and hard to manage.
- b) she refused to participate in obedience training at first. (paragraph 1)

Support the writer's idea that Maggie has significantly improved after her training at the Canine Academy. (paragraph 2) (2)

Select the option that best reflects the concept of 'giving back' as described in the passage. (paragraph 1)

(1)

State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 2)

*Maggie has become well-behaved and enjoys weekly training sessions after completing her Off-Leash program.* (1)

The writer mentions 'Maggie needed a job' in paragraph 1. Which of the following activities best represents a potential "job" for Maggie? (1)

- a) Participating in advanced obedience competitions.
- b) Becoming a therapy dog to help people in need.
- c) Guarding the house and protecting the property.
- d) Playing fetch daily as her primary activity.

List any two ways the Canine Academy helped improve Maggie's behaviour. (paragraph 2) (2)

Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 2)

In the phrase 'fine tune those tools', the word 'tools' refers to \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

- a) The specific commands and techniques learned in training.
- b) The leashes, collars, and physical equipment used during walks.
- c) The toys used to keep Maggie active and entertained.
- d) The tricks Maggie learned to impress her neighbours.

**Read the passage given below:**

**[10]**

Mango (*Mangifera indica*) is Asia's most popular fruit, and it has gained popularity around the world. It has long been a component of culture and religion as a useful and tasty fruit. In addition to taste, it has many good qualities thus making it to be called as "King of Fruits". Major mango-growing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are the leading states in mango production.

Mango is grown in an area of 5.58 million hectares of area in the world. India is the largest producer of mangoes with 46.02 and 45.88 percent of the total world area and production, respectively. However, India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production indicating the huge gap in exporting of mangoes. Peru exports about 46%, Thailand 24%, Mexico 18% and Brazil 11% of their total mango production. These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports. Hence, efforts are needed to evolve cheap transportation mechanism, increase the trade agreements with major importing countries and enhance the productivity.

The top importing country is United States of America, however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the USA. The USA, European countries, the UK, Malaysia and Russia can be the other hotspots where India can target to export the mangoes. The critical issue for exporting to the USA is transportation



The following chart shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20:

Table:

Major Export Destination of Indian Mangoes in 2019-20:

S. No.	Country	Percentage
1.	U.S.A.	2
2.	Kuwait	2
3.	Saudi Arabia	3
4.	Qatar	6
5.	Bangladesh	6
6.	Oman	7
7.	U.K.	9
8.	Nepal	24
9.	United Arab Emirates	33
10.	Bahrain	2
11.	Others	6

(Adapted for academic usage.)

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:**

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of Para 1: (1)

We can say that for becoming the king of jungle, Lion has to be the strongest, bravest and the fiercest.

Similarly, Mango is known as the king of fruits because \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of Para 2: (1)

The statement that, India is the largest producer of Mangoes with 45.88 percent of the total world production can be attributed to Indian orchardists, is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail)

iii. Justify the following in about 40 words: (2)

India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production.

iv. Based on the table, which three countries were at par with each other in terms of mango import from India in 2019-20? (1)

v. The top mango importing country is the U.S.A., however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the U.S.A. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. (1)

vi. In the given sentence taken from para-2, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely antonym. (1)

These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports.

1. enigmas
2. solutions
3. provocations
4. disputes



Why is India described as the largest producer of mangoes in the world?

Answer in about 40 words.) (2)

**Assertion (A):** India is the largest producer of mangoes but exports only a small percentage of its total production.

**Reason (R):** High transportation costs and competition from other countries are significant barriers to Indian mango exports.

1. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
2. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
3. (A) is true, but (R) is false.
4. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

## SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

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

Dear Mr. Sanjay,

I am writing this letter to officially inform you that the management has \_\_\_\_\_ (approve) the request submitted by you for a business trip to Germany.

2. Identify the error in the newspaper headline. [1]

Attractive packages for different Tourist destination - Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

3. Read the conversation between two students. [1]

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

**Ramesh:** Are you planning to participate in the annual play?

**Saera:** I would like to but I don't think I will be selected.

Ramesh asked Saera whether she was planning to participate in the annual day to which Saera replied \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Read the dialogue between Raashi and Ratul regarding volunteer work: [1]

**Raashi:** Have you encouraged others to volunteer?

**Ratul:** Absolutely, I always encourage my friends and family to consider volunteering.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Raashi asked Ratul \_\_\_\_\_. Ratul affirmed that he always encourages his friends and family to consider volunteering.

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|--|--|
| a) whether he is encouraging others to volunteer | b) whether he encourages others to volunteer     |
| c) whether he encouraged others to volunteer     | d) whether he had encouraged others to volunteer |

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

Heavy fines and jail sentences have made \_\_\_\_\_ (a little / much / few) difference in preventing elephant poaching for their tusks.



Error	Correction

- Education play an important role in building an individual's identity and personality.

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

- Yasini is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ on junk food as she has started to put on weight.

- Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly:

**The customer:** I am looking for a more colourful one.

The shopkeeper asked the customer whether she would buy the bead necklace to which the customer responded \_\_\_\_\_.

- He said, "I like this song."

He said that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (k) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option. [1]

Where the mind is without tear and the head is held high

## Where knowledge is free

Where the world \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ up into fragments

By narrow domestic walls

- A. has been broken  
B. had been broken  
C. will be broken  
D. have been broken

- GOT THE TALENT?**  
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Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

### SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

recent increase in crimes against people of the North-East, especially in the cities, has highlighted the [5]  
 ing problem faced by the community. Fear of violence continues to worry them. Write a letter to the Editor  
 imes of India expressing your concern over the recent death of a young student resulting from a racial  
 ment against people from North-East. Suggest what steps the government should take to solve this problem.  
 are Aanchal/Aryan, a resident of A-12, East of Kailash, N. Delhi.

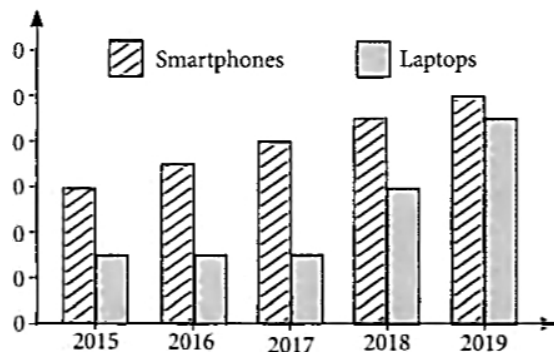
OR

are Sonu/Sonali, living in 43 B, Dilshad Garden, Delhi. You happen to see a news item in the newspaper about  
 popularity of Indian handicrafts abroad. However, you are unhappy about the lack of recognition given to the  
 ans by the Government. This is leading to the dying of traditional forms of art and craft. Write a letter to the  
 or of **The Times of India** in about 100-120 words about the difficulties faced by the artisans and suggest ways to  
 ve and popularize Indian indigenous products. You may use the information given below.

#### INDIAN HANDICRAFTS SOUGHT AFTER

N Delhi: Indian handicrafts are in great demand in the US, Europe and the Gulf countries. However, the artisans  
 their products are not given the required publicity. Further, the products are bought from them at very low  
 es by the middlemen and sold later at much higher prices abroad. The artisans hope that the Government would  
 something in this regard.

bar graph shows the amount of money spent on two types of electronic items in India. Write an analytical [5]  
 graph summarising the information and make comparisons wherever relevant.



OR

chart below gives the percentage of social media users by age in India in 2020. Write a paragraph analysing the  
 n information in 100-120 words.

#### Internet Activities by Age Group

Age Group							
Activity %	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	12	8	6



ring a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
rching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

**[5]**

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

**[5]**

He threw around her shoulders the modest wraps they had carried whose poverty clashed with the elegance of the ball costume. She wished to hurry away in order not to be noticed by the other women who were wrapping themselves in rich furs.

- What was the cause of her inferiority complex? (1)
- How can you say that Mr Lisle was a loving husband? (1)
- Why do you think the tendency to show off becomes a curse for Matilda? (2)
- Choose the most appropriate option: (1)

How did Matilda look on the day of the ball?

- elegant
- gracious
- full of joy
- All of these

**Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**[5]**

The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended effect and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulu, the Chief Luthuli's, etc., men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again.

- State any one of inference about Nelson Mandela from the given extract: (1)  
The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people.
- State TRUE OR FALSE. (1)  
None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the question- All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. (1)
  - A hypothesis- a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
  - An assumption- something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof.
  - A premise- a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.
  - A theory- a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon.
- Nelson Mandela is of the view that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'.  
Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)
- Which phrase would correctly substitute the word 'profound' in the given sentence from the extract.  
All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. (1)

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

**[5]**

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

**[5]**



Who hugs you very, very, hard  
 Be sure it is a Bear.  
 If you have any doubt, I guess  
 He'll give you just one more caress

- i. The word 'You' in the first line here is the \_\_\_\_\_.(1)
- ii. Which distinctive feature of a bear is mentioned here in these lines?(1)
- iii. Why does the poetess say that a bear's hug may confuse a novice?(2)
- iv. Which poetic device is used here? Choose the correct option:(1)
  - a. Simile
  - b. Alliteration
  - c. Hyperbole
  - d. Repetition

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

But he's locked in a concrete cell  
 His strength behind bars,  
 Stalking the length of his cage,  
 Ignoring visitors.  
 He hears the last voice at night,  
 The patrolling cars,  
 And stares with his brilliant eyes  
 At the Brilliant stars

- i. What is the caged tiger NOT likely to do? Why? (2)
- ii. What does the tiger's 'brilliant eyes' reveal?(1)
- iii. Here stalking means \_\_\_\_\_.(1)
- iv. The fact that the tiger is 'stalking the length of his cage' tells us that he is (1)
  - a. restless
  - b. reckless
  - c. resilient
  - d. reverent.

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

- Describe the view that Rajvir saw as the train pulled out of the station. [3]
- What is the underlying message for us in our hectic life with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'? [3]
- What did Lencho call the raindrops? How did he value them? [3]
- How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay? [3]
- How did Belinda and pets behave when the pirate had been killed? [3]

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

- Why is Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki? [3]
- Do you think Bholi could have confidently refused to marry Bishamber if she wasn't educated? Give reasons. (Bholi) [3]
- How did Ausable get rid of Max? [3]





had with his young son the day before. The narrator's son had spoken to him about his close friend, Freddie, and the many ways Freddie helped him. When the narrator suggested inviting Freddie home for lunch, his wife casually said, "Freddie is like your friend in the black aeroplane!" That night the narrator decided to record his thoughts in his diary to clear his head. As the narrator, write the diary entry.

- (b) Imagine yourself to be the narrator of **Mijbil the Otter**. A friend of yours is confused about whether to adopt an otter as a pet or not and has asked for your advice. Based on the experiences described in the chapter, write a letter to your friend giving your opinion on the matter. You may use the prompt given below: [6]

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Sandaig Bay, UK

4 December '61

Dear Gavin

Trust you and Mij are doing well. I am writing for a special reason that will surely interest. This is because it concerns the love of your life-otters! I have been...

Yours affectionately

Kevin

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

- (a) Richard's mother had been invited to a talk show after Richard's graduation from Harvard with the highest honours. You attended that the talk show. Write the most memorable thing she spoke and what you think it reveals about her. [6]



- (b) Write a brief character-sketch of Hari Singh in the light of his honesty. Express your opinion also. [6]

# Solution

## Section A - Reading Skills

phrase 'Maggie needed a job and I needed to volunteer' emphasises the writer's desire to find a meaningful way to give to the community by channeling Maggie's energy into a productive activity like becoming a therapy dog.

he was mischievous, energetic, and hard to manage.

writer supports this idea by explaining:

Maggie no longer pulls on the leash, making walks a pleasure.

her improved behaviour is noticed and appreciated by neighbours who saw her grow from an unruly puppy into a well-behaved companion.

concept of 'giving back' as described in the passage is best reflected by working together with Maggie to help others through volunteer activities like therapy dog work.

1. Maggie has become well-behaved and enjoys weekly training sessions after completing her Off-Leash program. becoming a therapy dog to help people in need.

ways the Canine Academy helped improve Maggie's behaviour:

teaching her obedience skills that make daily walks manageable and enjoyable.

providing her with tools through training, which continue to be fine-tuned during weekly sessions.

the specific commands and techniques learned in training.

its widespread popularity, cultural significance, and numerous beneficial qualities that make it highly valued across different cultures and regions.

objective detail

its low export percentage despite high production is because of the challenges such as transportation costs, limited shelf life and competition from other exporting countries, which hinder its ability to export a larger share of mangoes.

According to the given table, the three countries Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Bangladesh were at par with each other, each exporting 6% of Indian mango exports in 2019-20.

inference that can be drawn is that despite the U.S.A. being a major importer of mangoes, India faces significant challenges or constraints that limit its mango exports to the U.S.A., such as high transportation costs or strict quality standards.

on (B) solutions

conducive to growing mangoes / climate suitable for mango production / more land dedicated to mango production

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

## SECTION B GRAMMAR

do ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed

The correct form of the word is "approved".

Error	Correction
destination	destinations

that she would have liked to but didn't think that she would be selected.

(d) whether he had encouraged others to volunteer

**Explanation:**

whether he had encouraged others to volunteer

Much

Error	Correction
should	can

A) play - plays

) (a) cut down



The shopkeeper asked the customer whether she would buy the bead necklace, to which the customer responded that she was looking for a more colourful one.

(b) he liked that song

**Explanation:**

He said that **he liked that song.**

A. has been broken

The whole situation presented in the extract states the present condition.

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**SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

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**: Racial Discrimination**

le India', as it is popular all over the world is well-known for its culture and heritage but the current situation, especially it increase in crimes against people of the North-east, in the advanced cities has proved that humanity and moral values - ties which Indians are proud of, seem to have become an out dated concept.

e condition is that one would prefer only familiar people. People from other countries are treated differently by some eople, based both on skin colour and country of origin. African people are especially affected by racism in India, denied commodiations and even attacked and killed. It is a matter of great concern that young students had to lose their life due to :omment against people from the North-East. Such an attitude not only causes disharmony among fellow human beings dents the image of our country all over the world. We should understand that this is a myopic viewpoint. Anti nation and Equality bill is made to ensure equality to every citizen of the country by providing protection against all social discrimination. It is important to pause and think that human relationships should not be sacrificed at the altar of :rimination. Humans without humanity are not humans at all. I hope this letter of mine will be published in your l newspaper for the sake of a noble cause.

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**: Preserving India's Rich Handicraft Heritage**

itor,

ting to express my concern, through your esteemed daily, about the lack of recognition given to our artisans despite the ig popularity of Indian handicrafts abroad. It's disheartening to see the invaluable creations of our artisans not receiving -ved acknowledgement, leading to the gradual extinction of traditional art forms.

e government to take immediate steps to protect our artisans' interests. Implementing fair trade practices, providing and modern tools, and facilitating direct access to international markets can significantly improve their conditions. ing their work through exhibitions and online platforms can boost their visibility and sales. Furthermore, creating

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ble bar graph provides information about how much money was spent on laptops and smartphones in India over a period  
ears i.e., between the years 2015 and 2019.

n in the graph, it illustrates that there was a significant upward trend in spending on both items. It shows that sales of  
ones has increased steadily by five lakhs each year whereas sales of laptops remained level at fifteen lakh until 2017 and  
ade a hike and increased dramatically reaching fifty lakhs in the year 2019. Although the sale of laptops is still less than  
tphones sales, but they are only 5 lakh behind which shows a good progress in the sales of laptops in 2019.

es that people's total expenditure on these two electronic gadgets rose dramatically in this period. The total expense of  
devices was 45 lakhs in 2015 which rose to ninety-five lakhs in 2019.

the sales of both these devices grew, but laptops sales grew more quickly. If these trends continue and fascination of  
c gadgets kept on increasing among people, we can expect laptops sales to overtake smartphones sales in 2020 or soon  
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OR

t illustrates the percentage of social media users by age group in India in 2020, focusing on various internet activities.  
teenagers (Teens) and those in their 20s exhibit high engagement in online gaming, with 81% of teenagers and 54% of  
als in their 20s participating. However, as age increases, the percentage of online gamers significantly declines, with only  
hose in their 50s and 60s engaging in this activity. In contrast, older age groups (50s, 60s, and 70+) display a strong  
ce for using social media platforms for obtaining news, with approximately 74% to 76% participation. This suggests that  
age groups in India have distinct online preferences, with younger individuals leaning towards gaming, and older  
ons utilizing social media primarily for accessing news and information.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- i. She thought that they were poor and all the guests of the party belonged to the upper class. This was the cause of her inferiority complex.
- ii. When his wife was enjoying the dance and gratifying her vanity through the admiration of the men-folk, he waited patiently.
- iii. She wasted her youth and suffered for ten long years only because of her vanity. Her desire for short-lived pleasure had become a curse for her.

iv. (d) All of these

i. We can infer that

- Nelson Mandela was the president of South Africa and was deeply hurt by the policy of apartheid.
- He was connected with the common men of South Africa and could realize the pain that they were undergoing.
- He was once a victim of this oppression policy and saw the pain of his fellow all countrymen.
- He spent thirty long years fighting against apartheid.

ii. True

Explanation: This statement would not be called a hypothesis, assumption, premise, or theory. It is simply a statement that describes the situation.

iii. I agree with the statement that depths of oppression create heights of character. The author mentions here that this hard time had its negative impacts but it also exposed a lot of strong and courageous men who stood up and raised their voices. Nelson Mandela illustrates this by giving examples of great heroes of South Africa like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, and others who were inspired to sacrifice their lives in the long freedom struggle.

iv. having intellectual depth and insight/difficult to fathom or understand

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

a. The reader of the poem.

b. Hugging hard to the one it meets.

c. It is the tendency of a bear to kill his victim by embracing him. He hugs the victim so tight that he usually dies. But a novice who does not know the way of bears may misunderstand his hug. He may think that it is a loving embrace.

d. The poetic device used here is 'alliteration'. Option (b) is correct.



iii. Here 'stalking' means 'pacing'.

iv. (a) restless

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

Rajvir saw greenery everywhere. He had never seen so much greenery before. Then the soft green paddy fields gave way to tea bushes. It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills, a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures. In the distance, there was an ugly building with smoke coming out of tall chimneys.

Rajvir saw a tea garden and cried excitedly.

The underlying message for us in our hectic life with reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow' is that we should enjoy nature to our full capacity and we should have a positive outlook even towards simple acts because they can lead to the learning of greater lessons of enjoying life. No matter how small or significant an incident is, it is the reaction that matters the most.

Lencho called the big drops as the ten cent coins and the little ones as the five cents. He called them new coins because for him the raindrops were as valuable as coins as they would help him produce a good crop.

Anne wanted to provide convincing arguments to her teacher to support her talkative nature. She argued that talking was a student's trait and important to a student's life. However, she would do her best to keep it under control. In her essay, she wrote that she would never be able to cure herself of the habit. The reason was that her mother talked as much as she liked. Besides, there was not much one could do about inherited traits.

After the pirate had been killed, Belinda embraced Custard as he was thought to be coward by everyone else before the pirate's attack. Mustard licked him. Ink and Blink circled around him happily as they all had been saved.

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

Mrs. Pumphrey is worried about Tricki because it looks like a bloated sausage. It has become very fat. Its tongue is rolling down from its jaws. Its eyes have become red-blooded. It is in a very serious condition. It has become listless and seems to have no energy.

No, I don't think so, Bholi would have refused to marry Bishamber in that case. In the story, it was her going to school that brought the positive change in her and stood for her rights otherwise in the story she has been portrayed as a weak girl.

Ausable got rid of Max by using his presence of mind and quick wit. He fabricated a story about a balcony under his window to deceive Max. And when someone knocked at the door, Ausable told him that there might be police to protect him as he had an important paper with him. Max took the entire story as gospel and jumped from the window and fell down. He cried loudly.

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

February 28, 20XX

France, 10.00 pm

Who saved me when I had lost all the contacts on the radio with Paris control? Who was the pilot of the black aeroplane who helped me to land safely without a compass, without the radio and without much fuel? These questions had been haunting me since past few days but they still remain unsolved puzzle. Even the lady in the control room couldn't detect any other plane on the stormy night other than the old Dakota on the radar. The mysterious pilot of the black aeroplane was like God's help sent to me to land safely. I was in real trouble before the mysterious black aeroplane appeared before me. I was lost and to make things worse my compass became dead. God knows what would have been my condition, had the pilot of the black aeroplane not guided me out of storm clouds to safety.

XYZ, Camusfearna

Sandaig Bay, UK

1 December 1961

Dear Kevin

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

And adopting an otter is one of the best decisions of your life. I advise you to bring your thought into action at the earliest. No doubt, otters prove to be the best companions. They demand nothing in turn of their unconditional love and company they provide you with. I have been living with Mij for several years now. What I want to share with you today, is that otters are very intelligent and fun-loving animals. The main characteristic of an otter is to extort and harass everyone



Believe me it will be a great fun.  
Waiting for a positive response from your end.  
Yours affectionately  
Gavin.

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

- (i) **Emcee/Host:** Well! Miss Ebright, how does it feel now when your son, Richard was given award for the young scientist as the highest honour at International Science Fair?

**Mother:** It feels great! I mean it. My son was always a special child who loved to experiment with existing things. His extreme curious nature and love for all forms of life led to this discovery.

**Emcee/Host:** Do you treat him in a special way now that he has become so famous?

**Mother:** For me he is my same child with normal needs and wants. Richard has always been a very polite child right from his childhood. He has never been too demanding. All he ever wanted was to left alone to himself. So, that he is into his world of science and surroundings.

**Emcee/Host:** Do you love him?

**Mother:** Yes, I do. As a mother he is very dear to me. Being the only child he is all the more closer to me than anyone else. For him his world revolves around me.

**Emcee/Host:** He graduated from Harvard University with greatest honours. What is your reaction?

**Mother:** Well! he very rightly deserves it. He has worked hard for it because of his tremendous efforts, he has won over all obstacles to reach where he is today.

- (ii) Hari Singh was 15 years old. He was an experienced and successful thief. His cleverness and intelligence were the reasons for his success. He planned everything meticulously before choosing his victims. He went to places where he would meet an unsuspecting victim. He would then veer his confidence to get a job and then run away after stealing money from there. Then, he used to change his name to fool the police and his former employers. He got a job as a cook, though he could not cook well. He was a greedy boy. He was a liar. He was cruel enough to rob a simple and trusting man like Anil. He was able to steal six hundred rupees from his house. But, at the end of the story, a transformation took place in his heart and he decided to go back to Anil and keep his trust alive. In my opinion, this shows that there is goodness concealed in even the worst of men. He overcame his evil thoughts with the help of his conscience.