

Class X Session 2025-26

Subject - English Language and Literature

Sample Question Paper - 10

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 following Passage:

[10]

1. Fossil fuels (oil, coal, and natural gas) are our most traditional sources for power generation. The energy that's produced from any source other than fossil fuels is termed as alternative energy. Between the two sources, using alternative energy has a lower environmental impact.
2. We now know that alternative energy sources are the sources we use to supplement or even replace traditional energy sources used for power generation. You could almost say the same thing about renewable energy sources. But there is one subtle difference between the two. All renewable energy sources fall under the category of alternative energy sources, but it doesn't work the other way around.
3. That's because renewable energy sources are derived from naturally replenished sources or processes of Earth, such as the sun, wind, and water. We refer to these resources as renewable or sustainable since, unlike fossil fuels, this naturally occurring continual renewal makes them inexhaustible. However, alternative energy sources are exhaustible, and therefore not renewable. That's the difference!
4. The equipment necessary to harness energy from alternative sources used to be so expensive that it wasn't practical for consumer use. However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that's no longer the case.
5. When it comes to energy efficiency, the leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy. Behind wind comes geothermal energy, hydropower, nuclear energy, and then solar power. Wind power serves both individuals and entire communities. It is versatile, and can be produced from small-scale windmills or wind turbines on residential properties. It can also be produced from large-scale offshore wind farms in the ocean.
6. We generate geothermal power by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam. Geothermal electricity can directly heat and cool buildings. Generated from the energy of moving water,



hydroelectricity (also known as hydropower) is produced when water behind a dam causes turbine blades to move as it flows through an intake. The turbine blades then rotate a generator to produce electricity that is sent to power homes.

7. Nuclear energy is created in the form of heat through the fission process of atoms. The initial fission process creates energy and triggers a chain reaction that repeats the process and generates more energy. In nuclear power plants, the heat that fission produces creates steam. The steam then rotates a turbine, which leads to the production of electricity.
8. Solar power most commonly refers to the use of solar cells to create energy. On a small scale, you may see a few solar panels on a house roof used to produce energy for just that one home. On a larger scale, you may see a solar farm used as a power plant to produce electricity for its consumers.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage: (10)

- i. Which of the following statements best describes the difference between renewable energy sources and alternate energy sources? **(1)**
- A. Alternative energy sources are more expensive than renewable energy sources.
 - B. Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible.
 - C. Alternative energy sources are as renewable as renewable energy sources.
 - D. Renewable energy sources are exhaustible but alternative energy sources are inexhaustible.
- ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (4)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. **(2)**
- "However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that's no longer the case".
- iii. Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the difference between geothermal electricity and hydroelectricity. **(2)**
- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately : **(1)**
- In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because
- v. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) to (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms: **(1)**
- a. generate and produce
 - b. exhaustible and inexhaustible
 - c. subtle and versatile
 - d. power and energy
 - e. sustainable and exhaustible
- vi. Who is the leader of renewable energy pack and why? **(1)**
- vii. What is the message conveyed by the passage? **(1)**
- A. Only those energy sources should be used which are renewable.
 - B. Wind energy is a renewable as well as inexhaustible source of energy.
 - C. There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.
 - D. Alternative energy sources are the emerging energy trends and are still evolving.
- viii. State whether the following statement is True or False with reference to the given extract. **(1)**
- Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

2. **Read the following text, an excerpt from a case study titled**

[10]



"Scouts and Guides Around the World."

1. Many young people aged between 6 and 25 belong to the Scout movement. It is a worldwide organization, which was set up to help young people achieve their full potential as they grow up.
2. The organization was established in 1907 by a British general called Robert Baden-Powell. While in the army, he wrote a publication about scouting (which means searching and keeping watch) and how to survive in the wild, called 'Aids to Scouting'. He realized how popular this was, and the result was another book, 'Scouting for Boys', which had less emphasis on the military. To test his ideas, he held a week-long camp for 21 boys from various schools in London, Poole and Bournemouth. This took place in August 1907, on Brownsea Island, in Southern England. These boys had the chance to enjoy outdoors, which became another of the movement's objectives.
3. The Scout Movement quickly got established in Europe. It then spread throughout the world, starting in Chile in 1909. To begin with, the focus was on boys aged 11 to 18. However, as the movement grew, it was clear that younger boys, older boys and girls all wanted to be involved. Baden-Powell's sister set up the Girl Guides in 1910, and in 1914 she started Rosebuds, later renamed Brownies, for younger girls. The movement's intention to help young people play useful roles in society applies equally to girls and boys. By 2010, there were 32 million scouts, and by 2006, there were 10 million guides around the world, from a total of 216 different countries.
4. 2007 marked 100 years of the Scout Movement, and events took place around the world to celebrate this centenary. To mark the occasion, a colourful badge was produced for scouts to sew onto their uniforms or bags. The design included the official scout emblem, as well as the phrase, 'one world one promise', and images of doves and the globe.
5. 2007 was also the 150th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth. To honour both occasions, a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in Nyeri. This is the place in Kenya where he spent the last few years of his life. The flame was then carried through several countries until it reached the UK.

Country	Membership	Population participation	Scouting introduced	Guiding introduced
India	41500000	0.3%	1909	1911
Indonesia	17100000	7.2%	1912	1912
Philippines	21500000	2.2%	1910	1918
Thailand	1300000	1.9%	1911	1957
United States	7500000	2.4%	1910	1912

Answer the following questions based on your reading of the above passage: (10)

- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on the information given in paragraph 4:
'Colourful badge was sewn on to the uniform and bags of the Scouts'. (1)
- ii. From paragraph 1, we can infer that Scout Movement was set up _____.
- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 4.
10 years: decade:: 100 years: _____
- iv. After reading the passage, bring a contrast between the books 'Aids to Scouting' and 'Scouting for Boys'. (1)
- v. What does the writer mean by the following phrase?
'One world one promise.'



vi. According to the chart, which country took maximum time to introduce 'Guiding' after 'Scouting'? Choose your answer from the options given below: **(1)**

- A. India
- B. Indonesia
- C. Thailand
- D. Philippines

vii. List two reasons why a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in 2007. **(2)**

- a. _____
- b. _____

viii. **Assertion (A):** The Scout Movement was established to help young people achieve their full potential and play useful roles in society.

Reason (R): The movement was started in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell after the success of his book 'Aids to Scouting' and a camp held on Brownsea Island.

- 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.

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(a) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line from a policy document of a company: **[1]**

It helps anyone _____ (whom/who/which) wants to enter into a contractual relationship with the company to gain knowledge about the company.

(b) Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence: **[1]**

The soup recipe didn't turned out as expected, it was lacking in flavour.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(c) Maria shared some information with Mathew about her flight to Kanpur. Report Mathew's question. **[1]**
Were you nervous on your first flight?

(d) The teacher said, "let the boy go home now". **[1]**

Reported speech: _____

- a) The teacher asked if the boy might be allowed to go home then.
- b) The teacher said that the boy may be allowed to go home now.
- c) The teacher said that the boy might be allowed to go home then.
- d) The teacher said the boy might be allowed to go home then.

(e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. **[1]**
Give me _____ (some / many / little) advice on how to improve my writing skills.

(f) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an e-commerce website's return policy. **[1]**



Use the given format for your response:

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

When Sharad reached the airport he was totally _____ because he was flying for the first time.

- I will go to Tripura tomorrow.

- Raashi:** What is the most rewarding part of volunteering?

Ratul: Seeing the positive impact we can make in people's lives is the most rewarding part.

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

Raashi asked Ratul about the most rewarding part of volunteering. Ratul expressed that seeing the _____ is the most rewarding part.

- The school _____ (is) organize an educational tour to Kashmir in the summer break.

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Use the given format for your response.

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SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

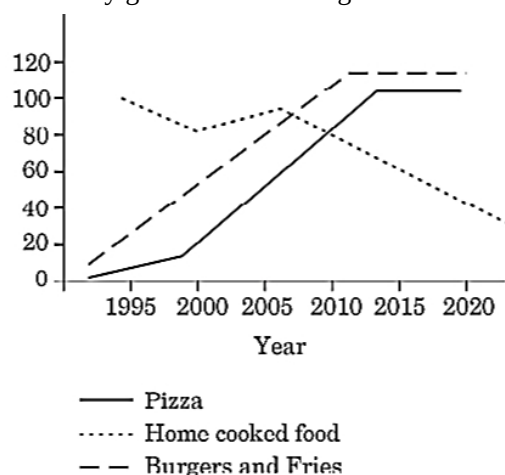
4. You come across the photograph given below and are upset to see the cattle blocking the road. In case you try to drive them away, their owners will come running from across the road and punish you with harsh words and even a punch or two. Write a letter to the editor of Hindustan Times, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, advocating the need of law for the punishment of such owners. [5]



OR

You have been reading incidents of foreign tourists being duped and cheated of their money and valuables, incidents of inhospitable behaviour and eve-teasing. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on the issue and also give suggestions on how to make your city a safer tourist destination.

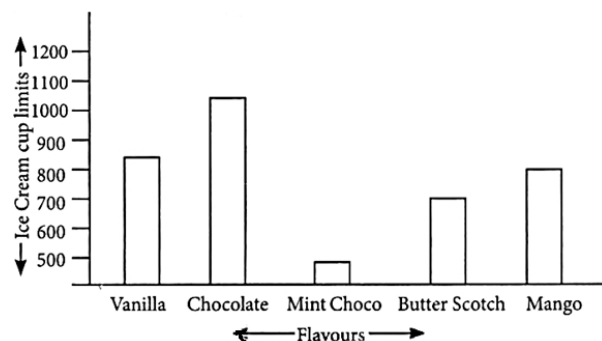
5. There is no greater love than the love for food. The following graph shows eating habits of teenagers and how often they go out to eat. Eating habits of teenagers : Number of times eaten per year [5]



Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words analysing the listed responses.

OR

The given bar graph shows the sale of different flavours of ice cream made in an ice cream shop in the month of June. Write an analytical paragraph based on the graph.



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]
- “She had no dowry, no hopes, no means of becoming known, loved and married by a man either rich



or distinguished; and she allowed herself to marry a petty clerk in the office of the Board of Education.”

- i. Who is the being described here in these lines? (1)
- ii. What sort of person is she? (2)
- iii. Fill in the blank with one word: The outcome of her marriage is that she remained _____. (1)
- iv. What did her husband do? Choose the right option. (1)
 - a. Petty clerk
 - b. Businessman
 - c. Diamond Merchant
 - d. Board work

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

[5]

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- i. State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given extract. (1)

I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respect before the inauguration.
 - ii. State TRUE OR FALSE. (1)

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the question- The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil.

 - i. A hypothesis- a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
 - ii. An assumption- something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof.
 - iii. A premise- a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.
 - iv. A theory- a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon.
 - iii. Nelson Mandela is of the view that 'For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government'. Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)
 - iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute the word ‘amphitheatre’ in the given sentence from the extract? (1)

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria.
7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**

[5]

- (a) 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's the leopard.

[5]



'Twill do no good to roar with pain,

He'll only lep and lep again.

i. One can find out that it is a leopard by the way it _____. (1)

a. leaps

b. eats

c. looks

d. roars

ii. State whether the following statement is true or false: (1)

When an animal repeatedly leaps at a person, it is a leopard.

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately: (2)

It is clear that repetition is a poetic device used for **lep and lep again** because _____.

(Clue : explain how repetition is applied here.)

iv. The Royal Bengal Tiger has black stripes on yellow skin whereas a leopard has _____. (1)

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

He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

i. The image poet has created through the line "The few steps of his cage" describes that the tiger's movements are _____. (1)

ii. Which of these activities is mentioned in the extract as something the tiger should do in the jungle? (1)

a. roar at visitors

b. stare at people

c. wait for his prey

d. drink clean water

iii. Complete the sentence with reference to the extract. He is in a rage because _____. (1)

iv. Comment on the contrast indicated in the given extract. (2)

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

(a) Coorg has been defined as a piece of heaven by the writer. Justify. [3]

(Glimpses of India)

(b) What mood of the poet is reflected in the poem **Dust of Snow** initially? What images are used by the poet to bring about the effect? Comment. [3]

(c) Where were Lencho and his family in distress? Who did he ask for help? [3]

(d) Why does Anne Frank think of having a diary? [3]

(e) How did Custard prove **the cowardly dragon** tag to be untrue? [3]

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

(a) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey pay heed to his advice? What excuses did [3]



she make?

- (b) What were Ram Lal and his wife's concern about Bholi? Why did they not worry about their other children? [3]
- (c) What was Max's purpose to enter Ausable's room? [3]

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

- (a) A noted author, Richard Bach wrote - For most gulls it was not flying that mattered, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Evaluate this statement with respect to the young seagull. [6]
- (b) Mijbil and the Tiger, both were looked after by humans. Assume they both meet each other in the zoo and have a conversation about their lifestyle and feelings. Write this conversation as per your understanding of Mijbil the Otter and A Tiger in the Zoo. [6]

You may begin like this

Tiger: Thanks for visiting me, though I don't usually like visitors.

Mijbil: Oh? I would love visitors, I think.

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

- (a) What other interests, besides Science, did Richard Ebright pursue? What did Mr. Weiherer, his Social Studies teacher, tell us about Ebright? [6]
- (b) Education means different things to different people. Evaluate how it impacted the young thief in the story. [6]



Solution

Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. **(b)** Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternative energy sources could be exhaustible.
 - ii. The tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph 4 is optimistic and confident. The writer acknowledges past challenges but emphasizes the positive changes that have occurred due to advancements in technology and increased demand, making alternative energy sources more accessible and practical for consumers.
 - iii. Geothermal electricity is generated by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam to produce heat and electricity, often used for heating and cooling buildings. Hydroelectricity, on the other hand, is produced from the energy of moving water, typically from dams, which causes turbine blades to move and generate electricity.
 - iv. In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because the equipment necessary to harness energy from these sources was too expensive.
 - v. The two sets of antonyms are: **(b)** exhaustible and inexhaustible **(e)** sustainable and exhaustible
 - vi. The leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy because it is versatile and can be used for both small-scale individual use and large-scale community power generation.
 - vii. **(c)** There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.
 - viii. **True**
2.
 - i. One reason for sewing the colourful badge onto the uniforms and bags of the Scouts could be to commemorate the 100 years of the Scout Movement and to create a sense of unity and belonging among the members.
 - ii. From paragraph 1, we can infer that the Scout Movement was set up to help young people achieve their full potential as they grow up.
 - iii. 10 years: decade :: 100 years: century
 - iv. 'Aids to Scouting' focused more on survival skills and military aspects, while 'Scouting for Boys' had less emphasis on the military and aimed to provide a broader set of skills and activities for young boys.
 - v. The phrase "One world one promise" signifies the unity and solidarity among Scouts worldwide, emphasizing their commitment to a shared set of values and ideals regardless of geographical or cultural differences.
 - vi. Thailand
 - vii.
 - a. To honor the 150th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth.
 - b. To commemorate the 100 years of the Scout Movement.
 - viii. A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(i) The correct option to complete the sentence is **"who."**

(ii)	Error	Correction
	turned	turn

(iii) Mathew asked Maria whether/if she was nervous on her first flight.

(iv) **(c)** The teacher said that the boy might be allowed to go home then.

Explanation:

The teacher said that the boy might be allowed to go home then.

(v) some

(vi)	Error	Correction
	offers	offer

(vii) **(D)** may - might

(viii) **(c)** at awe

Explanation:

at awe

(ix) Kabir informed/told Sahil that he would go to Tripura the next day/following day.



- (x) (d) positive impact they could make in people's lives

Explanation:

positive impact they could make in people's lives

- (xi) is organizing

(xii) error	correction
are	is

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 10-C, SFS, Flats,

Karol Bagh,

New Delhi

30th July 2018

The Editor,

The Hindustan Times

Kasturba Gandhi Marg,

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Strict laws for cattle owners

Through your columns, I'd like to draw the attention to the menace caused by cattle on the roads. With people building palatial houses for themselves, there is little or no space left for the animals. Even those who own or domesticate cattle are least bothered to provide them with a good shelter. The result is that we find them loitering around in public places, thus hindering the traffic. All of us are well aware of the fact that traffic in this city has increased manifold and traffic jams everyday menace. When people try to drive them away, their owners who are also wandering nearby come rushing back and pick up a fight. It ends with just harsh words while at others they become physically violent and even give a punch or two. The need of the hour is that we should have a strict law to punish these people whose cattle roam on roads and create traffic problems. To sort out this problem, kindly address this issue through the esteemed columns of your daily.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Sudheer.

OR

77, Kamla Nagar

Agra

7 September 2018

The Editor

The Times of India

Agra

Sir,

Subject: Inhospitable Behaviour Towards Tourists

Since last few weeks, I've been reading incidents of foreign tourists being duped and cheated of their money, valuables by anti-social elements and eve-teased. I got to know that visiting India becoming a harrowing experience for the tourist. These people misbehave with them and show inhospitable behaviour towards them.

This gives a bad impression towards other countries. They leave a bad impact on the tourists which make them think once before they plan to visit our country. It is a blot to our country's name and fame.

Citizens of the country are the true reflections of moral values followed by a nation. Such incidents must be stopped by the quick and early action of government authorities. The proper security should be provided to the tourist at all the tourist's destination. The government should try its level best to make our city a safer tourist place. I hope that immediate action will be taken by the concerned authority as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

XYZ.

5. The graph illustrates the eating habits of teenagers over a decade and presents a significant shift in their food preferences. A notable trend observed is the sharp decline in the preference for home-cooked meals, which was at its peak in 1995. In contrast, preferring fast food options such as burgers, fries, and pizza has seen a consistent increase since 1995 and has remained stable



since 2013 and after. The shift indicates a change in the lifestyle and eating habits of teenagers due to several factors. The convenience of fast food options, the wide availability and affordability of fast food chains, and their aggressive marketing campaigns are the major contributors to this trend. This trend has implications for the health of teenagers, as fast food options tend to be high in calories, salt, and unhealthy fats, which can lead to a range of health problems. Hence it is essential to educate teenagers about the importance of healthy eating habits and encourage them to make informed food choices.

OR

The given bar graph shows the sale of different flavours of ice cream from an ice cream dealer in the month of June. The flavours are vanilla, chocolate, mint choco, butter scotch and mango.

From the graph the first thing we can tell is that for this month chocolate made the biggest sale with almost 1050 cups of ice cream sold. After chocolate the second favoured flavour is vanilla which made a sale just over 800 units. Vanillas sale is closely followed by mango ice cream with a monthly sale hitting 800 exact units. Butter scotch has also pulled in decent number with a sale of just under 700 units. The flavour that made the least money in the month of June for this ice cream dealer is mint choco. Looking at the graph though chocolate is the clear winner, the rest of the flavours are selling well and are almost neck to neck in competition except for mint choco with its sale numbers barely 400 cups. To conclude the graph gives us a better idea about which flavours of ice cream are more in demand and which ones are not. Chocolate being the clear winner and mint choco barely in the race makes an interesting study of choices of people.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- (i) i. Matilda
- ii. She is a pretty lady who is ambitious and discontented with her life.
- iii. She remained unhappy/unsatisfied
- iv. (a) Her husband was a petty clerk in the office of the Board of Education.
- (ii) i. We can infer that
- Nelson Mandela was greeted as president of South Africa on May 10, 1994, and was extremely happy.
 - He was surrounded by International leaders who were present to pay their respect that day.
 - He felt that this ceremony marked the beginning of multiracial democracy.
 - Being an anti-apartheid revolutionary he was happy to witness the abolition of the apartheid regime in South Africa.
- ii. True
- Explanation: The given statement is a fact as it was a great event because a black person emerged as a leader of the nation and addressed the nation as the President for the first time. International leaders came to witness this historical moment.
- iii. Nelson Mandela was addressing the Nation in Union Buildings which was considered the official seat of the South African government for decades. Mandela adds that the Union Buildings had been the centre of White dominance for decades. However, the ceremony had instead made it the location of a rainbow gathering of people of all colours and nationalities to form South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.
- iv. A semicircular seating gallery in a theatre/ a very large auditorium.

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

- (i) i. (a) leaps
- ii. The statement "When an animal repeatedly leaps at a person, it is a leopard" is true.
- iii. Because it emphasizes the repetitive and relentless nature of the leopard's leaping. The repetition serves to create a rhythmic and memorable effect in the poem, reinforcing the idea that the leopard will continue to leap despite any resistance.
- iv. dark coloured spots/black spots
- v. claws : nails :: **hide** : skin
- (ii) i. restricted
- ii. (c) wait for his prey
- iii. he is confined in a cage/he is not free
- iv. The tiger's reality and the tiger's ideal situation is indicated here in the given extract.

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

- (i) Coorg is likened to heaven by the writer due to its picturesque landscapes, serene coffee plantations, and the blend of tranquil beauty with thrilling adventure activities like trekking and river rafting. Its natural charm and peaceful atmosphere make it a paradise for visitors.



- (ii) In the poem "Dust of Snow," the poet was originally in a reflective and somber mood. He uses images of a crow and a hemlock tree to reflect his mood. The poet's mood shifts from sadness to upliftment when a crow shakes snow from a hemlock tree onto him. Though both the crow and the hemlock symbolize negativity, the falling snow helps the poet appreciate nature's beauty and realize the insignificance of his troubles, transforming his mood positively. In poetry, mood is the overall emotion that the poet communicates through his/her choice of words and tone.
- (iii) In distress, Lencho and his family were in the valley. They were distressed as the hailstorm had destroyed their crop completely. But he had great faith in God. So to seek the help, he wrote to God and asked for one hundred pesos to sow the fields again and also to survive till the new crop would grow.
- (iv) Anne Frank thinks of having a diary because she has no real friends with whom she can share her feelings and views. She cannot talk to her friends about her inner feelings, but can only talk about ordinary things. She wants to confide in someone, so she writes a diary to share her feelings. She feels that paper has more patience than people.
- (v) The dragon, Custard, initially commanded no amount of respect from Belinda and the other pets, on account of his cowardice. However, when the home was invaded by an armed pirate and everyone else fled for safety, the dragon viciously fought the pirate and ate him up. As a result, the other animals recognized his value, disproving the label of "the cowardly dragon."

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

- (i) Mr. Herriot's strict advice was to cut down Tricki's diet and give him a lot of water and more exercise to avoid illness. But Mrs. Pumphrey did not pay heed to his advice. She made an excuse that Tricki seemed so weak that she had to relent and could not refuse him.
- (ii) Ram Lal and his wife were concerned more about Bholi than their other children because she was the weakest child in the family while her other siblings were healthy. They were worried about her ugly looks because of the pockmarks all over her body and also because of her stammering. They were worried that no one would come forward to marry because of her weaknesses.
- (iii) Max's purpose to enter Ausable's room was to take a report about missiles. He knew that Ausable had got it. It was a very important paper as several men and women had lost their lives for it in the past. Max wanted to possess that report for his own benefit. So, he entered Ausable's room with a passkey.

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

- (i) Food is the most essential ingredient that sustains all life on earth. But the young seagull, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Whenever he tried to flap his wings to fly, he was seized with fear. He felt certainly that his wings would never support him. He had seen his elder brother catch his first Herring and devour it. It compounded his helplessness even more. He uttered a joyful scream when he saw his mother holding a piece of fish in her beak and flying quite near him. Hunger became motivation for the young seagull. Maddened by hunger, he fell outwards and downward into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him but only for a minute. The next moment, he felt his wings spread outwards. The fear left him. Soon, he was floating on the green sea.
- (ii) **Tiger:** Thanks for using me though I don't usually like visitors
Mijbil: oh? I would love visitors, I think
Tiger: Tell me, Do you like humans?
Mijbil: Yes, I adore them especially my owner, he takes good care of me; feeds me well and plays along!
Tiger: I detest humans. I think they are the most self-centered. we across on Earth. I blame them for caging me
Mijbil: Oh! I Understand your desire to roam freely in your natural habitat. I don't mess that for I am not Captivated, it is that me and my owner leave together amicably.
Lion:- Ah! May be some day those humans will comprehend me value of peaceful co-existence. You are Lucky my does friend, Hope to meet you soon. Bye!

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

- (i) Richard Ebright was a brilliant student with varied interests in his life. Besides Science, he had a passion for collecting rocks, coins, and fossils. He was also fascinated by astronomy and stargazing. Additionally, he was an eloquent speaker who excelled in debate and was also a sports person who loved canoeing and even developed expert photography skills. Mr. Weiherer, his Social Studies teacher, described Richard as a curious and enthusiastic student. This suggests that Richard's thirst for knowledge extended beyond Science and into other academic and practical areas.
- (ii) Hari Singh, ultimately, realized the significance of education in life. He understood the robbing would only provide him money temporarily. Also there was the risk of being caught. Education provides one with respectability. Education can heal a wrongly talented soul. Educated people may see the difference between right and wrong and enables them to choose the right path. It leads them on the path of truth and rational thinking. Education could bring one respect and



money. After robbing Anil, the boy thief realized the value of education that could give him respect and more money than he could get by stealing. He realized where he should go. Large hearted Anil not only forgave him but also gave him a fifty rupee note, and promised to pay him regularly. Thus, education is an essential aspect of any child's life and can help enable an honourable way of living.

