

**PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER (2023-24)**

**CLASS: X**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**M.M. : 80**

**General Instructions:-**

- (I) **THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS four sections – READING Skill, Grammar, Writing Skill and LITERATURE.**
- (II) **Attempt questions based on specific instructions for EACH part.**

**SECTION - A**

**20 Marks**

**(READING SKILL)**

**Q 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

- 1. INDIA HAS LAUNCHED AN AMBITIOUS project, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, to provide primary EDUCATION TO ALL children. One of THE major AIMS of THE government HAS BEEN TO REDUCE THE LARGE number of drop-outs from THE schools BECAUSE IT AFFECTS THE ECONOMIC development.**
- 2. Various STUDIES by different ECONOMISTS HAVE shown THAT INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION promotes ECONOMIC growth. In ANY field, ILITERATE workers ARE unskilled AND untained; THEIR general HEALTH IS very poor. LITERACY AS WELL AS EDUCATION CAN CREATE more productive LABOUR force HAVING ENHANCED knowledge AND skills WHICH ultimately TEND to boost productivity both QUANTITATIVELY AND qualitatively.**
- 3. LITERACY IN common people IS ALSO NECESSARY for political stability IN ANY country. LITERACY INCREASES THE THINKING power AND understanding of THE good or bad. When THE people ARE LITERATE, THEY CAN EASILY SEE THROUGH THE CUNNINGNESS of corrupt political LEADERS, THEREBY LESSENING THE possibility of THEIR BEING shortchanged by THE LATER.**
- 4. Furthermore, Educated folk TEND to show A GREATER Tendency TOWARDS fruitfully ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES with THE ESTABLISHMENT. With THE INCREASED PARTICIPATION RATE of both men AND women IN LOCAL self-governance INSTITUTIONS, people CAN AVAIL THE opportunity TO improve THEIR LOCAL economic factors such AS roads, ELECTRICITY, ETC.**

**QUESTIONS**

**1. WHAT DOES THE project 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' AIM TO provide ?**

- A. high EDUCATION TO ALL**
- B. primary EDUCATION TO ALL**

- C. mid-day meal to students  
D. books to students

2. What has been one of the major aims of the government?

- A. spread education among the underprivileged  
B. increase the number of drop-outs from the school  
C. reduce the number of drop-outs from the school  
D. achieve hundred per cent literacy in the country

3. What does the investment in education promote?

- (A) physical growth  
(b) economic growth  
(C) general health  
(d) timely growth

4. What does literacy increase?

- A. thinking power  
B. understanding of good or bad  
C. rising prices  
D. Both A and B

5. Which word in paragraph number 3 means the opposite of 'iterate'?

- A. necessary  
B. stability  
C. understanding  
D. iterate

Q6. Which project has been launched by India to provide primary education to all children?

Q7. How can more productive labour force be created?

Q8. What is necessary for political stability in any country?

Q9. How is the general health of the unskilled and untained workers?

Q10. Which word in paragraph number one means the same as 'decrease'?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 10 Marks

1. Since he was a boy, Naveen Gulam had dreamed of joining the Paramilitary forces. So, after school he enrolled in the National Defence Academy and was accepted into the Indian Army Academy (IADA).

2. In 1995, Gulam fell while participating in infantry obstacle training at the IADA, crushing his spine and leaving him paralysed from the shoulders down. So severe were his

Injuries that he spent two years in hospital, finally returning home in 1997, in a wheelchair.

3. Determined to use his mind if he could not use his body, Gulam completed a Masters in Computer Management and began teaching in a school. Gradually, he also rekindled his old passion for adventure sports. He started with just driving. Then he joined a flying club.

4. In 2004, Gulam made it to the LIMCA Book of Records as the only person to drive non-stop from Delhi to Jammu & Kashmir (Jammu & Kashmir), the highest motorable pass in the world. It took him 55 hours. Gulam also flies microlight aircraft and paragliders. "The truth is, you become successful because of your difficulties, not despite them," he says.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Whose life story has been depicted in the passage?
2. Where did Naveen Gulam get enrolled himself after school?
3. What does 'I/A' stand for?
4. In which year Naveen Gulam got paralyzed from the shoulders down?
5. In which subject did Gulam complete his master degree?
6. Since his boyhood, Gulam had dreamed of joining \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A. Air Force  
☐ B. Navy  
☒ C. Paramilitary Forces  
☐ D. All of these
7. How many years did Gulam spend in hospital after the accident?  
☐ A. 2 years  
☐ B. 3 years  
☒ C. 4 years  
☐ D. 5 years
8. When did Gulam make a record for the LIMCA Book?  
☐ A. 2005  
☐ B. 2004  
☒ C. 2003  
☐ D. 2001
9. How much time did Gulam take to drive non-stop from Delhi to Leh?  
☐ A. 60 hours  
☐ B. 50 hours  
☒ C. 70 hours

D. 55 hours

10. According to Gulla, which thing makes a person successful?

- A. health
- B. money
- C. difficulties
- D. luck

**SECTION – B**  
**(GRAMMAR)**

**10 Marks**

**Q3. Attempt any ten sentences from the given items.**

**(10 X 1 =10)**

**A. Choose the correct form of verb from the given choices :**

1. Diwali \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) every year with great zeal.

- A. celebrates
- B. is celebrated
- C. was celebrated
- D. is celebrating

2. By the time she was sixteen, she \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a great singer.

- A. becomes
- B. has become
- C. had become
- D. None of these

**b. Choose the correct article from the choice given:**

3. He bought \_\_\_\_\_ a dog.

- A. the
- B. a
- C. an
- D. No article

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Bible gives me a lot of peace and wisdom .

- A. No article
- B. the
- C. a
- D. an

**C. Choose the correct punctuated sentence.**

5. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus

- A. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus?
- B. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus.
- C. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus.

D. ~~THE~~ ~~RAMAYANA~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ holy book of ~~THE~~ Hindus.

6. ~~LEEM~~ ~~SAID~~ ~~HAVE~~ you ~~ANY~~ ~~smALbAngIEs~~.

A. ~~LEEM~~ ~~SAID~~, "~~HAVE~~ you ~~ANY~~ ~~smALbAngIEs~~?"

B. ~~LEEM~~ ~~SAID~~, "~~HAVE~~ you ~~ANY~~ ~~smALbAngIEs~~?"

C. ~~LEEM~~ ~~SAID~~, "~~HAVE~~ you ~~ANY~~ ~~smALbAngIEs~~."

D. ~~LEEM~~ ~~SAID~~, "~~HAVE~~ you ~~ANY~~ ~~smALbAngIEs~~?"

d. ~~CHOOSE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~CORRECT~~ modal from ~~THE~~ ~~CHOICE~~ given:

7. We \_\_\_\_\_ ~~LEAVE~~ for Goa in ~~THE~~ morning.

A. ~~dARE~~

B. ~~MUST~~

C. ~~NEED~~

D. ~~SHALL~~

8. If he ~~HAD~~ money, he \_\_\_\_\_ buy ~~A~~ ~~CAR~~.

A. ~~SHOULD~~

B. ~~WOULD~~

C. ~~CAN~~

D. ~~MUST~~

E. ~~CHOOSE~~ ~~THE~~ most ~~SUITABLE~~ option showing ~~THE~~ ~~TRANSFORMATION~~ of following simple sentences into complex sentences using ~~ADJECTIVE CLAUSES~~.

9. I ~~WANT TO TALK TO~~ ~~THIS~~ ~~MAN~~.

A. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~MAN~~ ~~WHO~~ ~~I~~ ~~WANT TO TALK~~.

B. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~MAN~~ ~~TO~~ ~~WHOM~~ ~~I~~ ~~WANT TO TALK~~.

C. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~MAN~~ ~~I~~ ~~WANT TO TALK~~.

D. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~MAN~~ ~~WHY~~ ~~I~~ ~~WANT TO TALK~~.

10. He ~~WAS~~ born in ~~THIS~~ ~~CITY~~.

A. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~CITY~~ ~~HOW~~ ~~HE~~ ~~WAS~~ ~~BORN~~.

B. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~CITY~~ ~~WHEN~~ ~~HE~~ ~~WAS~~ ~~BORN~~.

C. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~CITY~~ ~~WHERE~~ ~~HE~~ ~~WAS~~ ~~BORN~~.

D. ~~THIS~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~CITY~~ ~~THAT~~ ~~HE~~ ~~WAS~~ ~~BORN~~.

f. ~~CHOOSE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~CORRECT~~ Non-finite from ~~THE~~ ~~CHOICES~~ given.

11. \_\_\_\_ (~~GAMBIE~~) ~~IS~~ ~~A~~ ~~CRIME~~.

A. ~~GAMBIE~~

B. ~~TO~~ ~~gambIE~~

C. ~~GAMBING~~

D. ~~HAVING~~ ~~gambIED~~

12. ~~IT~~ ~~IS~~ ~~EASY~~ \_\_\_\_ (~~ADVISE~~) ~~OTHERS~~.

A. ~~ADVISE~~

B. ~~TO~~ ~~ADVISE~~

- C. Advising  
D. None of these

**SECTION – C**  
**(WRITING SKILL)**

**10 Marks**

**Q4. Attempt any one of the following : (5)**

- (I) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the examination.  
(II) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against poor supply of water in your locality.

**Q5. Attempt anyone of the following: (5)**

- (I) You are Neha, a student of 10th class. You attended an NSS camp recently. Write a report in about 40 words for your school magazine about the same.  
(II) Suppose you are Rohit. Your friend Naman wants to know about your school library. Write down the conversation between you and your friend.

**SECTION - D**  
**(LITERATURE)**

**40 Marks**

**Q6. Do any one of the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. (5)**

'Paper has more patience than people'. I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding; Yes, paper does have more patience and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a diary, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Name the chapter.
2. Who does 'I' refer to here?
3. Who does have more patience than people?
4. Who does the phrase 'stiff backed notebook' refer to here?
5. Which word in the passage means the same as 'sad'?

**Or**

Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping-pong balls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I had brought back from his native marshes. With the ping-pong ball he invented a game of his own which could keep him engrossed for up to half an hour at a time.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken.
2. With which things would Alij play for hours?
3. With which thing Alij invented a game of his own?
4. Who was Alij?
5. What does the word 'engrossed' mean here?

**Q7. Answer any two of the following questions :**

**(2 X 3 = 6)**

- (i) Why is 10th May 1994 important for South Africa? (Long Walk to Freedom)
- (ii) How did the woman in control room react when the writer asked about another aeroplane? (The Black Aeroplane)
- (iii) Describe the wildlife of Coorg. (Coorg)
- (iv) Why did Lomove want to get married? (The Proposal)

**Q8. Attempt any one of the following questions :**

**(6)**

'Lentcho had deep and indomitable faith in God'. Elaborate this statement.

Or

'The Sermon at Benares' is about a universal truth of life. Discuss.

**Q9. Attempt any one of the following stanzas :**

**(5)**

Though to distinguish beasts of prey  
A novice might not, plus,  
The crocodile you always may  
Tell from the hyena thus:  
Hyenas come with merry smiles;  
But if they weep they're crocodiles.

**QUESTIONS:**

- (1) What does the phrase 'beasts of prey' mean?
2. Name the poem and the poet.
3. For a novice what would be difficult?
4. How do hyenas come?
5. How would you identify a crocodile?

Or

Beunda was as brave as a barrelful of bears,  
And Ink and Bunk chased lions down the stairs,

**Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,  
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. How much brave is Beinda described?
3. How much brave are Ink and Bunk described?
4. How much brave is Mustard described?
5. For what did Custard always cry?

**Q10. Attempt any two of the following questions :**

**(2 X 3 = 6)**

- I. Which things can destroy the world according to Robert Frost? ( Fire and Ice )
- II. What is the theme of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?
- III. Why did the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball? ( The Ball Poem )
- IV. How is the night described in the poem 'The Trees'?

**Q11. Attempt any two of the following questions :**

**(2 X 3 = 6)**

- (I) Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh? Support your answer with evidence.
- (II) Why did Mrs. Hall believe that the house was haunted?
- (III) Write a short note on the role of Richard's mother in his success?
- (IV) Why did Bhoi refuse to marry Bishamber Nath?

**Q12. Attempt any one of the following questions :**

**(6)**

**Describe the bond between Mrs. Pumphrey and her pet dog Tricki?**

**or**

**Handa was an example of vanity. Comment.**



## Answer key

### Practice Question paper

**Class: 10<sup>th</sup>**

### Marking instruction

Question No.	Expected Answers	Marks awarded
1	1. (B) primary education to all 2. (C) to reduce the number of drop-outs from the schools 3. (B) economic growth 4. (D) Both A and B 5. (D) literate 6. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 7. More productive labour force can be created through enhanced knowledge and skills. 8. Literacy in common people is necessary for political stability in any country. 9. The general health of the untrained and unskilled workers is very poor. 10. to reduce	10 Marks (1 Mark Each)
2	1. <del>THE LIFE</del> story of <del>A</del> boy <del>NAMED</del> NAVEEN GUPTA <del>HAS BEEN</del> <del>DEPICTED</del> <del>IN THE</del> <del>PASSAGE</del> . 2. <del>AFTER</del> school, he <del>ENROLLED</del> himself <del>IN THE</del> <del>NATIONAL</del> <del>DEFENCE</del> <del>ACADEMY</del> . 3. <del>IAA</del> stands for <del>INDIAN</del> <del>AIR</del> <del>ACADEMY</del> . 4. In 1995, he <del>WAS</del> <del>PARALYSED</del> from <del>THE</del> <del>SHOULDERS</del> down. 5. He <del>COMPLETED</del> his <del>MASTER</del> <del>DEGREE</del> in <del>COMPUTER</del> <del>MANAGEMENT</del> . 6. (C) <del>PARAMILITARY</del> <del>FORCES</del> 7. (A) <del>2</del> <del>YEARS</del> 8. (B) 2004 9. (D) 55 hours 10. (C) <del>DIFFICULTIES</del>	10 Marks (1 Mark Each)

3	<p>1. (B) <b>is CELEBRATED</b></p> <p>2. (C) <b>had BECOME</b></p> <p>3. (C) <b>An</b></p> <p>4. (B) <b>THE</b></p> <p>5. (D) <b>THE RAMAYANA</b> is <b>THE</b> holy book of <b>THE</b> Hindus.</p> <p>6. (B) <b>LEENA</b> said, " <b>HAVE</b> you <b>Any</b> small <b>bangles</b>?"</p> <p>7. (D) <b>shall</b></p> <p>8. (B) <b>would</b></p> <p>9. (B) <b>THIS</b> is <b>THE</b> man <b>TO</b> whom I <b>want TO talk</b>.</p> <p>10. (C) <b>THIS</b> is <b>THE</b> <b>CITY</b> where he <b>was</b> born.</p> <p>11. (C) <b>GAMBLING</b></p> <p>12. (B) <b>TO AdvISE</b></p>	10 <b>Marks</b>
4	<p><b>LETTER</b></p> <p><b>Format : 1 mark</b></p> <p>Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject and <b>SALUTATION</b>, Body of <b>LETTER</b> &amp; <b>COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE</b></p> <p>ward full marks if <b>ALL ASPECTS ARE INCLUDED</b>.</p> <p>ward 0.5 mark if more <b>THAN ONE ASPECT</b> is missing.</p> <p>ward zero mark if more <b>THAN TWO ASPECTS ARE</b> missing.</p> <p><b>Content : 2 marks</b></p> <p><b>Accuracy &amp; Expression : 2 marks</b></p> <p>ward full marks if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TENSE, TONE</b> and vocabulary <b>ARE</b> appropriate</li> <li><b>COHERENT</b> and <b>RELEVANT IDEAS</b></li> <li>One or two <b>GRAMMATICAL/ SPELLING MISTAKE</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Model Answer</b></p> <p><b>EXAMINATION HALL</b></p> <p>Gurugram</p> <p>5th <b>MARCH</b> 2023</p> <p><b>SEWA SADAN</b></p> <p><b>SECTOR 90</b></p> <p>Gurugram</p> <p><b>DEAR MAN</b></p> <p>I <b>was THRILLED</b> to hear <b>THE</b> wonderful news of your <b>RECENT</b> success! <b>PLEASE ACCEPT</b> my <b>HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS</b> on <b>THIS</b> remarkable achievement.</p>	5 Marks

I HAVE ALWAYS Admired your unwavering determination, dedication, and passion for your chosen field. Your hard work and perseverance have truly paid off, and I am incredibly proud of you for reaching such a significant milestone.

Your success is not only a personal triumph but also an inspiration to those around you. As you embark on this new chapter of your life, I wish you all the best for continued success and prosperity.

With warmest regards and admiration.

Your truly friend  
Sneha

Or

941, Sector 13  
Ambala  
5th March 2023

The Editor  
The Tribune  
Ambala

Subject: Complaint against poor water supply in our area

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to express my deep concern and frustration over the persistent issue of poor water supply in Sector 13. We have been facing irregular and inadequate water supply since last six months. The water supply is erratic and smelly. This situation is not only disrupting our daily routines but also posing a serious threat to our health and well-being.

Despite repeated complaints to the concerned authorities, no significant action has been taken to address this issue. I urge you to highlight this pressing matter in your esteemed newspaper to bring it to the attention of the relevant authorities. It is imperative that immediate action is taken to improve the water supply infrastructure, ensure regular and adequate supply of clean water, and address the concerns regarding water quality.

	<p>Thank you for considering my concerns.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Aman</p>	
5	<p><b>Report</b>  <b>Format:</b> 1 mark  Box, <b>TIME/ HEADING, PLACE, DATE, NAME</b> of reporter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award full marks if <b>ALL ASPECTS ARE INCLUDED</b>.</li> <li>• Award 0.5 mark if more than one <b>ASPECTS</b> is missing.</li> <li>• Award zero mark if more than two <b>ASPECTS ARE</b> missing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Content:</b> 2 marks</p> <p><b>Accuracy &amp; Expression:</b> 2 marks</p> <p>Award full marks if :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tense, TONE and vocabulary ARE APPROPRIATE</b></li> <li>• <b>COHERENT and RELEVANT IDEAS</b></li> <li>• one or two <b>GRAMMATICAL</b> spelling mistake</li> </ul> <p><b>Model Answer :</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gyan Kunj Sr. Sec. School</b>  <b>N. S. S. Camp</b>  Report by  <b>Neha</b></p> <p><b>6th April 2023</b>  <b>Bhiwani</b></p> <p><b>I RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN A SEVEN-day NSS CAMP</b> from 16th MARCH to 23rd MARCH. IT WAS held by our <b>SCHOOL</b> in the nearby <b>rural VILLAGE</b>. During <b>THE CAMP</b>, we <b>CONDUCTED</b> various <b>ACTIVITIES</b>, including <b>TEACHING CHILDREN, CLEANING up THE VILLAGE, AND ORGANIZING A CULTURAL PROGRAM. THE CAMP WAS A GREAT opportunity TO LEARN ABOUT THE CHALLENGES FACED</b> by <b>rural COMMUNITIES AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES. I LEARNED ABOUT TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL</b></p> </div>	5 Marks

	<p>responsibility. I Am grateful for The opportunity to have participated in the camp.</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  <b>NAMAN:</b> Hey, I've heard that your school library is pretty amazing. Can you tell me more about it?  <b>ROHIT:</b> Sure! Our school library is a great place to relax, study, and learn. We have a wide variety of books, magazines, and other resources. We also have computers that you can use for research or just for fun.  <b>NAMAN:</b> That sounds awesome! What kind of books do you have?  <b>ROHIT:</b> We have books on just about every topic you can imagine. We have fiction, non-fiction, history, science, math, and more.  <b>FRIEND:</b> Wow, that's impressive. What about magazines?  <b>ME:</b> We have a lot of popular magazines, like Time, Newsweek, and National Geographic.  <b>NAMAN:</b> That's amazing! It sounds like your school library has everything I could ever need.  <b>NAMAN:</b> Yes, it's definitely a great resource for students.  <b>ROHIT:</b> Thanks for telling me about it!</p>	
6	<p>1. Name of the Chapter : From the Diary of Anne Frank  2. The word 'I' refers to Anne Frank here.  3. Paper does have more patience than people.  4. The phrase 'stiff backed notebook' refers to diary.  5. depressed</p> <p>Or</p> <p>1. Name of the Chapter :  Hijab the Oter  2. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping pong ball, marbles, rubber fruit and the terrapin shell</p>	5 Marks

	<p>3. He <b>INVENTED</b> <b>A</b> <b>game</b> of his own <b>WITH</b> <b>THE</b> ping-pong <b>ball</b>.</p> <p>4. <b>His</b> <b>was</b> <b>THE</b> <b>PET</b> <b>OF</b> <b>MAXWELL</b>.</p> <p>5. <b>Kept</b> <b>busy</b> or <b>Engaged</b>.</p>	
7	<p><b>(I) Suggested value points :</b>  <b>THE</b> <b>FIRST</b> <b>DEMOCRATIC</b> <b>AND</b> <b>non-rACIAL</b> <b>GOVERNMENT</b> <b>ELECTIONS</b> <b>HELD</b>, <b>NELSON</b> <b>MANDELA</b> <b>THE</b> <b>FIRST</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>PRESIDENT</b>, <b>AN</b> <b>END</b> <b>TO</b> <b>THE</b> <b>POLICY</b> <b>OF</b> <b>APARTHEID</b>, <b>PERIOD</b> <b>OF</b> <b>LIBERTY</b> <b>FOR</b> <b>THE</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>PEOPLE</b>.</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  <b>10th</b> <b>MAY</b> <b>1994</b> <b>IS</b> <b>IMPORTANT</b> <b>FOR</b> <b>SOUTH</b> <b>AFRICA</b> <b>BECAUSE</b> <b>THE</b> <b>FIRST</b> <b>DEMOCRATIC</b> <b>AND</b> <b>non</b> <b>RACIAL</b> <b>GOVERNMENT</b> <b>ELECTIONS</b> <b>WERE</b> <b>HELD</b> <b>ON</b> <b>THIS</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>IN</b> <b>THE</b> <b>COUNTRY</b>. <b>NELSON</b> <b>MANDELA</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>ELECTED</b> <b>AS</b> <b>THE</b> <b>FIRST</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>PRESIDENT</b> <b>OF</b> <b>THE</b> <b>COUNTRY</b>. <b>THIS</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>SYMBOLISED</b> <b>THE</b> <b>VICTORY</b> <b>OF</b> <b>GOOD</b> <b>OVER</b> <b>BAD</b>. <b>THIS</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>REMARKED</b> <b>AN</b> <b>END</b> <b>TO</b> <b>THE</b> <b>POLICY</b> <b>OF</b> <b>APARTHEID</b>. <b>ON</b> <b>THIS</b> <b>DAY</b>, <b>THE</b> <b>PERIOD</b> <b>OF</b> <b>LIBERTY</b> <b>FOR</b> <b>THE</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>PEOPLE</b> <b>STARTED</b> <b>AFTER</b> <b>MORE</b> <b>THAN</b> <b>300</b> <b>YEARS</b> <b>OF</b> <b>WHITE</b> <b>SUPREMACY</b>.</p> <p><b>(II) Suggested value points :</b>  <b>LANDED</b> <b>THE</b> <b>PLANE</b> <b>SAFELY</b> <b>WITH</b> <b>THE</b> <b>HELP</b> <b>OF</b> <b>THE</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>AEROPANE</b>, <b>ASKED</b> <b>THE</b> <b>WOMAN</b> <b>ABOUT</b> <b>THE</b> <b>MYSTERIOUS</b> <b>PLANE</b>, <b>THE</b> <b>WOMAN</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>SHOCKED</b>, <b>NO</b> <b>SUCH</b> <b>PLANE</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>SEEN</b> <b>ON</b> <b>THE</b> <b>RADAR</b>.</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  <b>THE</b> <b>NARRATOR</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>ABLE</b> <b>TO</b> <b>LAND</b> <b>HIS</b> <b>PLANE</b> <b>SAFELY</b> <b>WITH</b> <b>THE</b> <b>HELP</b> <b>OF</b> <b>THE</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>AEROPANE</b>. <b>AFTER</b> <b>LANDING</b>, <b>HE</b> <b>ASKED</b> <b>THE</b> <b>WOMAN</b> <b>IN</b> <b>THE</b> <b>CONTROL</b> <b>CENTRE</b> <b>ABOUT</b> <b>THE</b> <b>MYSTERIOUS</b> <b>AEROPANE</b>. <b>BUT</b> <b>THE</b> <b>WOMAN</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>SHOCKED</b> <b>AT</b> <b>THIS</b> <b>QUESTION</b>. <b>THE</b> <b>REASON</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>THAT</b> <b>THERE</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>NO</b> <b>SUCH</b> <b>AEROPANE</b> <b>FLYING</b> <b>IN</b> <b>THE</b> <b>SKY</b> <b>THAT</b> <b>NIGHT</b>. <b>NO</b> <b>BLACK</b> <b>PLANE</b> <b>WAS</b> <b>SEEN</b> <b>ON</b> <b>THE</b> <b>RADAR</b>.</p> <p><b>(III) Suggested value points :</b>  <b>FULL</b> <b>OF</b> <b>DIVERSITY</b>, <b>ANIMALS</b> <b>LIKE</b> <b>LANGOORS</b>, <b>SQUIRRELS</b> <b>AND</b> <b>LORIS</b>, <b>BIRDS</b> <b>ARE</b> <b>KINGFISHERS</b>, <b>THRIVING</b> <b>FAUNA</b>.</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  <b>THE</b> <b>WILDLIFE</b> <b>OF</b> <b>COORG</b> <b>IS</b> <b>FULL</b> <b>OF</b> <b>DIVERSITY</b>. <b>IT</b> <b>CONSISTS</b> <b>OF</b> <b>ANIMALS</b> <b>LIKE</b> <b>MACAQUES</b>, <b>LANGURS</b>, <b>MAMBAR</b> <b>SQUIRRELS</b>, <b>LORIS</b> <b>AND</b> <b>ELEPHANTS</b>. <b>THE</b> <b>BIRDS</b> <b>SPOTTED</b> <b>IN</b> <b>COORG</b> <b>ARE</b> <b>KINGFISHERS</b>. <b>THUS</b> <b>IT</b> <b>HAS</b> <b>A</b> <b>THRIVING</b> <b>FAUNA</b> <b>IN</b> <b>ITS</b> <b>JUNGLES</b>.</p>	2 X 3 = 6

	<p>(iv) <b>Suggested value points :</b>  <b>EAGER</b> to marry, <b>REACHED THE CRITICAL AGE</b> of 35, suffering from <b>palpitation</b> and <b>sleep sickness</b>, <b>wanted the company</b> of someone who <b>looks after</b> him.  <b>(Any other relevant point)</b></p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  <b>Lomov wanted to get married as he was already thirty five years old. He called this age 'a critical age'. Moreover, he was suffering from palpitation and sleep sickness. He wanted company of someone to look after him. He wanted to lead a regular life.</b></p>	
8	<p><b>Suggested value points :</b>  <b>LENCHO</b> a poor <b>hardworking farmer</b>, <b>crop destroyed in a hailstorm</b>, no one to support <b>this family</b>, <b>indomitable faith</b> in God, <b>hopeful that</b> God would <b>help</b> him, <b>wrote a letter to</b> God to send him 100 pesos, <b>received the money without</b> showing <b>any surprise</b> and got <b>angry</b> when <b>counted the money</b>, God <b>could not make this mistake</b>, <b>wrote another to</b> God and <b>asked to send the rest of money not through mail</b> <b>because the employees are a bunch of crooks</b></p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  <b>LENCHO was a poor but hard-working farmer. His crop was destroyed completely because of hailstorm. He became hopeless because he did not have even a penny. There was no one in the valley to support this family. But he had firm faith in the almighty God. He hoped that God would help him and make sure that he and his family would not starve. He wrote a letter to God and asked Him to send 100 pesos. He went to the town and mailed the letter through the post office. When he received the money, he didn't try to know about the sender. Because he had an unquestioning faith in God. When he counted the money, he got angry. He knew that God could not make a mistake. He was sure that God would not send him less than he had asked for. He thought that the post office employees had taken his money. So he wrote another letter to God and requested Him to send rest of the money. He asked God not to send the money through mail because the post office employees were a bunch of crooks. All these things show his deep faith in God.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p>	6 Marks

	<p><b>Suggested value points :</b>  The Sermon <del>about</del> <b>the</b> univers<b>al</b> <del>tuth</del> <b>truth</b> of <del>life</del> <b>life</b>, <del>death</del> <b>death</b> is <del>inevitable</del> <b>inevitable</b>, <del>illustrated</del> <b>illustrated</b> through <del>the</del> <b>the</b> story of Kisa <del>Gotami</del> <b>Gotami</b>, her only son <del>died</del> <b>died</b>, <del>wanted</del> <b>wanted</b> medicine to <del>revive</del> <b>revive</b> her son, Buddha <del>asked</del> <b>asked</b> her to bring <del>a</del> <b>a</b> handful of mustard seeds, <del>unable</del> <b>unable</b> to find <del>a</del> <b>a</b> house where no one had <del>died</del> <b>died</b>, <del>realised</del> <b>realised</b> the <del>fate</del> <b>fate</b> of mortals, human <del>life</del> <b>life</b> short and full of pain,</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b>  Yes, 'The Sermon <del>at</del> <b>at</b> Benares is <del>about</del> <b>a</b> univers<b>al</b> <del>tuth</del> <b>truth</b> of <del>life</del> <b>life</b>. <del>And</del> <b>And</b> the univers<b>al</b> <del>tuth</del> <b>truth</b> of <del>life</del> <b>life</b> is <del>that</del> <b>that</b> death is an inseparable part of <del>life</del> <b>life</b>. Death is <del>inevitable</del> <b>inevitable</b>. We need to overcome the suffering and pain <del>that</del> <b>that</b> follows. This <del>fact</del> <b>fact</b> is <del>illustrated</del> <b>illustrated</b> through <del>the</del> <b>the</b> story of Kisa <del>Gotami</del> <b>Gotami</b>. Her only son had <del>died</del> <b>died</b>. She <del>wandered</del> <b>wandered</b> looking for someone who would <del>revive</del> <b>revive</b> her son. Buddha <del>told</del> <b>told</b> her to get <del>a</del> <b>a</b> handful of mustard seeds from <del>a</del> <b>a</b> house where no one had ever <del>died</del> <b>died</b>. <del>After</del> <b>After</b> failing to procure <del>a</del> <b>a</b> handful of mustard seeds from such <del>a</del> <b>a</b> house, she <del>sat</del> <b>sat</b> down by the roadside. She was feeling helpless and <del>tired</del> <b>tired</b>. She considered the mortal <del>nature</del> <b>nature</b> of man. She <del>saw</del> <b>saw</b> the lights of the city <del>that</del> <b>that</b> flickered and were <del>extinguished</del> <b>extinguished</b>. <del>At last</del> <b>At last</b> it was darkness everywhere. She <del>realised</del> <b>realised</b> <del>that</del> <b>that</b> death was common to <del>all</del> <b>all</b> and she was being selfish in her grief. This is what Buddha wanted her to understand <del>that</del> <b>that</b> everyone who is born has to die one day. Life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain.</p>	
9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The phrase 'beasts of prey' means <del>animals that kill</del> <b>animals that kill</b> other <del>animals</del> <b>animals</b> for food.</li> <li>2. Name of <del>the</del> <b>the</b> Poem: How to <del>tell</del> <b>tell</b> wild <del>animals</del> <b>animals</b></li> <li>NAME of <del>the</del> <b>the</b> Poet: Carolyn Wells</li> <li>3. It would be difficult to distinguish between <del>a</del> <b>a</b> crocodile and <del>a</del> <b>a</b> hyena for <del>a</del> <b>a</b> novice.</li> <li>4. Hyenas <del>come</del> <b>come</b> with smiling face.</li> <li>5. <del>A</del> <b>A</b> crocodile is identified through its <del>tears</del> <b>tears</b> from its <del>eyes</del> <b>eyes</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name of <del>the</del> <b>the</b> Poem : The <del>tale</del> <b>tale</b> of <del>Custard</del> <b>Custard</b> the Dragon</li> <li>NAME of <del>the</del> <b>the</b> Poet: Ogden Nash</li> <li>2. Beunda is described as brave as <del>a</del> <b>a</b> group of bears.</li> <li>3. Ink and Bunk <del>are</del> <b>are</b> brave enough to hunt lions.</li> <li>4. <del>Mustard</del> <b>Mustard</b> is as brave as an angry tiger.</li> <li>5. <del>Custard</del> <b>Custard</b> always <del>cried</del> <b>cried</b> for <del>a</del> <b>a</b> safe cage.</li> </ol>	5 Marks



**(I) Suggested Value Points :**

both fire and ice are destructive, fire of violent desires will end the world, ruined by hatred if gets perished twice, need of the hour is to save the earth.

**Model Answer :**

According to Robert Frost, both fire and ice are destructive. Here fire symbolises desire and ice symbolises hatred. The poet says that fire of violent desires will put the world to an end. If the world has to perish twice, it will be ruined by hatred. In fact, the poet wants to say that the need of the hour is to figure out what needs to be done to save the earth.

**(II) Suggested Value Points :**

shows his concern for the wild caged animals, freedom natural instinct, man should not harm wildlife, wild animals not meant to be displayed in the zoo.

**Model Answer :**

Through the poem, the poet wishes to convey his concern for the wild animals which are forced into a life of captivity by man. Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being. Everyone loves freedom and does not want to live in confinement so men should not harm and destroy wild life. Wild animals are not meant to be caged and displayed in the zoo.

**(III) Suggested Value Points :**

The boy should learn the lesson of life, how to accept the loss, things are found and lost, be brave enough to understand the inevitability of loss.

**Model Answer :**

The poet does not offer the boy money to buy another ball. The reason is that the poet wants the boy to learn that loss is a part of life. The poet wants that the boy should learn how to accept the loss of worldly possessions. It is the nature of life that things are found and lost too. Nothing remains with us forever. So we have to be brave enough to understand and accept the inevitability of loss.

**(IV) Suggested Value Points :**

use of effective imagery, night is fresh and moon shines, smell of leaves, moon appears like a broken mirror.

	<p><b>Model Answer :</b></p> <p>The night is described with the use of effective imagery. The night is full of freshness. The whole moon shines. The smell of leaves and lichen reaches those inside the captivity like a voice coming from far away. The trees block the view and make the moon appear like a broken mirror on the crown of the oak.</p>	
11	<p><b>(I) Suggested Value Points :</b></p> <p>Nil forgave Hari Singh, gave him a fifty rupee note, told him that he would be paid regularly, said nothing although he knew about the theft.</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b></p> <p>Yes, Nil had forgiven Hari Singh. It is evident because Nil made tea and gave a fifty rupee note to Hari. He told Hari Singh that he would now be paid regularly. Hari Singh was aware that Nil knew about the theft. But he did not say anything.</p> <p><b>(II) Suggested Value Points :</b></p> <p>no one in the room, heard sniff close to her ear, the hat leapt and dashed into her face, bedroom chair pushed them out of the room.</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b></p> <p>One day Mr. and Mrs. Hall peeped into Griffin's room. They found nobody there. Suddenly Mrs. Hall heard a sniff close to her ear. The hat leapt up and dashed itself into her face. Then the bedroom chairs sprang into the air and pushed them both out of the room. These things made her believe that the room was haunted.</p> <p><b>(III) Suggested Value Points :</b></p> <p>played an important role, got him a children's book, got him all things required for the development of scientific aptitude, inspired his interest in learning.</p> <p><b>Model Answer :</b></p> <p>Elbright's mother played an important role in making him a successful scientist. She got him a children's book 'The Travels of Monarch X' which became a turning point in his life. She bought him all those things required for the</p>	<p>2 x 3 = 6 Marks</p>

	<p>development of scientific aptitude. She encouraged and inspired his interest in learning.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested Value Points :          Bhoju got furious at his demand of dowry, through the garland, broke her silence, would not marry a greedy and heartless man like him.</p> <p>Model Answer :          Bhoju was furious at the act of Bishamber Nath who demanded a dowry of 5000 rupees to marry her. She had cold contempt on her face. She threw the garland into the fire. She broke her silence and said that Bishambhar was a heartless creature. She said that she would not accept a greedy, mean and coward as her husband.</p>	
12	<p>(i) Suggested Value Points :          Mrs. Pumphrey loved Tricki very much, provided a comfortable life, maintained his wardrobe full of fancy dresses, overfed him with cod liver oil, malt and horlicks, Tricki became seriously ill and taken to surgery, sent eggs and brandy, happy to see Tricki healthy, Tricki also happy to see his mistress.</p> <p>Model Answer :          Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich woman who loved her dog Tricki very much. She wanted her dog to spend a comfortable and lavish life. She had maintained a wardrobe full of fancy fur coats, dresses, bed etc. for Tricki. She used to overfeed him out of her love and concern. She used to serve him cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and horlicks after dinner to give him strength. This made the dog lazy, inactive and very fat. He started vomiting and fell ill. Mrs. Pumphrey got worried and made a frantic call to Dr. Herriot. Tricki was taken to his surgery. Even in the hospital, she continued to shower her love by sending eggs, wine and brandy. After a fortnight, she was called to take back the dog home. This news made her say that it was a triumph of surgery. When Tricki saw his mistress, he jumped into her lap. He was also very happy to go home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Suggested Value Points :</p>	6 Marks

~~MATDA~~ not ~~satsfied~~ with humble surroundings, to show ~~vAnity~~ borrowed ~~dIAmond~~ ~~necklace~~ from her friend, sense of ~~vICTory~~ ~~AT~~ ~~the~~ ~~baIl~~, ~~loSt~~ ~~the~~ ~~necklace~~ and did not ~~confess~~ to ~~the~~ friend, got ~~into~~ poverty and debt to ~~replAcE~~ ~~the~~ ~~necklace~~, ~~lifestyLe~~ ~~chAnged~~ in ~~negATive~~ sense, worked hard for 10 long years, An ~~exAmple~~ of ~~vAnity~~.  
(Any ~~otheR~~ ~~releVAnT~~ point)

**Model Answer :**

~~MATDA~~ was A very ~~preTTy~~ young ~~lAdy~~. But ~~she~~ was not ~~satsfied~~ with ~~the~~ poverty of her family. She ~~hATed~~ her own humble surroundings and ~~spenT~~ ~~her~~ ~~time~~ ~~dreaming~~ about A luxurious life. To ~~get~~ ~~pleasure~~ and to show her ~~vAnity~~, she borrowed A ~~dIAmond~~ ~~necklace~~ from her friend ~~M~~me. ~~Forster~~. She had A sense of ~~vICTory~~ ~~AT~~ ~~the~~ ~~baIl~~ E everybody ~~prAised~~ her ~~beAUTy~~. But ~~she~~ ~~loSt~~ ~~the~~ ~~necklace~~ in ~~the~~ party. She did not ~~confess~~ ~~it~~ to her friend. ~~RATHER~~ she got ~~into~~ poverty and debt to ~~replAcE~~ ~~it~~ by A ~~necklace~~ ~~thAT~~ looked similar to it. She and her husband had to make severe ~~compromises~~ in ~~their~~ ~~lifestyLe~~. She worked hard ~~AT~~ ~~the~~ household ~~chores~~ ~~whiLe~~ her husband over worked ~~AT~~ ~~the~~ office. ~~They~~ worked hard for ~~ten~~ long years to pay up ~~the~~ ~~loan~~. ~~Al~~ ~~th~~ ~~is~~ shows ~~thAT~~ ~~MATDA~~ was An ~~exAmple~~ of ~~vAnity~~.