



पुण्ण International School

Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Zundal

ENGLISH : LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

(Code No. 184)

QUESTION BANK CLASS IX 2022-2023

Content : 1) Paper pattern

2) Summative Assessment : 2 (SA 2)

3) Question bank

1) Paper pattern

SECTION - WISE WEIGHTAGE

Section	Content	Total Weightage 80
A	Reading Skills	20
B	Writing Skills with Grammar	20
C	Literature Textbook and Supplementary	40

- **Summative Assessment /examination will be of 80 Marks.**
- **Paper duration will be of 3:00 hours.**
- **Internal assessment for 20 marks**

2) Syllabus Summative Assessment 2 (SA 2)

L. No	Beehive (Prose)	Reading
1	The Fun They Had	Descriptive Paragraph
2	The Sound of Music	Case based Paragraph
3	The Little Girl	Writing Skills
4	A Truly Beautiful Mind	Letter, Story., Diary writing
5	Snake and The Mirror	
6	My Childhood	Grammar
7	Reach For The Top	Tenses, Modals, Subject Verb Concord, Reported speech
8	Kathmandu	
9	If I were You	
	(Poetry)	Supplimentry
1	1. The Road Not Taken	1. The Lost Child
2	2. Wind	2. The Adventures of Toto
3	3 The Rain On The Roof Top	3 Iswarn The Stoty Teller
4	4 The Lake of Isle of Innisfree	4 In The Kingdom Of Fools
5	5 A Legend Of The North Land	5 The Happy Prince
6	6 No Men Are Foreign	6 The Last Leaf
7	7 On Killing A Tree	7 A House Is Not Home
8	8 A Slumber Did MY Spirit Seal	8 The Beggar

SECTION A READING

Q 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :

1 One day ,driving down a busy road in my town, I noticed a new fence ,being built Around a home ,I'd always admired . The house, well over a hundred years old Faded white with large front porch, had once sat back from a quite road. Then the road was widened , traffic lights went up , and the town began to look like a city. Now the house had hardly any front yard at all. Still that yard was always swept clean, and flowers burst forth from the hard ground. I began to notice a woman raking, sweeping, tending the flowers, cutting the grass. She even picked up the litter thrown by the countless cars that whizzed by.

Each time I drove past the house I watched the rapid progress of the picket fence. The elderly gardener added an overhead rose trellis and a gazebo. He painted it allto snow white and then the house to match .

2. One day I pulled off the road to stare long and hard at fence .The carpenter had done such a magnificent job. I blinked tears away .I couldn't bring to myself to leave.I switched off the engine walked over and touched the fence. It still smelt of fresh paint. I heard the woman trying to crank a lawn mover at the back , Hi I called waving” well hey “ she stood up straight and wiped her hands with apron. I I came to see your hence It's beautiful she smiled . “ come sit on the front porch. I will tellyou about the fence. “ sit on the rocking chair ,” she said smilingly, I was suddenly overjoyed that I was on the porch drinking iced tea with the marvelous white picketfence surrounding me.

On the basis of your reading the passage answer the following very short answer questions.

1. When did the house lose all its front yard ?
- 2 Why did the lady of the house make the fence?
3. How did the lady make the author feel at home ?
4. Why did the author visit the house.?
5. When did the author stop to look at the fence ?
6. Why didn't author want to leave the place when he stopped to stare at it ?
7. What did the author do after stopping ?
8. What did the lady say after welcoming the author.?

B] Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :

1 .Every time a child takes a soft drink ,he's laying the ground work for a dangerous bone disease. No , fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause Osteoporosis .But , they are often a substitute for a glass of milk,

kids are not getting the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also lead a sedentary life style, they aren't getting the bone building benefits for vigorous exercise either. These children aren't just in jeopardy for brittle bones and fractures decade down the road. They could be at risk of osteoporosis at a younger age than ever before.

2. The Indian society for Bone and Mineral Research, a body of Osteoporosis experts, is trying to spread awareness about this bone Crippling disease. Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has

consequences later in life. The condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the frame work of a house that has been attacked by termites. That can lead to broken bones , which in turn can cause deformity, chronic pain or disability . Osteoporosis can be fatal: up to 25% of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year . Osteoporosis isn't just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million

Men. Osteoporosis causes loss of height, pain in joints and back , fractures, and can be very depressing. So it is important that we adopt preventive measures, to save millions of people.

3. There is a new medical understanding of the best ways to protect ourselves and our children. "Simple lifestyle changes and nutrition will help save your bones," says Dr. Mittal. He says" it is never too late to adopt bone –friendly habits – exercise, get enough sunlight, have adequate calcium. This way , we can keep our bones healthy and prevent osteoporosis."

On the basis of your reading the passage answer any 6 of the following very short answer questions.

1. What do calcium and vitamin D do to the skeleton?
2. What causes osteoporosis in children?
3. What should children do to avoid osteoporosis?
4. What can osteoporosis lead to .?
- 5 "Osteoporosis can be fatal" what does it mean ?
6. What is emotional effect of osteoporosis.?
7. What should we do when we know that osteoporosis is depressing.?

Q C] Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :

It's not cool to be fat, that has not prevented an obesity epidemic from occurring among America's youth. Childhood obesity increased from 5% in 1964 to about 13% in 1994. Today it is about 20% and rising.

Excessive time spent watching TV , using the computer , and playing video games is partly to blame this escalating rate. Children, on an average , spend up to 5 to 6 hours a day involved in these sedentary activities .Perhaps , it wouldn't matter if they were sufficiently active at other times, but most of them aren't.

To make matter worse , children are bombarded with well-crafted TV ads from fast food chains and other purveyors of high fat, high sugar meals and snacks A recent study reported that 2 to 6 years old who watch TV are more likely to choose food products advertised on TV than who do not watch such commercials. These highly effective advertising campaigns, combined with physically inactive lifestyle, have produced a generation of kids who are at high risk for obesity associated medical conditions. the major health threat is the early development of type 2 diabetes adult

Onset) , particularly in children with a family history of this disease Doctors are reporting a surge in young adolescents developing mellitus diabetes(type 2) which can lead to heart

disease, high blood pressure, kidney disease, stroke , amputations and blindness. People who develop diabetes in adolescent face is diminished quality of life And shortened life span , particularly if the disease progresses untreated. It is scary prospect for our children but, in many cases obesity and diabetes are preventable. Paediatricians recommend restricting children to 1 to 2 hours per day on TV and computers combined, though older children may need additional time for learning activities. Parental involvements remain the most important key to our children’s healthy diets .Changing eating habits and life style is not easy, but the health benefit For our children is wonderful payoff for parents willing to take on the task.

Questions

1. What was failed to prevent obesity epidemic in America?
2. What wouldn’t matter if children were sufficiently active ?.
3. What problems can diabetes lead to?
4. What has become a major health threat?
- 5 If diabetes progress untreated in adolescents, they face a diminished..... and...
- 6 What do Pediatricians’ recommend.?
- 7 What is referred to as ‘a wonderful payoff for the parents’ in the passage.?
- 8play the most important role in children’s.....

D] Read the following passage carefully

1. To reach Chhota Mollakhali in east Sunderbans you have to sale mile through dense mangroves surrounded by trees.
2. And if haste is the accelerator , multitasking is overdrive. These days it Is possible to drive, eat, listen and talk on the phone-all at once, if you dare .An Entire class of technologies is dedicated to the furtherance of multitasking. Car Phones, bookstands on exercise machines. Water proof shower radios . Not long ago,for most people listening to the radio was a single task activity. Now it is rare for a person to listen to the radio and do nothing else. Even television has lost its command of our foreground. In so many households the TV just stays on, like a noisy light bulb, while the life of the family passes back and forth in its shimmering glow.
3. A sense of well being comes with this saturation of parallel pathways in the brain .We chose mania over boredom every time. Humans have never, ever opted for slower points out historian Stephen Kern. We catch the fever – and fever feels good . All humanity has not succumbed equally, of course . if you make haste you probably make it in the technology driven western world. Sociologist have also found that increasing wealth and increasing education bring a sense of tension about time. We believe that we possess too little of it .Western culture views time as a thingto hoard and protect . Time saving is the subject of score of books with titles like streamlining your life. Take your time. More hours in my day. Marketers anticipate our desire to save time and respond with fast ovens , quick play backs ,quick freezing and fast credit.

On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following short answer questions carefully:

- A] (a) Why have humans being chosen speed ?
 (b) What is the result of man’s love for speed? Is it good or bad?
 (c) Define multi tasking .

- (d) When we say we want to save time what does it mean?
- B] Choose the most appropriate option given against each blank....
- (a) "Placebo" here means _____.
- | | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (i) Sweets | (ii) Things done willingly |
| (iii) doing or saying things to please | (iv) medicinal matter |
- (b) Shimmering means _____.
- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| (i) Shining on and off | (b) bright |
| (iii) glowing | (d) glowing but dim |
- (c) "Eternity" means _____.
- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| (i) continuity | (ii) perenniality |
| (iii) last stage | (iv) perpetuity |

Q.E] Read the given passage carefully and then answer the question that follows

Some people get emotional satisfaction from talking about how awful other people are. But research has found that when you talk negatively to say, a friend about how awful a colleague is, the listening friend is more likely to associate the negativity to you, rather than to the person you are describing. Researchers call this 'spontaneous trait transference'. So it's best to go easy on bad-mouthing others because it may backfire anyway. It takes a big person to accept outwardly and inwardly that they are at fault.

I'm not saying we should never blame other people being able to. Sometimes others are at fault and they need to know it and take responsibility. But being able to accept responsibility when that's right means we actually become less helpless and passive.

If everything is someone else's fault, then what part do I play in my own life? Are my actions entirely without consequence? Am I that powerless? Or do all my actions only lead to good outcomes? Am I entirely new type of human being? Knowing we can accept responsibility when things go wrong means we can also accept credit when things go well. We do, as individuals, have an effect on life; and that's good thing but we need to develop the capacity to be objective enough about ourselves to avoid assuming we could never possibly have created problems ourselves. We also need to distinguish between accepting responsibility and punishing ourselves unduly. Ever noticed how some people get more hung up on assigning blame than actually fixing a problem? If people feel you blame them unfairly, they will resent you. They may even come to know what it is they did wrong. Calling someone an idiot or telling them they "always do everything wrong!" is not feedback; it is just abuse, no matter why you think you are doing it. This kind of emotional incontinence may make people anxious, but they will never respect you because it displays your weaknesses so clearly. As the wise Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius said "How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it." Life is full of people who take emotional shortcuts and blame other people unfairly or aggressively; for the sake of the human race, don't be one of them. But I wouldn't blame you if you were.

Questions

1. Why is it best to go easy on bad mouthing?
2. What makes a person less helpless and passive?
3. What objective quality should a person develop?
4. What is the meaning of the quote by Marcus Aurelius in the passage?

5. Find the synonym of the word 'associate' from the following.

- (a) result (b) link (c) attitude (d) blame

6. Find the correct meaning of the word outwardly in reference of the passage.
 (a) externally (b) extrovert (c) behind the back (d) emotional
7. Which word from the following means 'allowing what happens without active Response'?
- (a) passive (b) feedback (c) powerless (d) weakness
- 7 Find the antonym of the word 'cursed' from the following:
- (a) right (b) helpful (c) prayer (d) blessed

F] Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :

Every single mistake is a blessing in disguise; there are actually untold blessings hidden within every mistake .

Children make many mistakes while learning how to ride a bike or write , and we do not give it a second thought because we know that through their mistakes they will learn and eventually master what they are trying to do. So why is it that adults are so hard on themselves? We all make mistakes ,and if we didn't make them we'd never learn anything and we wouldn't grow any smarter or wiser. We have the freedom to make our own choices and the freedom to make mistakes. Mistakes can hurt, but if we don't learn from the mistakes we've made, the pain we've suffered from them has been for nothing. By the law of attraction, we will make the same mistake over and over again, until the consequences hurt so much that we finally learn from it. This is the very reason why mistakes hurt , sothat we do learn from them and don't make them repeatedly.

To learn from a mistake, we first have to own it , and this is where many people can come undone because they often blame someone else for their mistake. Let's consider the scenario of being pulled over by the police because we were caught unawares. But the mistake was ours as we chose to speed.

We are human, we will make mistakes and it's one of the most beautiful things about being human. But we must learn from our mistakes, lot of unnecessary pain.

So, how do we learn from our mistakes? Gratitude ! No matter how bad something may seem, there are always many things to be grateful for. When you look for as many things as you can to be grateful for in a mistake, you magically transform the mistake into blessing, and blessings attract more blessings.

Today think of a mistake and let it be a blessing. Look for the things to be grateful for. Ask yourself what you have learnt from this mistake. Every blessing you find has a magical power. So , get ready to write out your list in a gratitude journal or type them on a computer.

Questions

(a) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly.

(i) What is hidden in a mistake, according to the author?

Ans : Blessings are hidden within every mistake .We should learn from it,so that we do not make the mistake again.

(ii) How are children different from adults with regard to mistakes?

Ans: Children are different from adults with regards to mistakes because they own

them and learn from them, while adults may try to blame others for the mistake not own up to it themselves

iii) **How can we gain from a mistake that hurts ?**

iv) **What do we need to do to learn from our mistakes?**

(b) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option given below .

(i) When we caught our mistake what is our normal reaction?

- (a) We were unprepared (b) We own up to the mistake.
(c) We blame someone else for the mistake (d) None of these.

(ii) What suggestion does the author give for mistakes to become magical?

- (a) Every mistake becomes a blessing in disguise
(b) Ask yourself what you have learnt from the mistakes made by you
(c) Learning from mistakes becomes a habit.
(d) All of the above

(iii) Which of the following words is the antonym of 'consequences' used in paragraph 2 ?

- (a) results (b) causes
(c) ramifications (d) outcomes

(iv) Which of the following words is the synonym of 'eventually' used in paragraph 2?

- (a) ultimately (b) initially
(c) timely (d) finally

G] Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

Dreams have always held a universal fascination. Some primitive societies believe that the soul leaves the body visits the scene of the dream. Generally, however, dreams are accepted to be illusions, having much in common with day-dreams- the fantasies of our waking life . When dreaming, however, one tends to believe fully in the reality of the dream world , however inconsistent illogical and odd it may be.

Although most dreams apparently happen spontaneously, dream activity may be provoked by external influences. "Suffocation dreams are connected with the breathing difficulties of a heavy cold, for instance. Internal disorders such as indigestion can cause vivid dreams , and dreams of racing fire-engines may be caused by the ringing of an alarm bell.

Experiments have been carried out to investigate the connection between deliberately inflicted pain and dreaming. For example, a slipper pricked with a pin perhaps dreams of fighting a battle and receiving a severe sword wound. Although the dream is stimulated by the physical discomfort, the actual events of the dreams depend on the associations of the discomfort in the mind of sleeper.

On the basis of your reading the passage answer the following very short answer questions.

1. What are dreams?
2. What are the dreams which are connected with cold and breathing difficulties known as ?
3. What can cause vivid dreams?
4. On which things does the actual events of the dream depend?
5. Find a word from the passage opposite in meaning to relaxation?

SECTION B WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q 3] You are Manas / Mansi. You visited the "Green Garden Resort" during the holidays. Write an article for your school magazine about why the place attracted you. Include the following:

- Accessibility**
- Reasonable charges**
- Hygienic surroundings**
- Scenic beauty**
- Facilities available**

GREEN GARDEN RESORT –A NATURAL ATTRACTION

'Green Garden Resort' deserves a visit by any lover of nature and its beauty. Its plus points are many. That's why it has become a favourite holiday resort for all alike. I also visited the resort during the holidays and found it incomparable. The most important points that make the resort worth a visit are many. These are its accessibility, reasonable charges, hygienic surroundings, scenic beauty, and facilities available the place can be reached easily by rail, road and air. It is a five hour journey. There are series of three-star, five-star hotels and lodges. They provide good staying arrangements at reasonable charge. The most prominent feature of the place is its hygienic surroundings. Its scenic natural beauty with snowy peak and virgin forests adds glory to the entire place. The temple highlights the indigenous culture. The food is both continental and intercontinental. There is a strange mixture of indigenous and international culture. The prominent tourist spots like the old fort, the botanical park, children's park, water sports complex and the zoo are well connected by bus and taxi services. In all the resort has charm of its own and beauty that makes it a favourite place to visit.

8] Read the given line and complete the story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to your story.

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside.....

a. A Spaceship on Earth!

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside. It was about 10:30 p.m. As I opened my door, bright lights from outside dazzled my eyes. I went outside towards the place where a large crowd had gathered outside our colony park. There was a huge spaceship that had landed in the park. It had a thousand lights blinking and from the windows, one could see a few strange figures peeping out. I was surprised to see the aliens. Meanwhile, the police had also reached the park. People were shouting and asking the police to take the aliens out of the ship. They were very excited to see them. By this time, few scientists and researchers had also reached the spot. They had brought some instruments along with them.

As they started moving towards the spaceship, the sirens that were installed in it started blowing. We could notice the strange figures hurriedly moving inside the spaceship. Then, as if understanding the intentions of the scientists that they probably wanted to capture them, they started blowing green-coloured dust from their spaceship. Its wheels

3. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning and give a suitable

title to it.

It had been over two hours waiting for the train. Ruhi was getting restless. Suddenly she.....

Solution

A Childhood Saved

It had been over two hours waiting for the train. Ruhi was getting restless. Suddenly she noticed a child begging at the platform. He appeared to be a little, sweet boy who had a small bag on his shoulder. She noticed a book in his bag. Ruhi was eager to know where the child lived. There was still more than an hour left for her train to arrive. So, she got up and started following him. The boy moved out of the station and entered a slum nearby. He got into a house which appeared to be a very dirty and unhygienic place. There were other child beggars in the house who were in the age group of 5 — 12 years. They were thin and weak. They had money but nothing to eat. Just then, a burly man entered the house. The children became quiet. He asked them for the money that they had collected by begging.

The poor children handed all the money they had to him. Ruhi understood that it was a racket of child beggars. She felt pity for those small children. She decided to inform the police. The police and an NGO 'Bachpan Bachao Andolan' soon reached the place. The man was perplexed on seeing the police. The police arrested him and the children were sent under the protection of the NGO from where they would be sent to their homes. Ruhi felt relieved and was appreciated by everyone. She was later rewarded by the government for her effort in rescuing the children.

4] Write a story, in about 150 – 200 words with the given cues in the box below and give a suitable title to it

Jasmine , Ali and two other friends decided to go on a picnic to a beach. They packed their bags and were quite excited. They reached the picnic spot and came across a small child who was crying.....

A] You are Meena / Mahesh representing your school at CBSE National Level Cricket Tournament. Write an e- mail to your mother in about 120 words describing your experience. Use the points given below:

- Arrival ,description of your venue.
- Number of teams.
- Food accommodations.
- Meeting students from different regions of India.

**Matches you played so far.
Shopping.**

Date	
From	
To	

My dear Mom,

I hope everything is fine at home. I arrived safely to the erience . I find the food and accommodationsatisfactory. There are twelve teams from different venue and well before time. I find thevenue a very beautiful place with all modern and latest facilities. I am sure playing in this national level tournament will be a pleasant exp regions of the country. I find interacting with the team members healthy and friendly experience . I have already made some good friends . It is interesting to get to know them and their food , culture and views. Essentially I find them good human beings. They are kind cooperative and ready to help one another. The coaches take care of all the team members. They see that each participant feels at homehere and is given the required food and rest. The organizers of this tournament too take carethat no one has any problem in the stay. I am enjoying my stay here. We have played three matches and hope to win.

With regards

Meena/Mahesh

B] Last year during vacation, Raj went to an adventure Camp that included activities like trakking, rafting, rock climbing etc. Write an e-mail Raj ,describing activities to a friend .

Date	
From	Raj.123@gmail.com
To	Abc6@gmail.com

Subject : Enjoyment at adventure camp.

Dear friend,

How are you? I got your mail that your family has dropped the idea for the vacation to the hillstation due to illness of your brother. Do you have any plan to spend your vacations? I can understand you're your frustrations over the issue. I have an idea.

I have enrolled myself in an adventure camp and I want you too to come along with me. Last yearI had visited the same camp and had lot of fun. I participated in activities like rock climbing

„rafting and trekking. In the beginning I was nervous but the team leader motivated me to carryon. I inculcated team spirit in me. The thrill of an adventure camp will remain forever.

I decidedto join every year. I want you to join me. I am waiting for your reply.

Regards.

Q IV C] Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

i) She..... (go) to her office with a friend.

ii) Why you..... (like) movies?

- iii) My friend..... (visit) his grandmother every day.
- iv) (do) Ritesh(love) the cold weather?
- v) (do) you..... (plan) to visit Kashmir this year?
- vi) We always(have) an early dinner.
- vii) His parents(plan) a trip abroad every six months.
- viii) Our doctor in the neighbourhood(make) a lot of money.
- ix) I(help) my mother sometimes.
- x) Sheetal (come) here every Sunday.
- xi) We(eat) rice for dinner every day.
- xii) He never (hide) the truth.
- xiii) Make hay while the sun..... (shine)
- xiv) Apples..... (be) good for health.

Ans a) goes b) do, like c) visits d) Does, love e) Do, plan f) have g) plan h) makes
 help j) comes k) eat l) hides m) shines n) are

Grammar to be read from notebook

D] Present perfect tense

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

- i) The cat.....(drink) all the milk.
- ii) They (not arrive) yet.
- iii) She (not qualify) the written test.
- iv) We (be) already (see) the movie.
- v) I(think) of inviting all my friends.
- vi) My brother.....(not see) the Red Fort yet.
- vii) The teacher(has) just(enter) the class.
- viii) Rajeev..... (stop) learning piano.
- ix) The media (has) just(leave) the premises.
- x) My parents(has/have) recently (celebrate) their fifteenth anniversary

Ans : has drunk b) have not arrived c) has not qualified d) have, seen e) have thought
 f) has not seen g) has, entered h) has stopped i) has, left j) have, celebrated

E] Past indefinite

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. >

- i) We(eat) chocolates as a dessert in the party.
- ii) Kalpana Chawla(join) NASA as an astronaut.
- iii) Rowdy students..... (break) the furniture of the school last week.
- iv) I (live) in the hostel for five years.
- v) Sheela's younger brother (finish) his homework in the morning.
- vi) The teacher..... (give) a prize to the topper.
- vii) The dignitaries (welcome) the guests.
- viii) The driver of the car(apply) the brakes.
- ix) We (go) to a restaurant for dinner.
- x) A massive fire (break) out in the building yesterday.

Ans: a) ate b) joined c) broke d) lived e) finished f) gave g) welcomed h) applied i) went j) broke

G] Modals

Complete the following dialogue using the correct modal to fill in each blank.

Dina: I hate to say this, Ragini, but you are in terrible shape.

Ragini: I know, what (a) I do?

Dina: Well, since you are putting on weight, you (b) plan a healthy diet.

Ragini: You are right. I (c) not eat so many chocolates and junk food.

Dina: That's right, and you (d) also start exercising.

Ragini: (e) I start with walking for an hour every day?

Dina: Yes, but what is most important is that you (f) try to have a healthy lifestyle.

Answer: (a) should (b) must (c) should (d) could/should (e) should/could (f) must

H] Fill in the blanks using suitable modals

“How long (a) or (b) a person wait on a hungry stomach?” This thought

constantly (c) come to an impoverished man who (d) wait till his

unemployment days are over, “(e) I never get two full meals?” occupies his thought box. He

(f) not even get a chance ever to come out of this vicious circle of poverty.

Answer: (a) can (b) should (c) may (d) has to (e) Shall (f) might

I] Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals choosing from ‘have to’ ‘has to’ or ‘had to’.

(a) Prachi work hard as one week is left for her CA Final Examination.

(b) We borrow money as there was lack of funds.

(c) All the children of class tenth will go to the principal's office to collect their mark sheets.

(d) Nowadays the women have dual responsibilities as they work at home and office as well.

(e) The government give up as Anna Hazare was determined to fight corruption in his own way.

(f) Rakesh work hard to clear his exams this time.

(g) Kartik help his mother as all their servants were on leave.

(h) Garima go to the market to buy the grocery as the guests are arriving now.

(i) The masons complete the construction today.

(j) Prema cannot accompany them as she wind up with her work

Answer: (a) has to (b) had to (c) have to (d) have to (e) had to (f) has to (g) had to (h) has to

i) have to (j) has to

Q V Extract Based Questions:

1) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follows

**:“ Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as far that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same..**

a) Why did the poet take the other road ?

Ans :The poet took the other road because he thought that it was more challenging to Travel on it as only a few had used it.

b) What did the poet discover while travelling on the other road ?

Ans The poet discovered, while travelling on the other road, that the second was almost equally used as the first one.

c) Find a word from the passage that is opposite to foul ?

Ans : Fair

**2)“ Two road diverged in yellow
wood And sorry I could not
travel both And be one
traveller, long I stood
And locked down once as far as
I could To where it bent in the
undergrowth;**

a) At which point had the poet reached?

Ans: The poet is standing at a point where two roads diverged in the yellow wood.

b) Why was traveller feeling sorry ?

Ans: The poet is feeling sorry because he could not travel on both the roads.

c) Give the opposite to ‘met at a point’.

Ans : Diverged

3) Read the following paragraph and answer the following questions

Grand father gave Nana a slap across her hunches and she jerked back, dragging Toto

with her. He had fastened on to her long ears with his sharp little teeth.

a) Who is Nana ?

Ans: Nana is the name of family donkey

b) Why did nana drag Toto with her ?

Ans: Nana dragged Toto with her because Toto had fastened on to her long ears.

c) Name the writer .

Ans: Ruskin Bond

d) Find the opposite of 'loosened' from the passage. Ans : Fastened

4) Unfortunately I could not accompany grandfather on that trip but he told me about it afterwards .A big black canvas kit-bag was provided for Toto . This, with some straw atthe bottom became his new abode.

a) Who is 'I' in the passage ? Ans: The narrator.

b) Where was the grandfather going and why ?

Ans : The grandfather was going to Saharanpur to collect his pension.

c) Name the writer .

Ans: Ruskin Bond

d) What is the meaning of abode ? Ans: House.

5] " Sure, they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man."

a) Who does 'they' refer to?

Ans: 'They' refer to the people of the old times.

b) What does 'regular' mean here?

Ans Here, regular refers to the mechanical teacher then they had.

c) What is it contrasted with?

Ans: It is contrasted with a normal teacher of earlier times, who was a living human being

6) Poised beyond her years reach the pinnacle.

i) Who is the ' Siberian teenager' ?

ii) She just took four years to reach pinnacle. What does this tells us about her ?

iii) How many years she took to reach her goal?

iv) What does the word 'pinnacle' mean ?

Ans.(i) Maria Sharapova.

Ans.(ii) She was focused and hardworking.

Ans. (iii) Four years

Ans (iv) Highest point.

7) The latter was compelled.....important lesson in my life.

(i) Who is ' latter ' here ?

(ii) What lesson did she learn ?

(iii) Why was her mother compelled to stay back in Syberia?

(iv) The word 'restriction' means.....

Ans. (i) Maria Sharapova's mother.

Ans.(ii) She learnt that sacrifice and hard work goes hand in hand achieveone's goal.

Ans. (iii) Due to Visa restrictions.

Ans. (iv) Limitations / constraint / restraint

8) Let us rememberagainst each other.

a) Who have been called ‘our brothers’?

b) Who instigate the commoners to hate their brothers.?

c) Who is the poet ?

d)What does condemn mean?

Ans (i) All men of the world.

Ans (ii) Selfish people who have vested interest spread violence instigate hatred among their brothers.

Ans(iii) James Kirku

Ans (iv) Condemn means to say very strongly that you do not approve of someone.

9) Johnsy, it seems , will not help her

i) What was the doctor’s belief?

ii) What is Johnsy’s illness?

iii) name the writer.

iv) Give the meaning of the idom ‘ made up her mind’

Ans i) Johnsy had lost the will to live and so medicines would not help her. Ans.ii) Johnsy was seriously ill with pneumonia.

Ans.iii) O’ Henry

Ans.iv) Formed or conceived by imagination.

10) ‘Their genuine outpouringgoing to be ok.

i) Whose concern is the author referring to ?

ii) Which action of theirs comforted the author emotionally?

iii) Name the author.

iv)What does ‘genuine’ mean ?

Ans. i) The author is referring to the people ‘s concern in the school.

Ans. ii) The people who had never spoken to him had now started to talk to him and also invited him to their house.

Ans. iii) Zan G auddioso.

Ans. iv) Sincerely felt or expressed, not fake or counterfeit

11) Sorry I can’t let you have the props in time for rehearsal , I ‘ve had a spot of bother - quite amusing ,I think I will put in my next play.

a) Why could the speaker not return the props in time ?

Ans. The speaker was not able to return the props in time because he had got struck With the intruder in his own house

b) ‘Props ‘ mean.....

Ans. Props mean any movable articles or objects used on set of a play or movie.

c) What was amusing for the speaker?

Ans. His encounter with the intruder at his home was amusing for the speaker. I Find a word from the passage which means ‘the practice of a drama’

Ans. Rehearsal

12) This is your big surprise A Sunday school teacher.

a) Who is the speaker here? Whom is he talking to ?

Ans. The Gerrard is talking to the intruder.

b) What reason does Gerrard give for living there?

Ans Gerrard says that he lived there so that he would be able to catty on his illegal activities without being disturbed.

c) Who are I and you in this passage?

Ans 'I' is the narrator and 'you' is the intruder.

d) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'cunning'

13) It takes much timehide the sprouting leaves

a) Who is the poet of the above lines?

b) Why is it very difficult to kill trees?

c) What does the poet compare the bark of the tree with?

d) Find the name of the tool , from the passage, that is used to cutthings?

Ans i) Gieve Patel

Ans ii) They are very young and energetic and grow by deriving nutrition from the Earth water and air.

Ans iii) Leprous hide.

Ans iv) Knife

14) So hack and chop..... curled green twigs.

i) Which action according to the poet ,is nor capable of killing the tree alone

ii) What will grow again from close to the ground ?

iii) Name the poet.

iv) What does 'Bleeding Bark'' mean ?

Ans. i) Cutting it , burning it or hacking and chopping the tree are not enough to kill a tree.

Ans. ii) Twigs.

Ans. iii) Gieve Patel

Ans. iv) When a tree is cut above the earth, its bark bleeds. Bleeding bark means A chopped trunk

15) "Here , Olga." He said , take this gentleman into the him chop the wood"

i) Who is Olga ?

Ans i) Sergej's cook.

ii) Why does he want the beggar to chop the wood ?

And .ii) To earn an honest living

iii) Who is the writer of these lines ?

Ans.iii) Anton Chekhov

iv) Give the simple past tense of ' chop '.

Ans . iv) Chopped

16) Next he saw the pseudo teacherbegan to scold him.

i) Who is the woman referred in the extract.?

Ans i) The woman referred in the extract is Olga.

ii) What does pseudo teacher mean here ?

Ans.ii) Here pseudo teacher mean a false teacher as he lied to be a teacher.

iii) Who began to scold him?

Ans.iii) The woman began to scold him

iv) Find a word from the extract that is similar to 'rebuke'.

Ans. iv) Scold

Q VII : Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

1) What kind of book that did Tommy show to Margie?

Ans : The book that Tommy showed to Margie was an old, real book which belonged to his grandfather's grandfather. It had crinkly yellow pages, where all the pages, where all the stories were printed on paper and the words stood still.

2) When and how did Evelyn lose her power of hearing?

Ans : Evelyn lost her power of hearing due to gradual nerve damage. At the age of 8 it was noticed and then at the age of 11 it was confirmed that Evelyn had lost her power of hearing ability.

3) Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and how?

Ans : When Evelyn wanted to pursue her career for music everyone discouraged her. It was a percussionist Ron Forbes who helped and encouraged her to listen the music. And feel the music with her body.

4) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of Pungi in the royal residence?

Ans: Aurangzeb banned the playing of the Pungi in the Royal residence because of its shrill and unpleasant sound. It was regarded more as a noise maker than a musical instrument.

5) Who had brought Shehnai to the classical stage? What was he honoured with?

Ans: Shehnai was brought to the classical stage by Ustad Bismillah Khan. He started picking up the finger nuances of shehnai under the guidance of his maternal uncle Ali Bux. He had been

honoured with Padma Shree , Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan

6) Why did Bismillah Khan regularly go to the nearby Bihariji temple in his childhood and what did he earn ?

Ans: At the age of 5, Bismillah Khan would regularly visit the Bihariji Temple to sing Bhojpuri "Chaitya ". For this melodious singing he used to earn a laddu weighing 1.25 kg from local

Bhojpuri King

7) What orders were passed to Kezia in the evening when father returned from office ?

Ans : When Kezia's father returned home from office she was supposed to come down, take off her father's shoes and put them outside. She was also to put her father's tea cup on the tea table.

8) What orders were passed to Kezia in the evening when father returned from office ?

Ans : When Kezia's father returned home from office she was supposed to come down, take off her father's shoes and put them outside. She was also to put her father's tea cup on the tea table.

9) "Father's great speech for the Port Authority had been lost" .What had happened to father's speech?

Ans : Father's speech had been torn to pieces by Kezia , the little girl. She was making a pin cushion as a gift to her father for his birthday. As she was not able to find anything to stuff with . She tore the speech and stuffed it in her cushion.

10) What were the circumstances that forced Kezia to change her opinion about her father ?

Ans : When her mother was hospitalized, her grandmother went to stay with her.

Kezia used to sleep alone at night. She was so scared that she started shouting at night.

She had nightmares and trembled a lot with fear. Then her father came to her room and took her into his arms to comfort her. She felt secured with her father near her. Then she realised that her father was busy with work and had no time to play. She even realised that her father loved her but didn't have the art of expressing it. Thus her attitude towards her father changed from negative to positive.

11). Why did Albert Einstein leave his school?

Albert Einstein left his school because he was not happy with the education system. He was not at ease with the strict regimentation of the school. He felt suffocated because of which he had to leave school.

12) Why did the people call Einstein 'a world citizen'?

People called Einstein a world citizen because he campaigned for peace

of and
democracy and was agitated against arms and bombs, especially after the bombing
Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

13) Why did A. P. J. Abdul Kalam call his childhood a secure childhood?

A P. J. Abdul Kalam call his childhood a secure one because he had loving and caring parents. He had all necessary things which included food, clothes, medicine, etc.

14) What did Abdul Kalam's family do during the annual Shri Sita Ram

Kalayanam Ceremony?

Abdul Kalam's family arranged for a boat with a special platform for carrying the idols of Lord Shri Sita Ram from the temple to the marriage sites situated in the middle of a pond called as Rama Tirtha. His parents even told him stories from the Ramayana.

towards **15) What was the difference in the attitude of the science teacher and his wife**

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam?

Though his science teacher was an orthodox Hindu, he broke the social barriers, and mixed with other religions and communities, he invited Abdul home and served him meals and even sat and ate with him. On the contrary, his wife was conservative and refused to serve Abdul.

16) Was Maria a patriot ? Substantiate your answer with examples.

Ans Maria Sharapova was a patriot. She says that though America has played major role in her life yet she is proud to be a Russian. She says that she still holds the Russian citizenship and her blood is totally Russian. She is ready to play the Olympics for Russia .if they would invite her to play.

17) What shows Santosh's concern for environment?

Ans.Santosh had set the records the only women to climb the Everest twice. She was

also an ardent lover of environment and wanted to work for the betterment of it . Her

concern for the environment can be seen when she brought 500 kg of garbage from the Himalayas

18) How did Maria achieve her success?

Ans. Maria had humble beginning . When she was nine years old she was sent off to the United States to the path of success and stardom. She had strong determination and mental toughness . She was very hard working and competitive which helped in achieving her success.

19) How do the people hate their brothers? Are they right?

Ans. People hate their brothers in different ways and the common of them is by taking arms against them. As they think them to be wrong and themselves right . It is always wrong. They should live in peace and tranquillity.

20) How does the earth unite us?

Ans the earth unites us in many beautiful senses. We eat and drink the things that grow on the earth. It is the earth we walk and play on and after our lives come to an end . We all lie hidden inside it according to our destiny.

21) What does the poet mean by the words ‘ harvests ‘ and ‘war’ ?

Ans. The poet has used these two terms for their symbolic meanings. Harvest is a symbol of peace the farmer does cropping work to feed himself. The term ‘war’ has been used to display the severity of destruction and starvation.

22) Why does Sue rush down to meet Mr. Behrman ?

Ans. Sue rushes down to meet Mr. Behrman , an old painter to pour out her worries regarding Johnsy. She told him about Johnsy’s strange fancy how she was convinced that she would die when the last leaf falls.

23) ‘ She is a true and faithful friend’ Comment.

Ans. She loved Johnsy and looked after her like a mother in her state of illness. She helped her get out of depression and was happy at Johnsy’s recovery.

24) What was Behrman’s dream ? How did it come true.

Ans. Mr. Behrman’s dream was to create a masterpiece. The dream was realised when Johnsy fell ill. He painted a leaf on the other side of her window glass at night and it saved the life of the girl but cost him his own life.

25) Was the poet doubtful or clear ?

Ans: Throughout the poem and the poet’s journey, he faces an archetypal dilemma. He doubts if he would ever be able to come back to take that other road which might

have given him some other more lucrative options in life. The poet believes and we all know that one road leads to another. So going back to original path is not easy.

26) Does the speaker feel that he has made the wrong choice in taking the road less travelled by? If not why does he 'sigh'? What does he regret?

Ans : No, the speaker does not feel that he has made a wrong decision by taking the road less travelled. The poet wanted to explore both the roads. He tells himself that he will explore one and then come back and explore the other, but he knows that he will probably be unable to do so.

27) And that has made all the difference. What is your opinion of the difference... was it for the better or the worse? Substantiate your answer.

Ans: The poem does not clearly state whether the choice made by the poet made him happy or sad. However, if examined the way of the world, we find that the individuals who have achieved recognition and fame have always eschewed the beaten track. Hence we can reason that the poet traveller was made happy by choosing the less travelled path, not the beaten

path, not the beaten track. The concluding line of the poem- 'and that has made all the difference' connotes the poet's joy.

28) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of Pungi in the royal residence?

Ans: Aurangzeb banned the playing of the Pungi in the Royal residence because of its shrill and unpleasant sound. It was regarded more as a noise maker than a musical instrument.

29) Who had brought Shehnai to the classical stage? What was he honoured with?

Ans: Shehnai was brought to the classical stage by Ustad Bismillah Khan. He started picking up the fingernuances of shehnai under the guidance of his maternal uncle Ali Bux. He had been honoured with Padma Shree, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan

31) Why did Bismillah Khan regularly go to the nearby Biharji temple in his childhood and what did he earn?

Ans: At the age of 5, Bismillah Khan would regularly visit the Biharji Temple to sing Bhojpuri "Chaitya". For this melodious singing he used to earn a laddu weighing 1.25 kg from local Bhojpuri King

32) Why did Einstein's playmates call him 'Brother Boring'?

Ans: Einstein could not mix up with other children. He did not find their games interesting.

He often uttered every word twice. He was often teased for his abnormally huge head. And so his friends

nicknamed him "Brother Boring."

33) What plea does the poet make when he addressed the wind?

Ans The poet makes a plea to the wind when he addresses to the wind not to bring destruction for humanity. It should also not scatter papers, break the shutters of the windows, bring rain and throw down books from shelves.

34) Is wind regarded as a symbol of destruction in the poem? Explain.

Ans: In the poem, first stanza depicts the destruction caused by wind. The wind tears the pages of the books, brings rain again, and destroys the daily life of the weaker section of the world. The strong or gusty winds represent turmoil and trouble in our life. These troubles are to be ignored.

35) Describe the central idea of the poem.

The poem *Wind* inspires us to face the challenges thrown at us with grit and firm determination. We should be strong enough to face all the hardships of life with courage. Wind symbolizes problems and obstacles that we all face and go through at some point of time in our lives.

36) Why did grandfather hide Toto for some time when he brought him home ?

Ans : The grandmother was not very fond of animals .When he used to bring a new animal or bird she used to make a lot of fuss. To avoid this grandfather hid Toto for some time and announced his arrival to her when she was in a good mood.

37) Who was Nana How did Toto tease Nana ?

Ans : Nana was the family donkey . Toto was kept in the stable with Nana where Toto used to tease Nana by fast biting on to her long ears with his sharp little teeth. Even Nana got fed up with Toto.

38) How did Toto's love for taking bath almost lead to his being half - boiled ?

Ans : Toto used to love taking bath in hot water. Once when a kettle was kept on fire with water to boil for tea. Toto sat on it. When the water began to boil , Toto tried getting up but found outside cold. So, he again sat down. He kept on hopping outside and then again inside and after sometime he started enjoying this game.

39) What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?

Ans: Margie and Tommy had mechanical teachers. They were taught on computers and television screens. They didn't have a living person as a teacher who would teach the pupils in a classroom.

40) How was author's grandmother different from grandfather? Whom do you like the most?

Ans: Author's grandmother was different from his grandfather. She did not like animals, whereas his grandfather was an animal lover. She always fussed when his grandfather brought home some new birds or animals. I like grandfather the most.

41) What two "important" and "earth-shaking" decisions did the doctor take while he was

looking into the mirror?

The doctor took the following two 'important' and 'earth shaking' decisions:

(a) He would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome.

(b) He would always keep that attractive smile on his face.

42) What happened to his mother when she had run into the burning house ?

Ans a) She inhaled a lot of smoke and fell unconscious in the burning house. Later the fireman rescued her. She put on an oxygen mask. She soon regained her senses and became alright.

43) How did Zan's mother save important documents from the burning house ?

Ans b) As soon as the fire broke out Zan and his mother ran out into the front Yard.

Zan ran to the neighbours to call the fire department where as Zan's mother ran

inside to get the box full of important documents.

44) In what condition did the author go to his school after the fire incident ?

Ans c) The fire had burnt all the author's belongings. He was deeply embarrassed

because he had no uniform, no books and no bag. He felt as if all the security was

ripped away and walked around the school dully.

45) 'They can't hang me twice'. Who said this and to whom in 'If I were you'? What did the speaker mean ?

Ans. The intruder said this to Gerrard. The intruder said this because he was a criminal and was wanted by the police for a murder he had done. So he felt it would not matter if he murdered Gerrard also because the punishment given by the police would be the same, i.e he couldn't be hanged twice for two murders.

46) What work does Gerrard do? How do you know this?

Ans. Gerrard is a dramatist who works for a theatre. The disguise outfit, false moustaches and other similar items in his cottage support this point. The last dialogue in which he says "Hello, Yes, speaking. Sorry I can't let you have props in time for rehearsal,also supports this point.

47) Why did intruder come to Gerrard's house?

Ans. Gerrard lived alone in a house at a solitary place and he sometimes suddenly went off and came back just the same. The intruder was most wanted criminal and so he wanted to assume Gerrard's identity by killing him and then live in his house to escape the police.

48) What has the poet compared with ‘ Leprous hide’ ?

Ans. The poet has compared the Leprous hide with the bark of the tree which has

been discoloured with the passage of time. The poet says that the bark of the

tree looks like a person who has leprosy and the skin of the body has been discoloured because of the old age.

49) What do you think, may be the effect of hacking and the chopping on the tree?

Ans. The effect of hacking and chopping of the tree may result in the bleeding from the tree but, the poet says, the pain will be relieved soon and the bleeding bark will heal itself after some time.

50) How do think, is the tree killed ultimately ?

Ans . The sun and the air burn a tree when it is exposed of its strength. The roots are exhausted and they chock it . Thus the tree is finally killed.

51) What difference does the author note between the flute seller and the other hawkers?

The author finds a difference in selling the articles. The flute seller does not shout out his wares. He makes a sale in a curiously offhanded way as if this was incidental to his enterprise.

52) What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug?

Answer: People believe that when a small shrine emerges fully on Bagwati river, the goddess inside will escape, and the evil period of the Kaliyug will end on earth

53) “A slumber did my spirit seal”, says the poet. That is, a deep sleep ‘closed off’ his soul (or mind). How does the poet react to his loved one’s death? Does he feel deep sense of grief? Or does he feel a great peace?

Ans The poet is shocked and surprised at the death of his loved one. It feels painful. Death does not make anyone feel good. It is always associated with misery.

54) The passing of time will no longer affect her, says the poet. Which lines of the poem say this?

Ans “She seemed a thing that could not feel the touch of earthly years”.

Q VIII: Answer the following questions in 100 - 120 words:

1) How was Margie’s school different from the schools that existed hundreds of years ago?

Ans: Margie's school was at home. She had a mechanical teacher telebooks, no other students were therein the class and work was fed in by the mechanical teacher by punch codes. Whereas the old schools had proper buildings, many students, human teachers who gave homework and asked questions. Every one learned the same things and the books were written on paper. So it is clearly visible that Margie's school was totally different from the schools that existed hundreds of years ago.

2) In spite of all comforts and luxuries in today's world, our grandparents still cherish their own time when life was quite tough. Give your own views regarding this in 80 – 100 words.

Ans : Our grandparents lived during the years of 1950s to 1970s. At that time life was very simple yet tough. They had time to explore the surroundings and the world. They had parks to play with less pollution around them.. Mechanical gadgets were there, but were used only for necessary activities.

There were rivers where they could go for picnics and treks, without the fear of getting allergy. The school was more of a place for fun where they met their friends.

They studied but were not competing with each other.. For them togetherness was important rather than competition. In today's world we are with our friends. We have all the facilities of life but we do not have time for our family and friends. We like to play but on computers and play stations rather than with our siblings and friends.

3) Evelyn's determination to overcome her disability has made her a source of inspiration for deaf children. Comment.

Ans: When Evelyn became deaf, she was determined to lead normal life. She was encouraged by her percussion teacher. She learned to sense the music through different parts of the body and opened her mind and body to the vibrations. She could feel higher drum from waist up and xylophone music through finger tips. She used to remove her shoes on the wooden floors. She was the master of a thousand instruments and most sought after a multi percussionist.

4) In spite of her towering success, Evelyn Glennie does not accept any hint of heroic achievement. Explain.

Ans: Evelyn Glennie had a hearing loss and was discouraged by most of the teachers but she did not give up her determination. Ron Forbes guided her to listen through her body not through her ears. Eventually Evelyn learnt to open her body and mind to sound and vibrations. She scored the highest marks in the history of Royal Academy of Music she also captured many top awards and brought percussion to the front of the Orchestra. She has given pleasure to millions and in spite of this towering success, she does not accept hint of heroic achievement and is very simple person.

5) Difficult situations mark the development of certain qualities in us. Explain with reference to the story the lost child.

Ans : It is true that difficult situations mark the development of certain qualities in us. What we require is that we must have courage in our heart, trust over ourself and tolerance. It comes to be true in the story the lost child. Before separation, the child was

very happy and excited at the fair. He was fascinated with all the things that were displayed at the stalls. He wanted to have all the

things like his favourite toys, sweets, flowers etc, but after separation, the boy just wanted to be with his parents. He takes him to every other place which the child had desired earlier but, he denies and only wants to meet his parents. In this way, it is seen that certain qualities develop in difficult situations.

6) Compare the attitude of the child before and after his separation from his parents.

Ans: Before separation the child was very happy and excited at the fair. He was fascinated with all the things that were displayed at the stalls. He wanted to have all the things like his favourite toys, sweets, flowers, etc. He also wanted to go for a ride. But after separation the boy just wanted to be with his parents. He was not interested in any of those things which he kept asking to have from stalls. In the absence of his parents these things did not give him any satisfaction.

7) How did young Bismillah develop his interest in Shehnai?

Ans Bismillah was fascinated watching his uncle practise the Shehnai when he was only three. He was deeply fascinated by the music of Shehnai. Bismillah started accompanying his uncle Ali Bux, to the Vishnu Temple of Benaras where Bux was employed to play Shehnai. Bismillah picked up the finer nuances of Shehnai and practised for hours on the banks of river Ganga. The themes of his music were deeply affected by the sounds of flowing water of the Ganga. At the age of 14, Bismillah accompanied his uncle to Allahabad music conference where Ustad Fayaz Khan patted his shoulder which inspired and encouraged him to work harder.

8) "There is always a teacher to bring out the latent potential of a pupil." Justify with reference to the role played by Ron Forbes and Ustad Faiyaz Khan in the lives of Evelyn Glennie and Bismillah Khan.

Ans. Teachers craft us to become better individuals both personally and professionally. Ron Forbes understood Evelyn's passion for music. He taught Evelyn the nuances of hearing music not through her ears but through her body. He taught her to feel the vibrations in her hands and parts of legs to get the pitch. So, he crafted her to be more musical and confident. Bismillah Khan's teacher and mentor was his maternal uncle Ali Bux. Bismillah used to be transfixed when Ali Bux used to play Shehnai. As a child, Bismillah used to accompany his maternal uncle to Vishnu Temple of Benaras where Ali Bux was employed to play Shehnai. Bismillah picked up the finer nuances of Shehnai and practised for hours on the banks of river Ganga. He attained perfection only because of his uncle and mentor.

9) What challenges are posed by wind in the life of the poet and the common man?

In our lives, wind destructs our daily routine. It hampers and dampens the spirit of life around. According to the poet, rain and wind are deeds of nature that are received as the tempest forces, which destroy the old and evil inside a man in order to create joy and liberty in his mind. Wind is that difficult natural phenomenon which is very difficult to be predicted accurately just as our

problems which can arise from nowhere. It can hit us at any time of our life. For frail people, literally and metaphorically, wind creates barriers. Winds do not let a frail body or a frail mind survive but on the other hand if you are strong, you have the power and the will to survive and fight back, wind can never be a threat to your living being.

10) Write your views in the form of short paragraph on the topic “ should animals be kept as a pet “?

Ans: Before bringing a pet in the house, we should remember that these animals can neither speak nor express as human beings. As a pet owner, we should know that there are a number of dangers that lurk in our households for these little creatures. We should always keep pesticides and medicines at a bay from the animals and children as they are a potential threat to them. The areas where pets might start fire inadvertently, such as kitchen or fire place or plugs should be covered, we should never have pets unattended around the open flames. Small electrical cords are also harmful for them, possibly they could be wounded so, they must be kept at a distance. All the pots and oil bottles should be properly closed

11) challenges are posed by wind in the life of the poet and the common man?

In our lives, wind destructs our daily routine. It hampers and dampens the spirit of life around. According to the poet, rain and wind are deeds of nature that are received as the tempest forces, which destroy the old and evil inside a man in order to create joy and liberty in his mind. Wind is that difficult natural phenomenon which is very difficult to be predicted accurately just as our problems which can arise from nowhere. It can hit us at any time of our life. For frail people, literally and metaphorically, wind creates barriers. Winds do not let a frail body or a frail mind survive but on the other hand if you are strong, you have the power and the will to survive and fight back, wind can never be a threat to your living being.

12) Kezia in the story “ The Little girl “ was afraid of her father because he never communicated with her. Imagine you are parenting counsellor. Based on your reading of the story, write a paragraph advising the parents to make communication with their children.

Ans In the story Kezia is always scared of her father. Her father was a strict disciplinarian who was always strict towards her . He never spoke to her softly and in a loving manner.

He always scolded her and even beat her up for small mistakes. Parents should not let their stress and workload interfere in their family life. Parents should always spend their time with their children. Bonding and understanding should always be there so that the children can open up their feeling and problems with their parents. There should be no communication gap between the parents and their children.

13) Should the relation between a parent and child be distance and formal or should it be close and warm.

Ans: In today's modern context, parents and children should be more like friends. The relationship between them should be warm and close. This

would be very helpful in developing the overall personality of the child. It also helps in boosting the confidence of the child and making him more strong in his relation. Therefore it is necessary that children must share a close relation with their parents and there should be no fear but only respect and love.

14) Why do you think Einstein hated the school's regimentation? Do you think he should have had abided by the rules of the school? Write in about 100-120 words.

- Einstein hated the school's regimentation because he was not happy with that system. There was no sense of freedom and joy in the school. So he felt suffocated under its strict regimentation, its extreme sense of discipline. The strange and strict rules of the school made him tired. As there was no respect of a child and their rights, he often clashed with his teacher. Rather he loved mechanical toys.
- I think he should not have been forced to abide by the 'extremist' or 'stereotyped' rules of the school. The school is a place where children get the opportunity to develop their creativity and original thoughts. But his school was the place where the authorities had no indication of his potential greatness. Acceptance and appreciation of students talent not only motivates them but also makes them aware of the global issues and give them a chance to solve such problems done by Einstein.

15) What was the outcome of Einstein's letter which he wrote to the American President Roosevelt? Did his warning have any impact on America?

On his colleague's insistence, Einstein wrote a letter to the American President, Roosevelt when the Nazis were in Germany and he had to migrate from there. The discovery of Nuclear Fission in Germany made the atomic bomb. His words had a great impact. The Americans developed the atomic bomb secretly. They dropped it to the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. Einstein was greatly moved by the destruction. He wrote a long letter to the United Nations and suggested that there should be a World Government. This definitely helped ending the world war.

16) What incident took place at the Rameshwaran Elementary School when a new teacher came to the class?

- Kalam used to wear a cap and Ramanandha Sastry wore a sacred thread which marked him to be a Brahmin. When the new teacher came, he could not tolerate a Hindu priest's son sitting with a Muslim boy. He ordered Kalam to go and sit on the back bench. This made Ramanandha sad. Abdul started to sit in the last row but it left a bad

impression on Abdul. Both the kids narrated the incident to their parents. As a result the teacher was rebuked and reprimanded for spreading communalism and hatred among children.



17) ‘Once you decide to change the system, such problems have to be confronted.’

What system is being referred in the sentence from the chapter ‘My Childhood’ What are such problems?



System means system of discrimination on the basis of religion. The system includes the narrow-mindedness and poison of social inequality and communal intolerance. The Brahmins did not allow Muslims to enter their kitchen. The science teacher – a rebel by nature, invited Kalam to his home and proved that if one is determined to face problems and change the system, he will definitely succeed. Though, such differences come in everybody’s life but, a person should have a broader outlook and overcome the obstacles.



18) What is the meaning of ‘My cat was back and so was I’ . had the author gone anywhere ? Why does he say that he is also back?

Ans . The fire had destroyed everything. The author was feeling very gloomy after the fire incident especially because his cat was missing after that. Zan felt that his cat had died in the incident because there was no news about its where about. The author had lost interest in everything. When a kind woman brought back his cat. He regained interest in life. Therefore he said ‘My cat was back and so was I’.

19) How did the coming back of the cat bring happiness in the life of the author?

Ans. The author and the cat missed each other very much. The absence of the cat from the author’s life had made him gloomy. Even the kind lady who had found the cat knew it was loved sorely missed. After the author’s house was renovated and the kind lady who had found his cat had located the owner’s address, the return of cat was possible. It filled the writer’s heart with happiness and the normal phase of his life started again. With the return of the cat, the feeling of loss and tragedy seemed to diminish. The author was overwhelmed by kindness shown by the lady by returning his cat back to him.

20) Some times we think we cannot be cheated since we consider ourselves over- smart. Was this proved correct for Gerrard, in the play if I were you? Discuss the values required to be stronger and not be cheated.

It is true that our over smartness fails sometimes. This was proved correct for Gerrard. As once, he was alone in his cottage. All of a sudden

an intruder entered there. He had a revolver in his hand and he wanted to kill Gerrard. At that time, Gerrard was busy on the phone. Seeing the intruder, Gerrard did not lose his peace of mind. The intruder

revealed that he was a jewel thief. He had killed a policeman and the police was after him. He wanted to avoid the police by taking Gerrard's identity. Gerrard concocted a story and told that he too was a criminal like him. As a proof, he showed his travelling bag. He told the intruder that by killing him he would be accused of double murder.

He told the intruder that his friend was standing below on the road. As soon as the Police arrived he would inform Gerrard to show the man. Gerrard took the intruder to the door. When they reached near the cupboard, Gerrard pushed him into the cupboard and locked it from outside. Gerrard called the police to arrest the intruder.

21) What message does the poet want to convey through this poem ?

Ans The poet conveys the idea through the poem the process of killing or cutting a tree. The poem seems to be contrary to our common belief that more and more trees should be planted. But here the poet lays stress on the implementation of the effecting cutting of the trees. The message that the poet wants to convey through this poem is that we should always do a complete work at the time of starting it. Some people are in the habit of leaving the work half done, while they think that they have done the work perfectly. But in the end they find that it was nothing but an illusion. So the poet wants us to finish the work completely whether the work is of killing of the tree or cutting it. The poet wants us that we should do our optimum efforts and we should put ourselves wholeheartedly leaving no stone unturned.

22) What is your opinion about killing a tree? Is it justified to cut trees? What are the feelings of the poet?

Ans. The poet has expressed his ideas about killing a tree. He has described so many ways to cut trees but it can never be proved a justified way of cutting the trees as it shows our selfish motives. But the theme of the poem is killing trees as the poet wants to convey the idea behind cutting the trees. He gives the message that we have a clinical method through which we can cut trees but even then, there remains a contemptible act underlying in it. The poet is not in favour of cutting but it is his contrasting way to give expression to his thought. He is familiar with the fact that people know the utility of the trees and harms of cutting them even then, they cut trees. That is why he has employed this contrasting method of cutting trees so that people may understand his taunts and may reduce cutting or killing trees.

23) During their conversation Lushkoff reveals that Sergei's cook, Olga is responsible for the positive change in him How has Olga saved Lushkoff?

Ans. Olga was a cook in Sergei's house. Olga was a lady who was very good at heart. She played an important role in transforming Lushkoff. She realised Lushkoff's condition and tried to improve him by criticizing him, in order to improve him. She went through lot's of misery and cried a lot for him. She used to even chop the wood for him. Just the sight of Olga made Lushkoff stop drinking. Olga's sympathy and nobility changed him and he became a notary, earning 35 roubles a month.

24) ' Society has power to reform a man'. Elucidate.

Ans. Man is a social animal and becomes anti social if his circumstances are not right. This kind of environment causes us to choose the wrong path. Society in the shape of Sergei and his cook Olga helped Lushkoff to improve his condition. Noble people always help to reform anti social elements through their welfare deeds. No doubt a man becomes social when he becomes a part of society. Society appreciates for good deeds and checks the wrong actions. Thus we can say that the society has the power to reform a man.

25) Compare and contrast the atmosphere in and around the Baudhnath shrine with the Pashupatinath temple.

At Pashupatinath there is an atmosphere of 'febrile confusion'. Priests, hawkers, devotees, tourists, cows, monkeys, pigeons and dogs roam through the grounds. There are so many worshippers that some people trying to get the priest's attention are elbowed aside by others pushing their way to the front. At the Baudhnath stupa, the Buddhist shrine of Kathmandu, there is a sense of stillness. Its immense white dome is ringed by a road. Small shops stand on its outer edge. Most of the shops are owned by Tibetan immigrants. There are no crowds and this is a haven of quietness in the busy streets around.

26) "To hear any flute is to be drawn into the commonality of all mankind." Why does the author say this?

Ans. The author says this because he is aware of the fact that music appeals to senses. It gives pleasure to every listener. The flute seller does not sell only one kind of flute. He has various types of flutes that represent different customs and culture. The flute seller is a wise sales person. He does not shout out his wares. He plays melodious tunes which fascinate others. Mankind does not have multiple appearances and shapes. It is universal and cosmopolitan. Music soothes everyone's heart irrespective of their caste, colour and creed. So the author says that to hear any flute is to be drawn into the commonality of all mankind.

27) Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country'. What values made Santosh serve society ?

Ans. Santosh Yadav is the only woman in the world .Who has climbed Mount Everest Twice. Santosh was adventurous and hard working and was always open to Challenges. Being an ardent lover of environment she worked for the betterment of it. She was a true patriot who was very proud to unfurl the Indian tricolour flag on map of the world. She always felt that we should not ask on as to what country could do for you but see to it what you could do for the country. She proved this by getting 500 kg rubbish from Himalayas.

28) Write a brief character sketch of Santosh Yadav.

Ans. Santosh was hard working and determined, she could take her own decisions and accepted challenges. She was adventurous and a team builder. She loved and cared for environment. Santosh was a determined woman who always did what she had decided to do. She did not let anything stand in her way. She was a rebel who did not want to follow the traditional ways of her community and refuse to marry at an early age. She wanted to forge her own path. She proved herself repeatedly because of her iron will, physical strength and mental toughness. She loved and cared for the environment .This is proved through the fact that she brought 500 kg of garbage from the Himalaya

29) How do the people hate their brothers? Are they right?

Ans. People hate their brothers in different ways and the common of them is by taking arms against them. As they think them to be wrong and themselves right . It is always wrong. They should live in peace and tranquillity

30) Hatred , jealousy and misdeeds are the dangerous pollutants of our own earth Discuss.

Ans. The world is a global village , a union, a singular entity. It may be possible that the people on the earth may belong to different nations ,castes, creeds, they may speak different languages and vernaculars they may be follower of different religions but still they are equal. Each one whosoever live on the earth is our brother so we should follow the path of fraternity. If we are in the close vicinity of one another , we can enjoy peace and share the joys, nature has showered upon us. But if we do not follow this path and start a war against our own brothers , we are polluting our own beautiful earth. Our hatred jealousy and misdeed have no limit which are serious threat to humanity. If we follow this path ,we can make our earth beautiful place to live in beautiful atmosphere.

31) How can you say that we are all the same? Discuss on the basis of the poem 'No Men Are Foreign'.

Ans. The poem clearly exhibits that all the people living on the earth are brothers. There is nothing which can make them strange from one another. All the people on the earth share this land which clearly establishes that we are all equal and same. No doubt people belong to different nations, they speak different languages.

They follow different religious paths even then, all of them share common traits. That all of them are human beings. All the people feel pleasure and pain equally, we do our best efforts to produce harvest, all of us are afraid of wars and clashes and wish to live in peace and tranquillity. All the resources are commonly shared and if we show our hatred or jealousy towards any one our harmony is destroyed. So the poet has established the true fact that all human beings living on earth are the same.

32) Johnsy could not get better despite the efforts made by the doctor and her friend Sue's ministrations. Discuss the negative feelings that keep one ailing and also discuss the values which remove such feelings and infuse a person with a desire to live.

Ans. Johnsy could not get better despite all efforts. The reason for it was that she had associated herself with the negative feeling. She looked at an ivy creeper outside on the wall shedding its leaves. She started counting backwards from twelve. Sue asked what it was all about. Johnsy said that she would die with the falling of the last leaf. Sue told her that it was all nonsense. But it had no effect on Johnsy. She had established a bond of

her life with the ivy leaves. She felt she would die when the last leaf fell from the creeper. It was raining heavily and wind was blowing. It seemed that last leaf would fall any minute. Behrman painted the ivy leaf, putting his own life in danger. Next day when Johnsy saw the leaf she felt elevated. She was so sorry for being depressing and gloomy. But Behrman had caught pneumonia and died two days later, but his masterpiece had saved the life of Johnsy. The sacrifice of Behrman shows that love, resolution of one's own conflicts, selfless service and realisation inspire one to live.

33) What saved the life of Johnsy – Sue's care, Behrman's sacrifice or change in her own attitude? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. All the three factors played an important role in saving Johnsy's life. If Sue wouldn't have cared for Johnsy by taking care for her, giving medicines on time and boosting her up, she wouldn't have survived. Behrman's masterpiece painting of the ivy leaf on the wall wouldn't have made Johnsy realise that how depressing and gloomy she had become and now she had entirely depended on the leaf. It was because of the masterpiece that Johnsy's attitude towards life changed.

