



SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENT - 1 2021-22

Grade – 8

Subject- ENGLISH

Syllabus – CH- 1,2,3,4,5 [PROSE & POEM] FROM TEXTBOOK (HONEYDEW & IT SO HAPPENED)

[READING]

Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

Next to water, tea is the most commonly consumed beverage in the world. This is a good news because tea offers important health benefits. Its benefits were first discovered by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung who declared that it gave one vigour of body, contentment of mind and determination of purpose. Today there is ample proof that tea in its many forms possesses a number of health benefits from supporting the immune, system to reducing the risk of cancer, to helping prevent tooth decay.

What makes tea such a healthy drink ? The star compounds are called catechins. Those are antioxidants , that help prevent cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.

Tea can be black, green and red and is derived from a warm-weather evergreen tree known as Camelia Sinensis. The more processing, tea leaves undergo, the darker they become. Green tea is the least processed tea. It is simply steamed quickly and offers the maximum healing powers because it isn't fermented. It also helps prevent tooth decay and aids weight loss.

Fill in the blanks

1. The most commonly consumed beverage in the world is..... **Tea**
2. Benefits of tea were first discovered by..... **the Chinese emperor Shen Nung**
3. Tea turns out to be a healthy drink due to the presence of..... **Catechins**
4. Green tea leaves offer maximum healing powers because it is..... **not fermented**
5. The word to the last para which means the same as helps is..... **aids**.
6. It also helps prevent tooth decay and aids **weight loss**
7. Opposite of unhealthy is **healthy**
8. Find out the word which means the same as decompose..... **decay...**

Q2 . Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

JK Rowling is a British author who was born on 31st July 1965. She is best known as writer of the **Harry Potter** fantasy series, the idea for which was conceived on a train from Manchester to London in 1990. The Potter books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, sold more than 400 million copies and been the basis for a popular series of films, in which Rowling had overall approval on the scripts. Rowling is perhaps equally famous for her '**rags to riches**' life story, in which she progressed from living on welfare to multi-millionaire status within five years. Time Magazine named her as a runner-up for its

2007 **Person of the Year**, noting the social, moral and political inspiration she has given her fans. In October 2010, JK Rowling was named the ‘most influential woman in Britain’ by leading magazine editors. She is involved in social work and supports charities as Comic Relief, One Parent Families, Multiple Sclerosis of Great Britain and Lumos.

A. Answer these questions.

- i. Who is JK Rowling and when was she born?**
- ii. Which fantasy series she has written?**
- iii. Name any two charities that are supported by JK Rowling.**

B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words

from the passage

- i. JK Rowling is famous for her ‘rags to riches’ life story.**
- ii. She was named as the first runner-up for Person of the year award in 2007 by Timemagazine.**
- iii. Find the opposites of these words from the passage – reality – fantasy ,immoral - moral .**

Q3. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given below

A very hungry mouse who said,
“I’ll do just what I please!”
Snuck into a house one night
And stole a chunk of cheese
He scampered down the passageway
And thinking that was that,
Was very unprepared to see
The shadow of a cat!
He dropped the cheese And turned around,
And headed for his hole
And didn’t even think about
The big cheese that he stole
When he was finally safe at home
And telling all the mice
He couldn’t help but add some girth to
The abandoned slice.

The kitty, too, became a huge
And formidable beast
To hear the brave mouse tell it
He had nearly been a feast.
His friends, they all believed him, For they did not know he lied



And so, the not so brave mouse
Was allowed to keep his pride!

A Tick the correct answer

1. How did he feel when he saw “the shadow of a cat”?

- i) He felt frightened
- ii) He felt like fighting
- iii) He felt brave

Ans – i) He felt frightened

2 What kind of attitude does the hungry mouse have in the beginning of the poem?

- i) That he deserves some cheese
- ii) That he can do whatever he wants
- iii) The he is braver than the other mice

Ans – ii) that he can do whatever he

wants

B. Who was hungry?

C. Who all believed the mouse ?

D. Who stole the piece of cheese?

E. Write any two rhyming words.

F. Write the antonyms of - i) safe – **unsafe** ii) strong – **weak** iii) friend – **enemy /**

foe

G. Write the past tense of given verb – i) allow - **allowed** ii) proud - **pride** iii)

believe –

Believed

Q4. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given below:

Whenever I see Gas balloons go up I wonder where we'd end up
If we're balloons.
Would we go far away To some unknown destiny ?
Or will it be carefully decided goal We would work our way to ?
Balloons! How much they're
like human beings-
so different from each other
in colours, shapes, design and sizes
Some live long and some don't
Just like us some find
A pair of loving hands and some don't
They get lost, burst or destroyed
Like we do
At times
They rub cheeks affectionately
Occasionally you can hear
them whisper secrets
As only friend will

And once in a while, in the chill
of the night, or mist of dawn
you may find one tear
flowing down silently

Fill in the blanks

1. The poem describes the similarities between balloons and human beings...
2. Just as we are unaware about the fate of balloons, we are also unaware of our destiny
3. Outwardly balloons are different from each other in colour and size
4. The line used to describe the rustling sound of balloons is they rub cheeks affectionately
5. The word from the poem that comes closest in meaning to 'fate' is destiny.....
6. Write any two rhyming words will.....and ...chill.....
7. Write the antonyms of destroyed-...kill off...., slughter.....&..secrets-...open, public.....

[WRITING]

Q 5 Read the following telephone conversation between Nitin Gupta and a caller from a hospital. The caller wants to talk to Brij Mohan but he is, at present, not in the office. He will be back only at 4 pm and Nitin will leave office before that. Thinking yourself as Nitin and using the telephone conversation as the subject, write a message for Brij Mohan in not more than 50 words.

Caller: May I speak to Brij Mohan? I have to talk to him urgently.

Nitin: He is not here at present. He has gone out and will come at 4 pm.

Caller: In that case, will you kindly leave a message for him? It is really urgent.

Nitin: Yes, of course. But I am also going out. However, you needn't worry. I shall leave this message on his 'table. What's it?

Caller: All right. Kindly tell him that his mother has met with an accident and she is, at present, in the civil hospital. She has broken her thumb which is in plaster. She, otherwise, is all right. Please tell Brij Mohan to reach the civil hospital along with his wife.

Nitin: Oh ! I am sorry to hear it. Please don't worry. I shall leave the message for him.

Message

4th July 20xx

Brij Mohan

There was a telephone call for you in your absence. I am sorry to inform you that your mother is in Civil Hospital. She is with a broken r thumb in plaster. Don't worry. She is feeling all right. Reach the hospital with your wife.

—Nitin

Q 6.. Read the following telephone conversation that took place when Rama answered the phone at Future Knowledge Encyclopaedias and Reference books. Write the message that Rama leaves for Mr. Debu using not more than 50 words.

Mr. Murli: Hello, This is Mr. Murli from Madras. May I speak to Mr. Debu please?

Rama: Mr. Debu is not in at the moment. May I take a message for him?

Mr. Murli: Please convey my thanks to him. I have just received the encyclopaedia I ordered. The last payment would reach him tomorrow. I would also like some information on the latest reference books in Geography.

Rama: I'll make sure he gets that message, Mr. Murli.

Mr. Murli: Thank you.

Message

2nd September 20xx

Mr. Debu

Mr. Murli telephoned to you from Madras. He wanted to thank you as he has received the encyclopaedia ordered by him. He says that the last payment will reach you by tomorrow. He would also like to get some information on the latest reference books in Geography.

—Rama

Q7 You are Vaishali Sharma/ Vaibhav Sharma, the Vice Head Girl/Vice Head Boy of Puna International School. Your school is organising an inter class Drawing and Painting Competition for classes V to VIII. Draft a notice, words inviting the students to participate. Give all

PUNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
NOTICE

5th July, 20XX

Drawing and Painting Competition

This is to inform all the students of classes V to VIII about the Drawing and Painting Competition to be held in the school.

Date : 15th July, 20XX
Time : 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
Venue : School campus
Prizes : First- Rs. 2000 Second – Rs. 1500 Third – Rs. 11000

Certificates will be awarded to all participants. Drawing sheets will be provided by the school. For further details contact the undersigned.

(Sign)
Vaibhav Sharma

necessary details.

Q8. You are Meena Gupta/ Manish Gupta, the Head Girl/Head Boy of PUNA INTERNATIONAL School, ZUNDAL. Draft a notice, informing the students of classes VI to VIII about a workshop on 'table manners and etiquettes' to be held in the school premises. Give all the necessary details.

PUNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
NOTICE

20th August, 20XX

Workshop on Table Manners

This is to inform all the students of classes VI to VIII about a workshop on 'Table Manners and Etiquettes', that will be held in the school auditorium on 25th August, 20XX (Wednesday) at 8:00 am. It is mandatory for all the students to attend the workshop. For any type of query please contact the undersigned.

(Sign)
Meena Gupta
(Head Girl)

Q9. You are Namita Saxena , a student of Puna International School. You have been promoted to class VIII Sapphire, which is a Sanskrit section. You want to opt for Gujarati Language for which you will have to request for a change in section. Write an application to the Principal for the same.

4th August, 2021

The Principal

Puna International School

Zundal

Gandhinagar

Subject - Request for change over from Sanskrit section to Gujarati section

Madam,

I am a student of your school and have been promoted to class VIII Sapphire, which is a Sanskrit section. I request you to please change my section to VIII Ruby, which is a Gujarati Section. I am interested in learning Gujarati and I promise you that I will work hard in Gujarati and get good marks.

I request you to change my section at the earliest as the studies have commenced and I do not want to miss any class.

Yours obediently

(Sign)

Namita Saxena

Q10. You are Sparsh Mehta, a resident student in Puna International School, Gandhinagar. Write a letter to your mother describing your new school and hostel life.

Room No. 10

Boys Hostel

Puna International School

Gandhinagar

[Leave a blank line]

August 20, 2021

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Dear mother,

I am fine here and hope this letter finds you in good health. I am enjoying my new school and hostel life. Though sometimes I feel homesick but your words of advice always help me overcome the feeling.

I believe this school is one of the best that I could have gone to. We have the best facilities at our disposal, be it the playground, the gymnasium or the lush green lawns. The teachers are very well-learned, affectionate and efficient. My classmates are helpful and fun to be with.

The warden is very nice and takes pain to control the environment. He is strict and disciplined and takes good care of all the students.

I will definitely try to come in next holidays.

Convey my regards to father and love to the younger sister.

Yours loving son,

Sparsh Mehta

STORY – 1

Q.11 Given below is an outline of the story given in the form of phrases. Fill in the blanks to create the complete story.

Once a bear, a wolf and a fox went leadership of a lion they killed a buffalo. The fox divide into four parts the lion roared keep away one part of the prey claim a second part I was your leader claim a third part for my cubs wants the fourth fight me and have it. walked away quietly.

Story - The Lion's Share

Once a bear, a wolf and a fox went hunting under the leadership of a lion. Very soon they caught and killed a buffalo. The fox divide the buffalo into four parts. The animals were eagerly waiting to eat their shares.

Just then the lion roared, "Keep away from the prey and listen to me. I claim one part of the prey because I was your partner in hunting. I claim a second part because I was your leader. I claim a third part because I want it for my cubs. If any one wants the fourth part, come on, fight me and have it."

The bear, the wolf and the fox let the lion have all the four parts of the prey and walked away quietly.

STORY – 2

Q12. Given below is an outline of the story given in the form of phrases. Fill in the blanks to create the complete story.

two women quarrel over a small baby claimed brought before a judge
listened to women confused He ordered cut the child part. judge's
order one screamed out loudly. give up claim other woman remained
quiet..... mother gave the baby give up her claim jail the mother of
difficult case judge each women one , that woman have the wise judge
..... real sent other woman to

The Real Mother

Once two women had a quarrel over a small baby. Each claimed that she was the mother of the child. They were brought before a judge. The judge listened to both the women. It was really a difficult case to decide. The judge was confused. After thinking deeply, the judge found out the solution. He ordered one of his men, "Cut the child into two parts. Let each women have one part." On hearing the judge's order, one of the women screamed out and loudly and said, "Mercy, Your Lordship. Let that woman have the baby. Let the poor thing live. I give up my claim to it." The other woman remained quiet. The wise judge recognized the real mother. He gave the baby to the woman who was ready to give up her claim. He sent the other woman to jail.

[GRAMMAR]

Q13. Fill in the blanks with the *-ing, ed* or the *-en* form of the words in brackets.

- i) The screaming (scream) child was crying out for help.
- ii) The audience was pleased (please) with my performance.
- iii) All interested (interest) students registered themselves for the trip.
- iv) We enjoyed the refreshing (refresh) breeze on the beach.
- v) The father was upset by his child's annoying (annoy) behaviour.
- vi) The fox was tempted (tempt) by the grapes hanging on the vine.
- vii) Raghav was disappointed (disappoint) at being caught behind wicket.
- viii) We spotted a mystifying (mystify) object emitting red light in the sky at night.

Q14. Fill in the blanks with *little , a little, the little , few, a few or the few*

- i) Grocer: Good morning , Sir. Do you have a little time?
- ii) Customer : Certainly, I can spare a few minutes.
- iii) Grocer : we have a few questions for the purpose of feedback.
- iv) Customer : a few shopkeepers care for feedback . And, the few who take feedback, do not act on it
- v) Grocer : Sir, we are among the few grocers who value our customers and want to do every a little bit to serve them better.
- vi) customer: It takes only a little effort to improve service. I have a few suggestions and I hope the few suggestions I give will win you many more customers.

Q15. Use the infinitive form of the verbs in brackets at the correct places in these sentences.

- i) Learning is my desire. (dance)
Learning to dance is my desire.
- ii) He was the first person on the moon. (land)
He was the first person to land on the moon
- iii) Your determination is strong.(win)
Your determination to win is strong.
- iv) An egg without messing is an art.(break)
To break an egg without messing is an art.
- v) This singer is a delight.(watch)
To watch this singer is a delight
- vi) I would like these flowers.(plant)
I would like to plant these flowers.
- vii) A bridge here is a must. (build)
To build a bridge here is a must.

Q16 Fill in the blanks with suitable present forms of the verbs in brackets.

- i) We have shifted (shift) just two months back.
- ii) The children are watching (watch) the match at present.
- iii) The flyover has been (be) under construction.
- iv) The driver has been driving (drive) around looking for the house since one o'clock.
- v) We have learnt (learn) five new steps in the dance class today.
- vi) The ants in that corner are trying (try) to carry the moth to their nest.
- vii) My father has been attending (attend) the club meetings since his youth.

Q17 Fill in the blanks with the suitable forms of the verbs be , have and do.

- i) They have forgotten all they were told to be careful about.
- ii) Do you know where I had kept my book
- iii) They have abandoned the house before the war started.
- iv) Where are you working these days ?
- v) The rules have been broken and they will be tried before the jury.
- vi) The car was toed away to the workshop by a crane.
- vii) The package has been lying unopened since its delivery

Q18 Fill in the blanks with correct modals from the brackets.

- i) Derek must (will/ must) have boarded the aeroplane as his mobile phone is switched off.
- ii) You shall (shall/ can) cross the road safely at the zebra crossing.
- iii) Take off your socks as they might (might/ should) get wet.
- iv) You should (will/ should) be learning now to reach on time.
- v) Such a heavy object cannot (cannot/ could) be lifted with one hand.
- vi) Students can (could/can) solve these sums on their own.
- vii) The delivery boy might (might/ought to) be there any moment with our food.

Q19 Identify the underlined verbs as transitive (T) or intransitive (IT) Also, write the object of the transitive verbs.

- i) I will be visiting my doctor today evening.

- Transitive (my doctor)
- ii) When I called, She **was thinking** about her result.
Transitive (about her result)
- iii) The matron **was sleeping** when the girls **played** the prank.
Intransitive
- iv) Let us **consider** her views too on rainwater harvesting.
Intransitive
- v) The migratory birds **arrived** in the sanctuary a little early this year
Intransitive
- vi) Now a days I **prefer** cycling to driving the car for nearby errands.
Transitive (cycling to driving)
- vii) The meteorological department **has predicted** an early monsoon this year.
Transitive (early monsoon)

Q20 Fill in the blanks choosing suitable adverbs from the box

excitedly	mostly	sometimes	occasionally
angrily	suddenly	certainly	terribly

- i) We **suddenly** realized we had taken a wrong turn.
- ii) Sparrows are **occasionally** seen in the cities these days.
- iii) The metro is used **mostly** by the youngsters .
- iv) **Certainly** , Jacob’s is the best handwriting in our class.
- v) **Sometimes** , my parents take us to the movies.
- vi)The crowds cheered **excitedly** every time a six was hit.
- vii)She was **terribly** sick when we moved her to the hospital.
- viii) The man spoke **angrily** when he was asked to park out of the way.

Q21. Connect each underlined pronoun with its antecedent with an arrow.

- i) Naman has turned in the project and his is the only one submitted on time
His \longrightarrow Naman, one \longrightarrow Naman
- ii) Mrs. Rao gave me her address and said she would wait for my visit.
She \longrightarrow Mrs. Rao
- iii) She baked some muffins but many got burnt.
Many \longrightarrow Muffins
- iv) He picked Gagan’s bag and passed it to him.
It \longrightarrow bag , him \longrightarrow Gagan
- v) Will Danny buy his uniform now or will he buy it later.
He \longrightarrow Danny , It \longrightarrow uniform
- vi) The Kalam saw the whole city as they drove though it.
They \longrightarrow Kalams , It \longrightarrow city
- vii) My grandfather asked me to get him the medicine.
Him \longrightarrow Grandfather
- viii) The police have identified the thief but they have not arrested her yet
They \longrightarrow Police , her \longrightarrow thief

Q22. Join these sentences using coordinating conjunctions.

- i) Please give me some food. I am starving.

Please give me some food or I am starving.

- ii) My grandfather has weak teeth .He can crack a walnut.
My grandfather has weak teeth so he cannot crack a walnut.
- iii) Bani is good at skating. She is lazy about practicing.
Bani is good at skating but she is lazy about practicing.
- iv) It is an expensive car. Dad did not buy it.
It is an expensive car so dad did not buy it.
- v) Please give me a break. I will go crazy.
Please give me a break or I will go crazy.
- vi) Heena has a small house. It is always full of guests.
Heena has a small house yet it is always full of guests.
- vii) Jafar did not receive any tuition. He scored well.
Jafar did not receive any tuition yet he scored well.

Q23. Complete the sentences using the correlative conjunctions *both...and, either...or, neither...nor or not only ...but also*

- i) It will either rain or snow for sure tonight.
- ii) He not only teaches the poor children but also finances their education.
- iii) There neither were any rooms nor a dormitory available that day.
- iv) Not only the lioness but also her cubs had a narrow escape from the poachers.
- v) You may either use the lift or go up the stairs.
- vi) The movie was neither inspirational nor entertaining
- vii) You did not only the dishes but also the cooking

Q24. Read these sentences about how to fill a form. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

- i) This exercise is to help you in filling out forms.
- ii) You may need to fill out a form at a doctor's in a bank or at booking counter.
- iii) Look at the form carefully before you start filling in.
- iv) Read out the form carefully about any specific instructions
- v) Fill up the form first with pencil so that you can rectify a mistake.
- vi) Ask for help if you do not understand anything.
- vii) Some form may ask you to write some information in separate lines.

Q25. Fill in the blank with a, an or the

- i) Dad and I stopped at a petrol station to get some fuel in the car.
- ii) We were planning to go on a road trip
- iii) The tank was almost empty.
- iv) While we were in queue, the woman in the car before ours got out of the car and got into an argument with the staff.
- v) She was upset about the rise of petrol price.
- vi) It seemed that she was not aware of the hike.

vii) She said a fill normally cost her a thousand rupees.

[LITERATURE]

Q26.-Word meanings

- Spotted it – saw it , found it
- Scorch marks – burn marks
- Restore – repair
- Stuck fast – shut tight
- Muddle headed – Confused
- Suffused with – Spread all over her face
- Accustomed to - addicted to, in habit
- A crumb - a piece
- Shelter - home
- Starvation - hunger
- Quoth - quoted
- Gay - happy
- Dust-cloak –A loose outer garment
- Remonstrated – Protested
- Prickles - a small thorn
- Tremor – a slight earthquake
- Chaos – complete disorder
- Triggered – Caused
- Surge – force
- Inevitable – That cannot be avoided
- Haphazard – without plan or order
- Delineated - shown
- Sprang – To rise , to move up
- Miles – a unit of linear measure
- Pulled in – arrived
- Wobbly – Unsteady
- Grimace – Twisted expression
- Glumly – sadly
- Making his head spin – giving him a headache
- Chutney – Run over
- Squashy – crushed
- Gulped down – Swallowed quickly
- Tiffin – snacks
- Panicked – was very worried
- Crookedly – Not straight
- Shove – Push
- Blockhead – fool
- Glimpses - a momentary or partial view
- Rivalries - competition for the same

- objective or for superiority in the same field
- Dethroned - remove (a monarch) from power
 - Scorned - feel or express contempt or disdain for
 - Inevitably - as is certain to happen; unavoidably
 - Famine - extreme scarcity of food
 - Superstitions - unfounded belief
 - Oppression – Unjust treatment
 - Bleach - deprive of vitality or substance.
 - Pounced - spring forward suddenly so as to attack or seize someone or something
 - Upsurge – An increase

Q27.-Make sentences

- **Basement**
- **Ginger**
- **Sunken in**
- **Whiskers**
- Blossom
- Gruff
- Frost
- Cloak
- Chimney
- Hail
- Musicians
- Twittering
 - Bitterly
 - Downstairs
 - Stretched

Q 28 – Answer the following questions in one or two sentences

1 What did the author find in a junk shop?

Ans - The author found an old roll-top desk in a junk shop in Bridport. It was made in early 19th century of oak wood.

2 How old was Mrs Macpherson now? Where was she?

Ans - Mrs. Macpherson was a hundred and one years old. She was admitted to Burlington House Nursing Home after her house had caught fire.

3 What did the ant ask the cricket?

Ans- The ant asked the cricket that what he was doing in summer times.

4. What does the phrase “nature looked gay” mean?

Ans. It means that the nature is showing its happiness.

5 Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?

Ans- The camel lived in the middle of the desert because he did not want to work.

6 How do you think her geography teacher felt when he heard about what Tilly had done in Phuket?

Ans - Tilly had used what she had learnt in class. The teacher felt satisfied and pleased and was very proud of her.

7 Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion?

Ans- Before coming on vacation, Tilly saw the video of Tsunami in one of her geography classes.

8 What is the logic of geography about the populated land?

Ans - The logic is that the land and water attracted man. So the country is populated.

9 Why the ground from the sky looked haphazard?

Ans - It looked haphazard because all the houses, factories and woods are scattered on the ground unplanned and disordered.

10 How did the Indians react to companies’ conquest?

Ans - Some Indians reacted the companies’ conquest as blessings and some of the Indians showed their dissatisfaction.

11. What is REGULATION III?

Ans - According to this British Rule, an Indian could be jailed without trial in a court.

12 How does the poet describe Macavity?

Ans:- The poet describes Macavity as- a master criminal, a mystery cat and the Hidden Paw.

13. How does the Macavity outwits the British police?

Ans:- Macavity outwits the British police-slipping away from the scene of crime before the police arrives there.

14 Why is the Giant called selfish?

Ans - The giant did not want to share his happiness with anybody. He wanted to enjoy his garden all alone. That is why the Giant is called selfish.

15 When spring came, it was still winter in the garden. What does winter stand for or indicate here?

Ans - The spring is a symbol of happiness. The harsh cold winter is a symbol of suffering. The way there was no flower in the Giant’s garden shows that the happiness was nowhere to be seen in the garden.

16 Why did the man stare at Bepin Babu in Disbelief ?

Ans - The man reminded Bepin Babu about his trip to Ranchi but he refused about it. this made the man stare at him.

17. Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October '58 ?

Ans - Bepin Babu told that he had gone to Kanpur In October 58.he stayed with his friend there.

18. Mention any three things that Parimal Ghose know about Bepin Babu ?

Ans - Parimal Ghose knew that-

- (i) He did not like hotel food.
- (ii) his wife died ten years ago.
- (iii) his brother had died insane.

19 Who was Chunni Lal what did want from Bepin Babu ?

Ans - Chunni Lal was old friend of Bepin Babu. He wanted Bepin Babu to help to find a job.

20. The old man offered the speaker a lot of money. Why did he turn down the offer?

Ans - The speaker turned down the offer because he does not like his offer.

21. Why does he accept the agreement of child?

Ans - He accept the agreement of child because no power, money and beautiful thing in this world can win us. So he accepts the agreement of child.

22 What did Hafeez Contractor have nightmares about?

Ans - Hafeez Contractor had Nightmares about appearing Maths test where he didn't know anything

23. (i) What 'distraction' did Hafeez create one day?

(ii) Would you have liked to participate in the distraction had you been with hi

Ans - One day, Hafeez did not want to study. So, he created a 'distraction' by playing 'Chor-Police' for an hour.

No, I would not like to participate in any kind of distraction.

24 What is Hafeez Contractor's definition of Mathematics?

Ans - Putting design, construction, psychology & sociology together and making a sketch from all these is Mathematics.

25. How many daughters did the royal couple have?

Ans - The royal couple had nine daughters.

26. The king had a peculiar habit. What was it? Why is it called peculiar?

Ans - The king had a peculiar habit. Instead of receiving gifts on his birthday he gave them. Kings usually receive gifts on their birthdays. So this way it was called peculiar.

27. (i).What was Princess September’s reaction to the loss of her parrot?

Ans - Princess September wept and wept. She couldnot be comforted. She was put to sleep without supper.

28, What pulled the princess out of her gloom?

Ans - The coming of the little bird to her room at night comforted her. She wiped her tears and sat up. She heard the little bird sing sweetly. She came out of her gloom.

29. What are the three qualities that played a major role in the author’s climb?

Ans- The three qualities that played a major role in his climb are- endurance, persistence and will power

30. What were the “symbols of reverence” left by members of the team on Everest?

Ans - The members of the team left the following ‘symbols of reverence’ on the Everest to show their belief towards God Almighty. The author left a picture of Guru Nanak. Rawat left a picture of Goddess

31.What is the cause of child’s fear?

Ans - The school and the teachers are the cause of achild’s fear.

32. What had happened to Jody’s father?

Ans. Jody’s father had been bitten by a rattlesnake.

33. .How did the doe save Penny’s life?

Ans. Jody’s father killed the doe or she dear. He used her heart and liver to draw out the snake’s poison. In this way the doe saved Penny’s life.

34. Ranji is not at all eager for a second fight. Why does he go back to the pool, then?

Ans.Ranji decides to go back to the pool to gain self-respect. If he surrenders now, he will be beaten for all time

35. Who was the better swimmer? How do you know it?

AnsRanji was decidedly the better swimmer. We know it when he swims across the pool as his opponent says. He dived for long into the water.

Q 29 - Answer the questions in detail –

1. What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the ‘hump’?

Ans-The Djinn told the camel that as he had missed the first three days of work, he would be able to live and work without eating for three days. This meant that the camel could live off the nutrition stored in his hump for three days.

2. What is Connie’s Christmas present? Why is it “the best Christmas present in the world”?

Ans - When the narrator came to see Connie and gave her the box, she mistook him for her husband Jim. She thought that Jim had come home for Christmas. This was Connie's Christmas present. It was the best Christmas present in the world for her because Jim had written in the letter that he would come home on Christmas. She had read that letter several times everyday to feel that he was near her. Now that he was finally there with her, she was extremely happy.

3 Where did the Smith family and the others on the beach go to escape from the tsunami?

Ans- The Smith family and a few other families on the beach went to the swimming pool at the hotel initially. After a while, when the waves hit, the families ran for their lives and ended up on the third floor of the hotel to escape from the tsunami

4 What were the facts which the poet watched from the six miles height?

Ans - There are two facts;

- (i). The earth is round.
- (ii) The earth has more water than land

5 Why had Velu run away from home?

Ans - Velu had run away from home because he couldn't stand his father beating him for one more day. His father would snatch away all the money he and his sisters earned and spend it on drink.

6. Why did he decide to follow the 'strange' girl?

Ans - He decided to follow the 'strange' girl because she had promised to find some food for him. He was very hungry and knew no way to get the food for himself.

7 What sort of things did Jaya and children like her collect and what did they do with those things?

Ans - Jaya and children like her collected paper, plastic, glass and such other things. They sold these things to Jam Bazaar Jaggu who later on sold them to a factory

8 Who is an artisan? Why do you think the thumbs of expert artisans were chopped off?

Ans - An artisan is a person who is skilled in an applied art; a craftsman. The British feared that the goods which they were importing from their country to sell in India would not stand competition in quality with the goods produced by these expert Indian artisans. So to make them incapable of doing their work the British used to chop off the thumbs of artisans.

9 How did the East India Company subdued the Indian princes?

Ans - Indian princes were divided and fought one another. Very often they sought the help of East India Company to do so. As a result they became weak. By this divide and rule policy the Company subdued them all one by one..

10 Describe the character sketch of Macavity – the mystery cat.

Ans -Macavity is a very cunning and cautious cat. He is tall and thin, his eyes are sunken in, his head is highly domed. His coat is dusty and he never combs his whiskers.

11. Why does he call Macavity a fiend and Monster?

Ans - The poet is fond of cats but he hates Macavity who is big criminal because he dodges the police every time. So, he calls him a fiend and monster.

12 Winter has been presented like a story with its own characters and their activities.

Describe the story in your own words.

Ans -The snow was as cold as an enemy. The frost was a perfect companion of the snow. Both of them added to the overall gloomy atmosphere of the garden. The north wind created the haunting whooshing sound to give the perfect audio effect. It played a haunting music by dancing in the garden and on the rooftops. When all of them invited the hail to join the party, it was too much. It made the situation even worse.

13. The Giant saw a most wonderful sight.

(i)What did he see?

(ii) What did he realize on seeing it?

Ans - The Giant saw that through a hole in the wall children had crept in the garden. Because of their arrival flowers blossomed and birds started to sing. It made the spring to come back to the garden. The happiness returned finally to the garden of the Giant. He realized that it was him who kept the spring away from the garden. He wanted to rectify his mistake, by tearing down the wall and allowing children to play in his garden.

14 . What did Mr. Mukerji say ? Did it comfort Bepin Babu or add to his worries ?

Ans- Mr. Mukerji, after checking his diary ,said that he visited Ranchi in October'58. he also added that he was also there .It added to Bepin Babu's **worries**.

15. What was it about Mount Everest that the author found irresistible?

Ans- Author was always fond of mountain climbing. Mount Everest is the highest, the mightiest and has defied many previous attempts. It takes the last ounce of one's energy. It is a brutal struggle with rock and ice. The passage up and down is difficult. Its climb gives one the sense of victory. Therefore, the author found it irresistible on account of its challenge and difficulties

16.How did Jody bring the fawn back home?

Ans. Jody picked up the fawn into his arms and proceeded to home. After some distance, he kept the fawn down and took rest. Later on, the fawn followed him. Thus he brought the fawn back home.

17 Jody was filled with emotion after he found the fawn. Can you find at least three words or phrases which show how he felt?

Ans :(i) (The fawn) shook him through with the stare of its liquid eye.

(ii) The touch of the fawn made him delirious.

(iii) As though the fawn were a china deer.

18 .The other boy asked Ranji to ‘explain’ himself.

(i) What did he expect Ranji to say?

(ii) Was he, in your opinion, right or wrong to ask this question?

Ans(i) The other boy, Suraj, expected Ranji to say ‘sorry’.

(ii) Suraj was a bully. He was wrong to prevent Ranji from using the pool. The pool was common property.

19 “Then we will have to continue the fight,” said the other.

(i) What made him say that?

(ii) Did the fight continue? If not, why not?

Ans. (i) Suraj spoke the above words because he was tired but he did not want to spare Ranji who refused to accept defeat. So he deferred the fight for the next day.

(ii) No, the fight didn’t continue the next day. Both Suraj and Ranji needed each other’s help, so they compromised. Suraj asked Ranji to teach him to dive and swim under water. While Ranji agreed to become a wrestler with the help of Suraj.

20. Ranji sees his adversary in the bazaar.

(i) What does he wish to do?

(ii) What does he actually do, and why?

Ans i) At first Ranji felt like turning away and look the other way. His second thought was to hit his enemy with the lemonade bottle.

(ii) He actually stands his ground and only scowls at Suraj.

21 What, according to you, makes the two adversaries turn into good friends in a matter of minutes?

Ans:Ranji and Suraj, two adversaries, turned into good friends in a few minutes for a couple of reasons. Both were tired of fighting. Both needed each other’s help, guidance and support. Suraj wanted to learn diving from Ranji. While Ranji liked the idea of becoming a strong wrestler with the help of Suraj

30. READ THE EXTRACT AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

**But tell me, dear cricket,
Did you lay nothing by
When the weather was warm?
Quoth the cricket, Not I!
My heart was so light/ That I sang day and night,
For all nature looked gay.
You sang, Sir, you say?
Go then, 'says the ant and dance the winter away.**

1. Who sang day and night?

(a) The poet (b) The cricket (c) The ant (d) The singer

Ans. (b) The cricket

2. Who saved nothing for the winter?

(a) The poet (b) The cricket (c) The ant (d) The singer

Ans. (b) The cricket

3. What does the ant tell the cricket to do?

(a) Dance (b) Sing (c) Die (d) Beg

Ans. (a) Dance

4. Why did the ant ask the cricket to “dance the winter away”?

Ans. The ant asked the cricket to dance the winter away because all through the winter he had done nothing but had fun.

5. What does the phrase “nature looked gay” mean?

Ans. It means that the nature is showing its happiness.