

Sample Paper 3 (Solved)

Class XII Exam 2022-23

English-Core (301)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
- The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
- Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS 20

I. Read the passage given below 10

- Nuclear capability gives a status to the country in the community of nations. No nation can afford to make destructive use of the nuclear energy without risking a World War. That is why America did not make use of nuclear weapon in the Vietnam War though it had become a matter of prestige for her. Similarly Russia preferred to pull out her missile bases from Cuba instead of coming in direct conflict with a nuclear power, America. But India, since she started adopting nuclear technology, had decided to make only peaceful use of nuclear energy. The fear expressed by Pakistan and the comments made in the Chinese press are more for the sake of propaganda than for the projection of truth.
- India needs nuclear energy in order to meet her power shortage. She has been depending upon hydroelectric power which is undependable because of the uncertainty of rainfall. Good quality of coal which is another source of energy cannot be extracted commercially because it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high. India is not producing much of oil, rather she has to import nearly 74 per cent of her total consumption. So the only alternative with India is to have a cheaper and more dependable source of energy. The known reserves of thorium in India are sufficient to last many hundred years. That is why India has already commissioned two nuclear power stations, one at Tarapur and the other at Rana Pratap Sagar. Each one has the installed capacity of producing 420 M.W. of electricity. Two other at Kalpakkam, are operational. This energy will be able to meet the power shortage throughout the country. If industries work at their full capacity, production will be higher and so per capita income will increase and inflation will be neutralized.
- With the help of controlled nuclear explosions, artificial dams can be made. In fact, for building a dam there should be two huge mountain walls enclosing a deep valley just near the course of a river. These conditions are not available at all the places. So with the help of controlled nuclear explosions mountains can be blown up. This can also help in laying roads in the mountainous areas. In fact, some of the borders of India have mountainous terrain and the movement of the army is quite difficult. So even for the sake of national security it is necessary to have roads in those areas.
- With the help of radiation the shelf life of vegetables and fruits can be increased. In the tropical countries like India, it is necessary that the perishable fruit stuffs are preserved for a long time. Radiation can check the sprouting of onions and potatoes which are much in demand in foreign countries. Similarly fruits like bananas and mangoes which have much export potential can be preserved for a very long time. The texture and taste of the fruit do not undergo any change.
- Nuclear technology can also be harnessed for medical purposes. It is said that radioactive iodine is used for detecting the disease of the thyroid glands. Similarly, 'India of U.N. experts, radiated vaccine which can immunize sheep from lungworm disease, which used to take a heavy toll of sheep every year.
- Properly processed nuclear fuel is also used for artificial satellite in space. Weather satellites can predict cyclones and the rainfall with extreme accuracy. Communication satellites can help in conveying the messages to very long distances. In a huge country like India, communication satellites are necessary.

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7. Radiation is also used for preparing the mutant seeds. Many varieties of rice and some cereals have been prepared at Tarapur laboratory. This will increase our agricultural production and help India to become economically better off. So for India it is necessary to make peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. India needs nuclear energy in order to _____.
- gain status in the community of nations
 - meet her power shortage
 - increase her might
 - frighten the hostile countries
- Ans :** (b) meet her power shortage
- ii. Coal, another source of energy, cannot be extracted commercially because _____.
- it lies very deep
 - the cost of extraction is very high
 - it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high
 - it is risky for the miners to extract it
- Ans :** (c) it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high
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- iii. In India _____ are sufficient to last many years.
- nuclear power stations
 - reserves of thorium
 - vegetables and fruits
 - radioactive iodine
- Ans :** (b) reserves of thorium
- iv. _____ is also used for preparing mutant seeds.
- Nuclear energy
 - Artificial satellites
 - Radiation
 - None of these
- Ans :** (c) Radiation
- v. India is making _____ use of nuclear energy.
- peaceful
 - satellite
 - medical
 - explosive
- Ans :** (a) peaceful
- vi. Hydroelectric power is not dependable because _____.
- Ans :** there is uncertainty in rainfall.

- vii. How can radiation be helpful?

Ans : Radiation can help in increasing the shelf life of vegetables and fruits.

- viii. How does nuclear technology help in the field of medicine?

Ans : Nuclear energy can be helpful in detecting diseases of thyroid glands.

- ix. In what way can nuclear energy boost our communication?

Ans : By helping in conveying the messages to very long distances.

- x. Mention one condition for building a dam.

Ans : For building a dam, there should be two huge mountain walls enclosing a deep valley which is near a river source.

II. Read the passage given below.

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- We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful-it works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.
- Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with either our own nature or that of the Supreme.
- All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises, assists in human evolution, but we are now using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them.
- The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink to. Nature is everyone's Amma and her fierce blows will sooner or later corner us and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of olden days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, or travel by luxury cars or indulge themselves with delicious food and savouries.

5. Pilgrims traditionally moved ahead, creating a feeling of belonging towards all, conveying a message of brotherhood among all they came across whether in small caves, ashrams or local settlements. They received the blessings and congregations of yogis and mahatmas in return while conducting the dharma of their pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is like penance or sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it, to keep the body healthy and fulfilled with the amount of food, while seeking freedom from attachments and yet remaining happy while staying away from relatives and associates.
6. This is how a pilgrimage should be rather than making it like a picnic by taking a large group along and living in comfort, packing in entertainment, and tampering with environment. What is worse is giving a boost to the ego of having had a special darshan. Now alms are distributed, charity done while they brag about their spiritual experiences!
7. We must embark on our spiritual journey by first understanding the grace and significance of a pilgrimage and following it up with the prescribed rules and rituals - this is what translates into the ultimate and beautiful medium of spiritual evolution. There is no justification for tampering with nature.
8. A pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation and meditation and acceptance, and is a metaphor for the constant growth or movement and love for nature that we should hold in our hearts.
9. This is the truth !

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Pick out the option that is not true according to the passage.
A pilgrim can keep his body healthy
- by travelling a lot of places
 - by travelling light
 - by keeping free from attachment
 - by eating small amount of food
 - by eating snacks and rich food
- (a) Both 1 and 2
(b) only 2
(c) 1, 3, 4, and 5
(d) only 4
Ans : (d) only 4
- ii. As given in the passage, it states that most of the time, people prefer to do _____.
Ans : what makes their heart happy
- iii. Pick out the option that means the same as 'render' given in paragraph 3.
(a) withhold
(b) suppress
(c) return
(d) conceal
Ans : (c) return
- iv. Pick out the option that is TRUE about the pilgrimages, as discussed in the above passage.
(a) Pilgrimages have been converted into tourism nowadays.
(b) Pilgrimages should be performed at the young age only.
(c) One should avoid eating food while on a pilgrimage.
(d) Pilgrimages should be done for the purpose of fun only.
Ans : (a) Pilgrimages have been converted into tourism nowadays.
- v. As per your understanding of the passage, choose the words that best describe the response of nature against cleverness shown by us.
1. Catastrophic
2. Gratifying
3. Buoyant
4. Detrimental
(a) 2 and 3
(b) 1 and 4
(c) 1 and 2
(d) 3 and 4
Ans : (b) 1 and 4
- vi. The word 'Amma' used by the writer signifies _____.
Ans : the importance of nature without 'whom' we cannot survive
- vii. As the word 'Brotherhood' can be replaced with 'fraternity, the word 'sisterhood' can be replaced with _____.
Ans : sorority
- viii. According to passage, how do we satisfy our ego?
Ans : By having darshan and distributing alms
- ix. What is the antonym for 'contemplation'?
Ans : Avoidance

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- x. Choose the word from the given options which means the same as 'complacent'.
- (a) Very traditional
 (b) Very satisfied
 (c) Very cruel
 (d) Very lethargic
- Ans : (b) Very satisfied

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III. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. 5
- A. You lost your wallet in the school playground. Write a notice for your school notice board giving all the necessary details.

Ans :

<p>APJ School, Delhi</p> <p>NOTICE</p> <p>24th October, 2016</p> <p>Lost Wallet in the playground</p> <p>This Information is about a wallet which I, Abhinay Gupta of class XI-A, has lost. It went missing in or around the playground of the school, in recess hour. The wallet is chocolate-brown in color. It is an Eskee wallet and contains my school id and multiple other essential documents. If the wallet is found by any staff or student, s/he is humbly requested to submit it in the school office.</p> <p>Student of XI-A Abhinay Gupta</p>
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Or

- B. As Teacher Co-ordinator of the Quiz Club of AMM School, Pune, draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing students of the inter-class quiz contest asking them to register their names with the Secretary of the Club within a week.

Ans :

<p>A.M.M. School, Pune</p> <p>NOTICE</p> <p>21 April, 20xx</p> <p>Register for Quiz Competition</p> <p>This is to inform all students of classes VI-XII that an interclass quiz competition will be held this Friday, 25 April, 20xx in the audio - visual room from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. Maximum number of students representing per class is three. Those interested can give their names to the secretary of the Quiz Club for registration.</p> <p>XYZ (Teacher Co-ordinator, Quiz Club)</p>	4
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2. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below : 5

- A. You are Riya/Ryan living at 40, Krishna Colony, Manali. You decided to hold a lunch party to congratulate your grandparents on their golden wedding anniversary. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words to all family members to attend a grand lunch at home.

Ans :

40, Krishna Colony, Manali

Date : 20 Feb. 20xx

My dear uncle and aunt on the auspicious occasion of the Golden wedding Anniversary of my grandparents, I am inviting you to the grand lunch at our residence. The lunch is scheduled to be on 28 Feb. at 12 : 30 pm.

Kindly confirm your presence by 25 February.

Thank you

Riya

Or

- B. Draft a formal reply accepting an invitation to be present on the occasion of the wedding of Ankush S/o Mr & Mrs Shankar of 24, Green Park Road, Kanpur. You are Vikram Gaur of Raja Ki Mandi, Agra.

Ans :

Mr And Mrs Shankar, Kanpur

Date : 5 May, 20XX

Mr and Mrs Vikram Gaur thank Mr And Mrs Shankar for inviting them on the occasion of the wedding of their son Ankush at 24, Green Park Road, Kanpur on 15 May, 20XX and assure them that they will be present on the occasion to wish the newly weds a very happy married life. Mr and Mrs Gaur will reach Kanpur by the Agra Mail which leaves Agra at 8.00 a.m.

Vikram Gaur

3. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below : 5

- A. Two main parks in your locality have suffered from neglect on the part of local authorities. They have virtually been taken over by undesirable elements. As a result the residents have stopped going to the parks. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern about the problems the neglect has created and suggest measures to reclaim the parks for children. You are Gautam/ Gauri of 2, Gobind Enclave, Meerut.

Ans :

2, Gobind Enclave,
Meerut-19

31st August, 20xx

The Editor

The Morning Chronicle

31, MG Road,

Meerut-01

Subject : Utter Neglect of the Two Main Parks in the Locality

Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities and express my concerns regarding the problems arising due to utter neglect of the two main parks in Gobind Enclave both of which are visible from my house.

The caretaker and gardener assigned by the horticulture department are inefficient in doing their jobs. As a result, the trees, grass as well as the bushes remain untrimmed. The garden too is not properly tended to because of which there aren't many flowers to please our senses. Needless to say, the local authorities have failed to do their duties of looking after the two main parks, and now they have virtually been taken over by undesirable elements, who are often seen involved in substance abuse. Many residents have complained about the nuisance they create for the park-goers under the influence of alcohol. However, no action has been taken against these anti-social elements. These parks used to be a sight for the sore eyes because they were so well maintained and beautiful. I regret to inform you that because of the above mentioned reasons the residents have stopped going to the park.

The concerned authorities must take adequate action immediately to restore the two main parks of Gobind Enclave to their old glory. It must hire responsible people to tend to the parks and the gardens and keep a check on their maintenance by paying surprise visits. They should appoint two security guards on 24x7 basis who must be alert on duty. Only then the undesirable elements will be prevented from entering the parks.

I hope I have been able to put my concerns and views across in this letter and that required actions will be taken by the concerned authorities at the earliest.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Gautam Pradhan

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Or

- B. You are Anand/Arti of 14, Model Town, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of Chief Chef in a 5-Star Hotel. Apply for the job with complete bio-data. Write in 120-150 words.

Ans :

14, Model Town

Delhi

3rd March, 2014

The General Manager

JW Marriott

New Delhi

Subject: Job application for the position of Chief Chef
Sir/Madam,

Having seen your advertisement for an experienced Chef, I wish to apply for the same in your reputed organization. I came to know about the vacancy through the newspaper The Hindu dated March 15, 2014. Please find attached my bio-data for the purpose.

I have been working with organizations of international repute for the last seven years. At present, I am working with Radisson Hotels, Gurgaon as a Senior Chef. I believe that I have the skills, creativity and qualifications to excel in the role and would like to bring my enthusiasm for creating new dishes to your hotel.

I would appreciate the chance to discuss my abilities and your menus and explain how I could contribute to your restaurant's success.

I thank you in anticipation of an early response.

Yours truly,

Arti

BIO-DATA

Name	:	Arti Pandey
Father's Name	:	Mr. Daksh Pandey
Address	:	14, Model Town, Delhi
Phone	:	92572xxxx
Date of Birth	:	24th September 1989
Marital Status	:	Unmarried

Educational Qualifications :

- M.Sc. in Culinary Arts, HM College, Delhi (2006-2007)
- B.Sc. in Hotel Administration, IHM, Kolkata (2003-2005)

Experience :

- Working as a Senior Chef in Radisson Hotels, Gurgaon

Skills :

- Excellent communication skills, team player, knowledge of different cuisine, sincerity
- Very effective in maintaining standards of food quality through active observation of dishes and direct supervision of special recipes.
- Experienced in interviewing candidates for kitchen positions.

Languages known :

- English, Hindi and Gujarati

References :

- Mr. Deepak Chautaliya Manager, F&B Operations The Radisson, Gurgaon
- Dr. Krishna Chand Rai Director IHM, Kolkata

Thank You

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below : 5

- A. You are Jay/Jaya, studying in Shyamala Memorial Hall, Trichy. Some students of our school attend a first aid training camp for a week at Red Cross Headquarter of our state. Write a report for your school magazine in 100-125 words on the events of the camp and your participation and performance.

Ans :

FIRST AID TRAINING CAMP

Report by --- Jaya, student trainee

Recently a First Aid Training Camp was held at Trichy Headquarter of Red Cross. Our school students too participated in this week-long camp. There were doctors called from hospitals to give children the

practical demonstrations how First Aid to the person is to protect or save life and help him/her recovery. But at the same time, we must keep ourselves cool. A small first aid box was also taught to be made and what important things should the box contain. At the end of the workshop, everyone felt of herself confident enough to provide first aid to the person in need.

Or

- B. Visiting new places and meeting new people enhance our understanding and knowledge besides being a source of great pleasure. Write an article in 120-150 words on 'Travel, a Source of Knowledge and Pleasure. You are Gopal/Govindi.

Ans :

Travel, a Source of Knowledge and Pleasure

by Gopal

Some might say that they detest travelling because it leaves them completely wearied and irritated. However, there are others who beg to differ. They believe that travel, most certainly, is a source of pleasure as well as knowledge, and that is why, they enjoy their vacation to the fullest.

One cannot deny that visiting new places and meeting new people enhances one's understanding and knowledge and at the same time lets one unwind from his/her daily routine. Travelling is a great stress buster as it entertains one, thus rejuvenating one to his/her core. But, why is travelling or going on a vacation so much fun and entertaining? It is so probably because being at new places allows one to learn about new cultures, lifestyles, languages, experience new things, make new memories, try new cuisines, etc. One is intrigued no doubt, when one comes face to face with the vast diversity, which one way or the other unites the world. A wise person once said that it's not the destination that matters. It is always the journey made to reach the destination that matters the most. How profound!

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SECTION C- LITERATURE 40

IV. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 1 × 6 = 6

1.A ... But Gandhi was vehemently opposed. He said, "You think that in this unequal fight it would be helpful if we have an Englishman on our side. This shows the weakness of your heart. The cause is just and you must rely upon yourselves to win the battle...."

"He had read our minds correctly," Rajendra Prasad comments, "and we had no reply ... Gandhi in this way taught us a lesson in self-reliance".

Self-reliance, Indian independence and help to sharecroppers were all bound together.

- i.** Gandhi taught the sharecroppers a lesson of self-reliance so that
- they could believe in themselves and be self-dependant.
 - they get to know to fight amongst themselves only.
 - they understand that British could not be trusted
 - they learn and follow civil disobedience

Ans : (a) they could believe in themselves and be self-dependant.

- ii.** Find out the word from the given extract which means the same as 'fiercely'.

Ans : Vehemently

- iii.** Rajendra Prasad who was a lawyer later on became

Ans : the first President of India

- iv.** The above extract has been taken from _____.

Ans : Indigo

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- v.** Assertion (A) : Gandhi was vehemently opposed to letting Andrews help him in Champaran.
 Reason (R) : Because Gandhi was always suspicious of new people who offered help.

- Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- A is true but R is false.
- A is false but R is true

Ans : (c) A is true but R is false.

- vi.** "He had read our minds correctly," Rajendra Prasad commented. What is the sentiment exposed here?

- anger
 - satisfaction
 - understanding
 - forgiveness
 - pride
- (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - (ii), (iv) and (v)
 - (i) only
 - (ii), (iii) and (v)

Ans : (d) (ii), (iii) and (v)

Or

- 1.B** Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together. Even so his clothes were in rags, his cheeks were sunken, and hunger gleamed in his eyes.

- i.** The peddler had to resort to both begging and thievery.

The above sentences demonstrates that

- the peddler was very greedy.
- the peddler do not like to sit idle.
- the peddler wants to become rich.
- the peddlers earning was not enough for the survival.

Ans : (d) the peddlers earning was not enough for the survival.

- ii.** Through peddler's appearance it is signified that he was a/an

- beggar
- thief
- unfortunate man
- crofter

Ans : (c) unfortunate man

- iii.** The peddler's rattraps were made of _____

Ans : wire

- iv.** Who is the author of this chapter?

- Alphonse Daudet
- Salman Rushdie
- Selma Lagerliif
- Louis Fischer

Ans : (c) Selma Lagerliif

- v. What does the idiom 'keep body and soul together' mean?

Ans : It means to stay alive, especially in difficult circumstances.

- vi. What is the name of the chapter from which the extract is taken?

Ans : The Rattrap

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. $1 \times 4 = 4$

2.A Derry : [Panic] I've got to go.

Mr. Lamb : Not on my account. I don't mind who comes into the garden. The gate's always open. Only you climbed the garden wall.

Derry : [Angry] You were watching me.

Mr Lamb : I saw you. But the gate's open. All welcome. You're welcome. I sit here. I like sitting.

- i. "Mr Lamb : Not on my account." Based on this line, do you think Mr. Lamb was angry with Derry?

Ans : No, because he welcomes everyone into the garden.

- ii. What does the statement "Only you climbed the garden wall." mean?

(a) Everyone got permission before entering into the garden.

(b) Mr. Lamb wanted Derry to be punished.

(c) Derry was the only person to sneak in through the wall.

(d) Derry doesn't know the location of the gate.

Ans : (c) Derry was the only person to sneak in through the wall.

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- iii. Assertion (A) : Mr. Lamb is a generous old man who welcomes everyone.

Reason (R) : He had been threatened to not stop people from coming into the garden.

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

(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

(c) Both A and R are false.

(d) A is true but R is false.

Ans : (d) A is true but R is false.

- iv. Do you think Derry has the right to be angry at Mr. Lamb?

Ans : No, because he was the one entering Mr. Lamb's garden secretly.

Or

2.B His father had taken him often to the islands of those seas, and never had he failed to say to the little brave boy at his side, "Those islands yonder, they are the stepping stones to the future for Japan."

"Where shall we step from them?" Sadao had asked seriously.

"Who knows?" his father had answered. "Who can limit our future? It depends on what we make it"

- i. Who did 'the little boy' refer to?

Ans : Dr. Sadao Hold

- ii. What does the speaker mean by 'stepping stone'?

1. Means of advancement
2. Means of progression
3. Means of disorganization
4. Means of paucity

(a) Option 1

(b) Option 1 and 2

(c) Option 3

(d) Option 3 and 4

Ans : (b) Option 1 and 2

- iii. Pick out the option that best describes the word 'yonder' as used in the passage.

1. Distant
2. Accessible
3. Proximate
4. Non-adjacent
5. Adjoining
6. Far-flung

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(b) 4, 5 and 6

(c) 1, 4 and 6

(d) 2, 3 and 5

Ans : (c) 1, 4 and 6

- iv. "Where shall we step from them?" Sadao had asked seriously.

Which of the following words can replace the word 'seriously' as given in the above line?

(a) Fairly

(b) Earnestly

(c) Insignificantly

(d) Slightly

Ans : (b) Earnestly

3. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given. $1 \times 6 = 6$

3.A ... but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at young
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of
their homes.

- i. The above extract has been taken from _____.
Ans : My Mother at Sixty-six
- ii. The poet started looking out at the young trees to _____.
Ans : to distract her attention from her ailing mother's face
- iii. In the above extract, the young sprinting trees signify.
1. energy
 2. fast pace of life
 3. youthfulness
 4. life
 5. death
- (a) 2, 4 and 5
(b) 2, 3 and 4
(c) 1, 3 and 4
(d) 3, 4 and 5
Ans : (b) 2, 3 and 4
- iv. Which thought did the poet put away?
Ans : The thought of her mother's impending death.
- v. The phrase 'merry children' symbolizes
1. Pain
 2. Nostalgia
 3. Happiness
 4. Sluggishness
 5. Vitality
 6. Exuberance
- (a) 3, 5 and 6
(b) 1, 2, and 4
(c) 4 and 5
(d) only 6
Ans : (a) 3, 5 and 6
- vi. What is the most likely reason the poet capitalised 'Young Trees'?
- This was to
- (a) Convey a clearer meaning.
 - (b) Highlight the adj.-noun combination.
 - (c) Enhance the contrast.
 - (d) Draw a connection with the title.
- Ans :** (c) Enhance the contrast.

Or

3.B Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- i. How would you describe Aunt Jennifer based on the above extract?
Ans : Oppressed
- ii. Uncle's wedding band sits heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand because _____.
Ans : she feels burdened in her marriage
- iii. Pick the option that displays the image which correctly corresponds to the type of task Aunt is engaged in.



- (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
- (a) Option (i)
(b) Option (ii)
(c) Option (iii)
(d) Option (iv)
Ans : (b) Option (ii)
- iv. Which of the following is an example of an alliteration?
- (a) Finger fluttering through the wool
 - (b) Upon Aunt Jennifer's hand
 - (c) Ivory needle hard to pull
 - (d) Massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
- Ans :** (a) Finger fluttering through the wool
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- v. What is the meaning of the word, 'fluttering'?
- (a) The falling of raindrops
 - (b) The palpitations of one's heart
 - (c) Moving unsteadily and irregularly with trembling
 - (d) The swift movements of one's hand
- Ans :** (c) Moving unsteadily and irregularly with trembling
- vi. What is the rhyming scheme of the extract?
Ans : aabb

V Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 5 = 10$

- i. Franz reached school late. Yet, M. Hamel did not scold him. Why?

Ans :

On reaching the school late that day, Franz was not scolded because the atmosphere in the school was sombre; an order had come from Berlin that German was to be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine from now on. Everyone was sad that it was going to be their last French lesson.

- ii. Describe the crofter's hospitality towards the peddler.

Ans :

The good natured crofter was a lonely man. So, when the peddler knocked on his door for shelter, the crofter welcomed him with open arms. He served him porridge for supper and offered him a big slice of tobacco for his pipe. He also played a game of cards with the peddler till bedtime. This hospitality was unexpected as people usually made sour faces when the peddler asked for shelter.

- iii. Explain Douglas' statement, "The instructor was finished. But I was not finished."

Ans :

The instructor had trained Douglas piece in every exercise pertaining to swimming but Douglas was not satisfied. He was under the fear that the terror of water would get hold on him again while swimming. So the author was in a mood to have more attempts or exercise for perfection.

- iv. What do celebrities dislike most about interviews?

Ans :

'Thumbprints on his windpipe' means to choke or suffocate somebody by applying pressure on his throat. Saul Bellow uses this expression to refer to the pressure and discomfort felt by a celebrity while giving an interview.

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- v. What makes human beings love life in spite of all the troubles they face?

Ans :

Human beings love life in spite of all the troubles they face because they are surrounded by the things of beauty in nature. They remove the gloomy pall from our dark spirits. Nature makes us rise above the spite of our despondence and allows us to become attuned to the beauty of nature.

- vi. How does the poet describe Aunt Jennifer's tigers?

Ans :

The poet describes Aunt Jennifer's tigers as topaz, bright-eyed denizens, prancing with sleek and chivalric certainty. The tigers are free and fearless unlike her aunt who is timid and suppressed. The tigers greatly contrast with the personality of her aunt.

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 2 = 4$

- i. Dr Sadao was a calm person in general. What made him raise his voice at Hana? How did she react?

Ans :

When Dr. Sadao started operating on the wounded American soldier, Hana had to be there to assist him. As someone who had never witnessed surgery before, the sight of blood disgusted Hana and she choked. In a sharp tone, Dr. Sadao told his wife to be strong and not faint. However, Hana ran outside and vomited. Sadao wanted to comfort his wife but at the same time, could not leave the American soldier unattended. This helplessness forced an otherwise calm and composed Dr. Sadao to be impatient and irritable with his patient.

- ii. What did Derry's mother think of Mr. Lamb?

Ans :

Derry's mother did not think very highly of Mr. Lamb and claimed to have heard not really good things about him. She had been told and warned by people about Mr. Lamb and so she tells Derry not to go back to him. She also tried to hold him back but he does go back to Mr. Lamb.

- iii. Why did Charley run away from the third level?

Ans :

Charley was greatly amazed when he reached the hundred year old third level and was planning to buy two rail tickets to Galesburg where he had spent his childhood. But when he took out his money to pay the fare, the clerk found out that his notes were fake and thought that Charley was attempting to fool him. He warned him that he would call the police. Seeing that there was nothing good about police and jail in the hundred year old Galeburg, Charley ran away.

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i. Why should child labour be eliminated and how? Explain on the basis of Lost Spring.

Ans :

Child labour should be eliminated because the children employed at tender age as i domestic servants, dish-washers at road-side dhabas and in hazardous industries making glass bangles, biris, crackers etc. lose the charm of the spring of their life. Their

childhood is stolen. Burdened by the responsibility of work, they become adults too soon. Most of them are undernourished, ill-fed, uneducated, and poor. They have a stunted growth.

Child labour can be eliminated only through concerted efforts on the part of government agencies, NGOs (Non-Government Organisations), co-operative societies and political leaders. Mere passing of law will not help. Laws should be enacted faithfully. The children thrown out of work should be rehabilitated and given proper food, clothes, education and pocket money. Their feelings, thoughts and emotions should be respected. Let them enjoy sunshine and fresh air.

Or

- ii. Elaborate how the Champaran episode is considered as the turning point in Gandhi ji's life.

Ans :

For some, education is an obligation, for others, a necessity. For slum children like Saheb, education is a privilege.

The people living in the slums lead a miserable life in unsanitary conditions and always poverty stricken. They cannot afford an education; the only thing that matters to them is survival. Saheb says that "When they build one (school), I will go." This proves that they have been promised a better life with better opportunities on many occasions. The slum children have been promised education for a better future; a hope to escape their deplorable circumstances. However, not much has materialised for the slum people, especially the children. Garbage was and still is the means of their livelihood no less than gold. That is why Anees Jung says that promises, which were not really meant, are just too many to count and are a part of the bleak world to which Saheb belongs.

Under-privileged children are more interested in earning. However, there are also children like Saheb who want to study. Each day, I would devote an hour to teach the underprivileged in and around my locality. I would also request my peers to donate their old books, notebooks, geometry boxes, school bags, etc. to these children so that they too can learn to read and write. I would also urge my principal, teachers and fellow students to form special teaching group and take special classes on every Sunday for slum children. Or else 'each one teach one, promises made to Saheb and others like him cannot be fulfilled.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behaviour that the person expects from others?

Ans :

A person with any physical impairment can live a life of respect and honor unless he is ridiculed and punished with heartless pity. Rather than sympathy, he expects sympathy. If everyone looks at him with a pessimistic approach, he may never be able to come out of his sorrow and, as a result, fall into his own isolated world. He's already under tremendous mental and emotional pressure. So, he expects others to understand rather than remind him of his disability.

Both Derry and Mr. Lamb are caught in a similar situation in the play. Mr. Lamb, as an adult, is able to cope with such problems, but Derry, as a child, is unable to unravel the web on his own. He's developing a strong love for this old man because he's talking the words a person would want to hear with such a problem.

Or

- ii. How did the Tiger King manage to retain his kingdom?

Ans :

In the story, both Derry and Mr. Lamb are physically impaired and lonely. To bring about a change in the lives of such people, as a responsible citizen, I shall treat them with respect and honour and not punish them with heartless ridicule and pity. People like Derry and Mr. Lamb expect empathy, rather than sympathy from others. Therefore, instead of looking down upon them with a pessimistic approach, I shall be supportive and considerate. They must be treated as equals. That is why I shall encourage them to take part in all activities. They deserve to study in regular educational institutions and get regular jobs. Therefore, avocation of this idea is very important. Only proper awareness and empowerment can make the world view them as equals and at the same time make the 'differently abled' people feel socially accepted.

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