

PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER -5 (2020-21)

ENGLISH – Language and Literature

CLASS-X (Rationalized syllabus)

Time allowed: 3 Hrs. Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Part A (40 Marks)

READING (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments there is a moment of a lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions. By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.

Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision about meal and venue already made with no arguments in opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.

We empower our kids to make their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

It's a closely connected world out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well-meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.

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What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is listen to it. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the 'quality time' would do the trick.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, Answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1X10=10)

i . Why does chaos happen when deciding where to go for dinner?

- a. The Head of the family has no say in the decision
- b. Everyone starts making a decision
- c. People's temper rise when not given a chance to speak
- d. People start grumbling

ii. Why was it easy to make decisions in families, twenty years ago?

- a. Everyone respected the decision taken by the head
- b. If people didn't like anything, they stayed back home
- c. People liked grumbling and rising tempers
- d. Women were not supposed to take part in decision making

iii. Who took important decisions twenty years ago?

- A .All members of the family
- b. Children
- c. Women of the house
- d. Head of the family

iv. What is the advantage of involving everyone in decision making?

- a. Better Decisions
- b. Quicker outcomes
- c. Develops bonding
- d. Empowers children

v. In today's world, why do parents involve their kids in decision making?

- a. So that they feel empowered
- b. So that they learn to speak up
- c. So that learn not to go with the flow
- d. So that become dependent on their parents

vi. What advice does the writer give to the parents?

- a. Don't involve everyone in decision making
- b. Make time for children and listen to them
- c. Respect the head of the family and his decisions
- d. Speak up and make decisions yourselves

vii. What does a parent need to listen to?

- a. His child's stories
- b. His child's jokes
- c. His child's poems
- d. His child's cries

viii. What would the half-hour quality time do?

- a. Make children self-dependent
- b. Make good parents
- c. Improve the bonding of family members
- d. Children would feel alone

ix. The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____

- a. Injured
- b. Tempers
- c. Grumble
- d. Restore

x. The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is _____

- a. science
 - b. gastric
 - c. gourmet
 - d. cuisine
- xi. The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____
- a. Preaching
 - b. Conflicting
 - c. Reason
 - d. Flow
- xii. Which of the following is OPPOSITE in meaning to the word 'simple' as used in the paragraph 6 is _____
- a. difficult
 - b. complicated
 - c. easy
 - d. tricky

Q2. Read the passage given below

Technology & Education

Rapid technological advances can have an impact on personal, social and professional development. Implications for education include changes in the demand for knowledge and skills as well as expanding possibilities for teaching and learning.

Digital skills matter:

ICT use brings numerous advantages, such as greater connectivity and lower-cost for services, goods and information. However, these gains are not equally distributed and technology use comes with a number of risks. Building resilience to this is crucial.

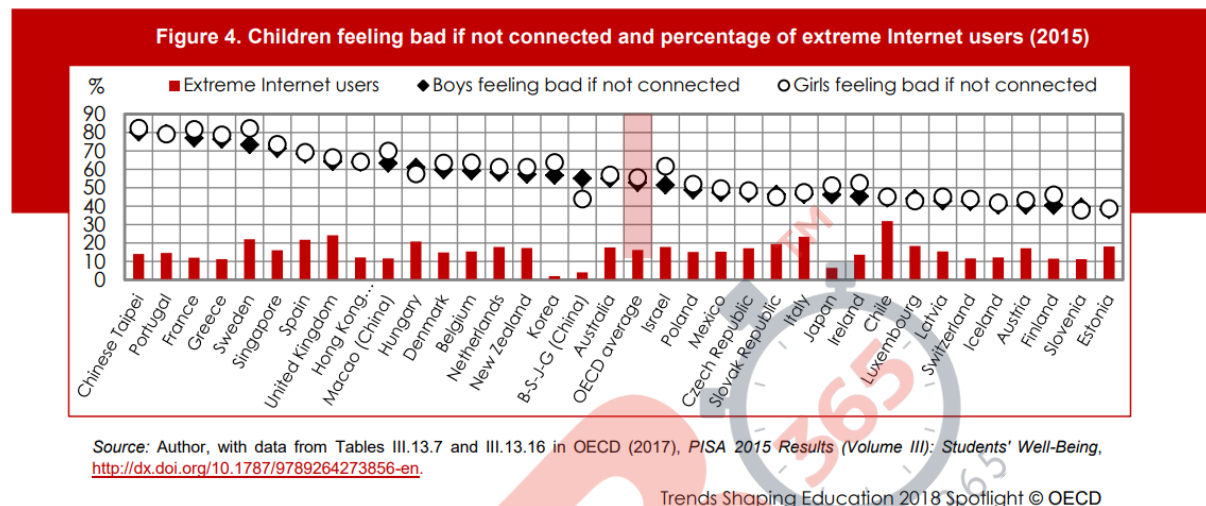
Risks linked to digitisation

Children face three main types of digital risks (Livingstone et al., 2011). Content risks refer to violent, hateful and pornographic content (Peter and Valkenburg, 2016), or commercial advertising masquerading as news. Contact risks include harassment, abuse and the compromise of personal data (Lupton and Williamson, 2017). Lastly, Conduct risks include cyber bullying (Kowalski et al., 2014).

These digital risks exist alongside risks to physical and mental health. Examples include separation anxiety, fear of missing out, decreased sleep quality and duration, poorer dietary habits and physical activity. Some studies also suggest links between ICT use and depression,

ADHD, obsessive-compulsive disorders and hostility, although the direction of the link is not clear (Ashton, 2018; Galpin and Taylor, 2018). The danger of these risks increases with the extent of dependency.

As shown in Figure 4, about 16% of respondents in PISA 2015 were extreme internet users – those who connect to the Internet for more than 6 hours daily in a typical weekday . Over half of respondents reported "feeling bad" if no Internet connection was available.



It is important to identify which children are more vulnerable to digital risks and compulsive internet use in order to help protect them. Risk factors include (1) personality factors such as sensation-seeking, low self-esteem and psychological difficulties (acting both as causes and consequences of Internet addiction disorders), (2) social factors, such as the lack of parental support and peer norms, and (3) digital factors, such as specific online practices, online sites and skills.

Therefore, it is important to build digital resilience. Parents, teachers and students themselves need to look for strategies and ways of engagement which reduces this dependency on digital devices.

This passage has been abridged from an extract taken from OECD report on Trends Shaping Education.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1x10=10)

- i. In the line "Building resilience to this is crucial." the word "resilience" DOES NOT refer to
 - a. To adapt according to challenges
 - b. To deal with challenges

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- c. To resolve the challenges
- d. To give up on the challenge
- ii. According to the report, the digital risk may impact children,
 - a. Mentally and emotionally
 - b. Financially and physically
 - c. Financially and mentally
 - d. Socially and physically
- iii. What are the 'contact risks' as per the report?
 - a. Indulging in Physical fight
 - b. Disclosing Private information
 - c. Cyber bullying
 - d. Objectionable videos
- iv. The report highlights the physical and mental health issues which is a result of,
 - a. Excessive dependence on watching TV
 - b. Excessive dependence on watching videos
 - c. Excessive dependence on staying online
 - d. Excessive dependence on staying home
- v. The report suggests that _____ of students feel unpleasant if they are not connected with the internet
 - a. 16%
 - b. 50 %
 - c. 35%
 - d. 40%
- vi. According to the table which country has the most extreme users of internet?
 - a. Chile
 - b. France
 - c. Greece
 - d. Iceland
- vii. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that best lists the main points from the passage

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1.Children face multiple risks online2. Children should be stopped from using internet3. Children often get addicted to internet4. Children should develop resilience to deal with risks5. Children do not understand technology6. Parents and teachers should guide children on the use of internet |
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- a. 1,2,3,5
 - b. 1,3,4,6
 - c. 2,3,4,5
 - d. 1,2,3,4
- viii. According to the data, girls and boys expressed,
- a. Similar unease if not connected to internet
 - b. Dissimilar reaction if not connected to internet
 - c. Violent reaction if not connected to internet
 - d. Complete ease if not connected to internet
- ix. Choose the option which is not true.
- a. Compulsive internet behaviour may lead to low self-esteem
 - b. Compulsive internet behaviour may involve the risk of cyber-bullying
 - c. Compulsive internet behaviour may lead children to success
 - d. Compulsive internet behaviour may lead to psychological issues
- x. According to the report what is the most appropriate conclusion for the use of internet by children:
- a. It creates lot of challenges which cannot be resolved
 - b. It has challenges which can be resolved by effective strategies
 - c. It poses more challenges for boys compared to that of girls
 - d. It creates challenges in the process of education
- xi. As per the data Estonia is the country which reflects:
- a. More boys feel bad if not connected to internet
 - b. More girls feel bad if not connected to internet
 - c. Lowest number of children feeling bad if not connected to internet
 - d. Most number of students feeling bad if connected to internet
- xii. The data presented in the table is that of year
- a. 2018
 - b. 2016
 - c. 2017
 - d. 2015

LITERATURE

(10 marks)

Q3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.

(5x1)

A.

The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended, effect, and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the

Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our time — men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds.

It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

i. In the above passage, the writer(Nelson Mandela) talks about

- a) countless people who fought for freedom.
- b) South African leaders who fought against apartheid.
- c) his own sacrifices for the country.
- d) the mineral resources of South Africa.

ii. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are TRUE according to the given extract.

- 1. Apartheid is the discrimination among people on the basis of the colour of their skin.
- 2. It was unfortunate for the country.
- 3. It created a wound and distance among the people.
- 4. Because of apartheid the White people were subjected to oppression.
- 5. It would take years to heal from the affects of Apartheid.
- 6. South African leaders supported the policy of apartheid as it made them bold and courageous .

- a) 1 ,2 ,3 & 5
- b) 4 , 6,3,1
- c) 2 ,4 , 6,1
- d) 3, 4 , 6, 1

iii. When Mandela says, “it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character”, he means that

- a) suffering and injustice can make people weak.
- b) even men of great character cannot withstand exploitation.
- c) one must face difficult circumstances boldly.
- d) torture suffered because of British rule created so many men of such heroic character.

iv. According to the author a ‘brave man’ is one who

- a) doesn’t feel afraid.
- b) overcomes fear.
- c) doesn’t get scared.
- d) is fearless.

v. Which of the following does NOT mean ‘resilience’?

- a) A great ability to remain unchanged by suffering
- b) Not losing hope, goodness or courage

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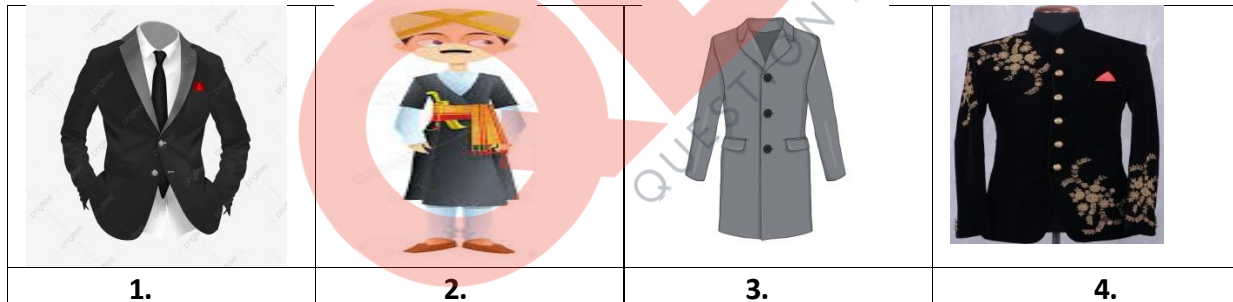
- c) Ability to withstand adversity and bounce back from difficult life events
- d) To give up

B.

The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. As one story goes, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here when return became impractical. These people married amongst the locals and their culture is apparent in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which are distinct from the Hindu mainstream. The theory of Arab origin draws support from the long, black coat with an embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus. Known as kuppia, it resembles the kuffia worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence.

i. Choose the answer that lists the correct option about the dress worn by Kodavus.



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- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

ii. When the writer says, '*The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army*', he means that

- a) Coorgis love to dress up in fancy clothes.
- b) soldiers of Coorgi regiment are the best dressed in the Indian Army.
- c) maximum awards and medals have been bagged by the soldiers of Coorgi regiment.
- d) Coorgi regiment is famous for decorating the Indian Army.

iii. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are TRUE according to the given extract.

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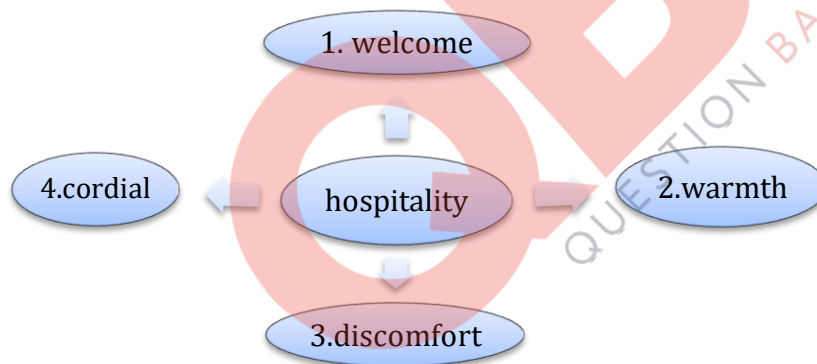
1. The people of Coorg are believed to be of Greek or Arabic origin.
2. They are gentle and timid.
3. Their culture is similar to the mainstream Hindu culture.
4. Coorgis entertain their guests by relating stories of bravery of their sons and fathers.
5. General Cariappa was the second Coorgi to become the Chief of the Indian Army.
6. Kodavusare the only people in India who are allowed to carry firearms without a licence.

- a) 2 & 5
- b) 3, 5 & 6
- c) 2 & 4
- d) 1, 4 & 6

iv. Choose the characteristic NOT displayed by Coorgis.

- a) Valour and courage
- b) Rigid and inflexible
- c) Brave
- d) Friendly

v. The extract uses the phrase '*tradition of hospitality*'. Which of the following expressions is incorrect with respect to the word '*hospitality*'?



- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

Q4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5x1)

- A) Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with
the mania of owning things,
Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that

lived thousands of years ago,
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.
So they show their relations to me and I accept them,
They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
them plainly in their possession
I wonder where they get those tokens,
Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them?

i. The fact that 'Not one is dissatisfied' implies that Animals -

- a) are satisfied without all the worldly items.
- b) are dissatisfied with their lives.
- c) aspire to be humans.
- d) want to live for thousands of years.

ii. The lines are from the poem-

- a) Animals by Walt Whitman.
- b) Amanda by Robin Klein.
- c) Dust Of Snow by Robert Frost
- d) The Ball Poem by John Berryman

iii. The lines bring out the contrast between

- a) animals and insects
- b) plants and animals
- c) birds and animals
- d) animals and humans

iv. Which word does 'demented' NOT correspond to?

- a) crazy
- b) insane
- c) mad
- d) peaceful

v. In the lines, what is meant by the word 'token'?

- a) vices
- b) responsibility
- c) virtues
- d) speciality

OR

(B)

Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful,
Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,
They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.

i. Who is 'him' in the above lines?

- a) Ink
- b) Blink
- c) Mustard
- d) Custard

ii. Belinda tickles 'him' because

- a) she wanted to make fun of him for being a coward b) she wanted to make him laugh
c) he was always quiet and preferred to stay alone d) he wanted her attention

iii. The word 'coward' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to

- a) faint-hearted b) timid c) weakling d) strong

iv. They all laughed at 'him' because he begged for

- a) Belinda's attention. b) a cage to keep himself safe.
c) ice cream. d) a red wagon

v. The word that is NOT used as a reference to 'him' is

- a) Percival b) naïve c) coward d) merciful

GRAMMAR (10 marks)

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the Konark Dance Festival of Odisha. (3x1)

Konark Dance Festival is a five-day dance festival(i) every year in the month of December against the backdrop of the Sun temple in Konark, Odisha . It is one of the biggest dance festivals held in Odisha.

The exquisite 'Salamander' or the 'dancing hall' of this shrine is an architectural wonder. Every inch of its walls..... (ii) with fine artistic designs of ancient times. Musicians(iii) drums, cymbals, and other musical instruments adorn the sculptures in Odissi dance poses.

- i) a. held
 b. holding
 c. will hold
 d. was held
- ii) a. is covered
 b. has been covered
 c. has covered
 d. is being covered
- iii) a. play
 b. playing
 c. will play
 d. played

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration of Raju's conversation with his grandfather.



Raju asked his grandfather.....(i) a rock skip across the water. The grandfather replied that he got a rock to skip twenty three times once. Raju exclaimed and asked him again.....(ii). Grandfather replied that(iii) that many times when the water was frozen over

- (i)
 - a. how many times could you make
 - b. how many times could he make
 - c. how many times can you make
 - d. how many times can he make
- (ii)
 - a. if he could do it again right now
 - b. if he could do that again just then
 - c. if you can do it again right now
 - d. if he can do that again just then
- (iii)
 - a. he could only skip it
 - b. I can only skip it
 - c. he can only skip it
 - d. I could only skip it

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.

- i) One read newspaper everyday.
 - a. should
 - b. can
 - c. would
 - d. may
- ii) I prepare a cake for my friend's birthday tomorrow.
 - a. has to

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- b. have to
 - c. could
 - d. had to
- iii) Driverswear helmets for their safety.
- a. must
 - b. should
 - c. ought to
 - d. will
- iv) I appreciate even help given to me.
- a. little
 - b. the little
 - c. much
 - d. few
- v) This isEuropean watch I was talking about.
- a. the
 - b. some
 - c. much
 - d. a
- vi)little learning is a dangerous thing..
- a. The
 - b. A
 - c. Some
 - d. Much

PART B

WRITING

(2x5= 10 marks)

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

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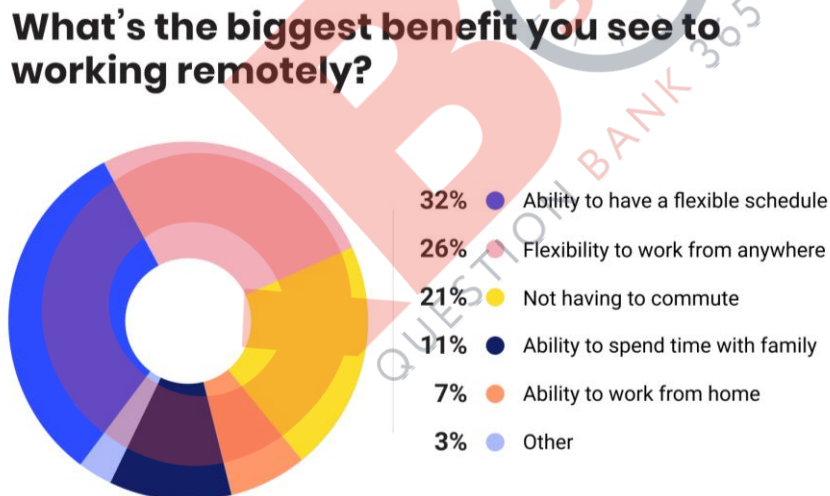
(A) As Tarun/ Tanuja Secretary of the Sports Club of your school. Place an order with Richie Sports , 234,Bunglow Road placing an order for Sports Articles like foot balls, cricket balls, tennis balls and cricket bats to be supplied to your school .

OR

(B) In order to contribute to discouraging the practice of open defecation, write a letter to the sanitation wing of the Municipal Corporation of your city requesting them to construct gender-friendly public toilets in your locality. Sign yourself as Ramesh / Reema living at 1414, SDF colony, Puducherry.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

(A) Increasingly, though, the workplace of the future is looking more simple - people having the flexibility to work remotely from home with teammates all around the world. The given pie figure shows the benefits which people have experienced and shared. Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



(B) Online shopping options and saving time, not waiting in long queues for billing and checking out, being able to read reviews are few of the many advantages of online shopping. It comes as a package along with some disadvantages like: one cannot inspect your product(s) physically, no possibility of price-negotiation, unsafe and unreliable delivery promises, challenges in getting money refunded, etc. Write a paragraph analysing and balancing the pros and cons of online shopping.



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LITERATURE

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2*4=8)

(A) (Any two) (2x2=4)

- i) 'He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,' State any three poetic devices used in these lines from the poem 'A tiger in the zoo'.
- ii) Who does Lencho have complete faith in ?
- iii) Why did Pranjal's father, Mr Barua say to Rajvir that he had done his homework?

(B) (Any two) (2x2=4)

- i) Griffin was a brilliant scientist, do you agree? Why?
- ii) How did Mme Loisel react to the invitation for the party?
- iii) Do you think the lawyer loved his job? Why?

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (3*4=12)

(A) (Any two) (3x2=6)

- i) Explain the predicament of the seagull before his first flight and how did he overcome it?
- ii) The lady in the control tower told the narrator that no other aeroplane was flying that night. Why did this statement confuse the narrator?
- iii) Do you think writing a diary help Anne getting the things off her chest?

(B) (Any two) (3x2=6)

- i) 'The Thief's story' is about transformation of a thief. Elaborate with reference to the context.
- ii) 'I had made my plans in advance.' Explain with reference to the chapter 'Triumph of Surgery'.
- iii) What is the significance of 'The necklace' in the story?

12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words. (5x1)

(A) Maddie wanted to apologize to Wanda but she could not do so as Wanda had already moved to another city by the time Maddie reached her house.

Imagine Wanda comes to school one day, with her father, to collect School Leaving certificate. Maddie sees her and decides to go and talk to her.

Write a dialogue between Maddie and Wanda about this situation.

OR

(B) Read the extracts given below and comment on the nature of help received by the characters to come out of difficulty in their flights. Highlight the differences and similarities in the two experiences.

(a) "But when she was just opposite to him, she halted, her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak almost within reach of his beak. He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish."

(His First Flight)

(b) "He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child." (The Black Aeroplane)

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5x1)

(A) "Richard was competitive," Mr. Weiherer continued, "but not in a bad sense." He explained, "Richard wasn't interested in winning for winning's sake or winning to get a prize. Rather, he was winning because he wanted to do the best job he could. For the right reasons, he wants to be the best."

Richard Ebright's journey to become a scientist shows that Mr. Weiherer was right about him. Explain with the help of examples from the text.

OR

(B) Read the following quote by Abraham Lincoln.

"The people when rightly and fully trusted will return the trust."

Justify how the quote given above in the case of Anil and Hari Singh in the *Thief's Story*.