

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (SOLUTION)

CLASS- XTH

SESSION-2024-25

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS.

MAXIMUM MARKS:-80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY AND STRICTLY FOLLOW THEM
2. THIS QUESTION PAPER COMPRISES 11 QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY
3. THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS THREE SECTIONS
SECTION A READING SKILLS, SECTION B GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS,
SECTION C LITERATURE TEXTBOOK
4. ATTEMPT QUESTIONS BASED ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH PART

Section A Reading Skills (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully. (10 marks)

Rest is a crucial component of healthy development for growing children encompassing both sleep and periods of relaxation. Adequate rest is essential for physical growth, cognitive development, emotional regulation and overall well-being.

Rest, particularly sleep, plays a vital role in physical growth. During deep sleep, the body releases growth hormones essential for tissue growth and repair. This is critical for children, whose bodies are in a continuous state of development. Moreover, sufficient rest strengthens the immune system, reducing the likelihood of illnesses and infections, which can hinder growth and development. Adequate rest is fundamental for cognitive functions such as memory consolidation, learning and problem-solving. During sleep, the brain processes and stores information acquired throughout the day, enhancing memory and learning capabilities. Children who get enough sleep tend to perform better academically, exhibiting improved attention, concentration and creativity.

Rest is equally important for emotional health. Well-rested children are better equipped to manage stress, anxiety and frustration. Sleep deprivation, on the other hand, can lead to mood swings, irritability and an increased risk of developing mental health issues such as depression and anxiety. Regular rest helps maintain emotional stability, fostering a positive and resilient mind-set.

Well-rested children are generally better-behaved and more sociable. Lack of rest can result in hyperactivity, impulsivity, and difficulty in managing emotions, which can negatively impact social interactions and relationships. Ensuring children have adequate rest contributes to better behavioural outcomes and smoother social interactions.

Incorporating periods of relaxation throughout the day is also important. Activities such as reading, quiet play, or simply taking breaks from structured activities allow children to unwind and recharge. This balance helps prevent burnout and ensures that children have the energy to engage in physical activities and learning.

In conclusion, rest is indispensable for the holistic development of growing children. It supports physical growth, cognitive development, emotional regulation and positive behaviour. Parents and caregivers should prioritise establishing consistent sleep routines and encouraging regular periods of relaxation. By doing so, they can ensure that children are equipped with the energy and resilience needed to thrive in their daily lives and future endeavours.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage.

- (i) In the line 'Rest is equally important for emotional health. Well-rested children are better equipped to manage stress, anxiety and frustration', what is one of the emotional benefits of adequate rest for children? (1)
- (ii) Complete the following sentence with the correct option from the two given. (1)
Relaxation periods allow children to unwind preventing burnout and promoting.....
(a) energy for physical activities and learning

ENGLISH SET-1

- (b) recreational strength
- (iii) Explain the role of adequate rest in cognitive development and its impact on children's academic performance in about 40 words. (2)
- (iv) Support the idea that sleep contributes to physical growth in children's. (1)
- (v) State whether the following statement is True or False. Adequate rest is not necessary for cognitive fundamentals. (1)
- (vi) What is one behavioural outcome associated with lack of adequate rest in children? (1)
- (a) Increased sociability (b) Better emotional regulation
(c) Lack in concentration (d) Hyperactivity
- (vii) Why is sleep deprivation particularly detrimental to children's emotional health and what are the potential consequences? (40 words) (2)
- (viii) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (1)

Rest is critical for children because.....

- (a) their bodies have stopped growing
(b) their bodies are in continuous stage of development
(c) their bodies are already energetic
(d) they have less energy

Sol. 1. (i) Improved stress management

- (ii) (a) energy for physical activities and learning.
(iii) Adequate rest supports memory consolidation and enhances learning abilities during sleep. Children who sleep well show improved attention, concentration, creativity and leading to better academic performance.
(iv) Sleep releases growth hormones essential for tissue growth and repair, supporting physical development.
(v) False
(vi) (c) Lack in concentration
(vii) Sleep deprivation increases the risk of mood swings, irritability and mental health issues like depression and anxiety. Adequate rest helps maintain emotional stability and resilience.
(viii) (b) their bodies are in continuous stage of development

2. Read the following passage carefully.

(10 marks)

Income generated by malls in India reflects the growing trend of organised retail and consumer spending in urban centres across the country. As of recent data, malls in India contribute significantly to the retail sector's revenue, driven by increasing urbanisation, rising disposable incomes and changing consumer preferences. According to estimates from industry reports, the organised retail sector, including malls, contributes approximately 8-10% to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Malls serve as major commercial hubs, offering a wide range of retail, dining, entertainment and leisure options under one roof, attracting a large number of visitors daily. In terms of income generation, malls derive revenue primarily from rental income paid by retail stores, restaurants, cinemas and other service providers operating within their premises. The rental rates vary significantly based on factors such as location, footfall and the type of retail brands housed within the mall.

The income from malls also includes revenue from parking fees, advertising and promotional activities, events, and partnerships with brands for experiential marketing additionally, malls often host seasonal sales, exhibitions and cultural events to attract more foot traffic and enhance revenue streams. The Indian retail and mall sector has witnessed rapid growth, with major metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Chennai, and Hyderabad leading the market. The development of large-scale mixed-use projects incorporating malls, office spaces and residential complexes further boosts income generation opportunities.

Despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which temporarily affected footfall and revenue streams, malls in India have demonstrated resilience and adaptability through enhanced safety measures, digital transformation and innovative marketing strategies.

ENGLISH SET-1

In conclusion, malls in India play a pivotal role in the country's retail landscape contributing significantly to economic growth through income generation, job creation and infrastructure development. Their evolution continues to shape consumer experiences and retail dynamics, reflecting broader trends in urban consumption and commercial activities.

Answer the following questions based on your reading of the above passage

- (i) Which cities are leading the market in the Indian retail and mall sector? (1)
(a) Jaipur, Lucknow, Bhopal
(b) Kolkata, Pune, Ahmedabad
(c) Coimbatore, Kochi, Mysore
(d) Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad
- (ii) Select the option that is true for the Assertion and Reason given below (2)
Assertion Malls derive revenue from rental incomes
Reason They serve as a big commercial hub.
(a) Both the Assertion and Reason are true and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion
(b) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion
(c) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false
(d) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true
- (iii) Identify the primary sources of revenue for malls in India. (1)
- (iv) Describe how malls generate income beyond rental fees. (1)
- (v) Read the following prompt and select the correct option in bracket to fill in the blank. (1)
..... percentage of India's GDP does the organised retail sector, including malls, contribute? (5-6%; 8-10%)
- (vi) How do malls play a pivotal role in retail landscape of the country? (1)
- (vii) Complete the following sentence suitably (1)
As of recent data, malls in India contribute significantly to the retail sector's revenue, driven by, rising disposable incomes and changing consumer preferences.
- (viii) Complete the following with a suitable reason. (1)
The malls in India have demonstrated resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic by
- (ix) How have large-scale mixed-use projects contributed to the growth of the mall sector in India? (2)

Sol.- 2.(i) (d) Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad

(ii) (b) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.

(iii) Rental income from retail stores, restaurants, cinemas, parking fees, advertising and promotional activities.

(iv) Malls generate income from parking fees, advertising, promotional activities, events and brand partnerships.

(v) 8-10%

(vi) Malls in India play a pivotal role in the country's retail landscape by shaping consumer experiences and retail dynamics.

(vii) increasing urbanisation

(viii) implementing enhanced safety measures, digital transformation and innovative marketing strategies

(ix) Large-scale mixed-use projects, incorporating malls, office spaces and residential complexes, boost income. Generation by creating a vibrant ecosystem. These projects attract more visitors, increasing footfall and supporting sustained commercial activities,

Section B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 Marks)

ENGLISH SET-1**Grammar**

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks as directed. (10 × 1 = 10)

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given portion of the letter. (1)

Subject Job Application for Assistant Manager

Dear Sir/Ma'am

- (ii) I..... (write) to apply for the position of Assistant Manager-Supply Chain at your esteemed firm
Read the given sentence from a government regulation. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. (1)

Tendulkar can play cricket when he was three.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) The teacher asked some question from the boys about the assignment. Report the teacher's question. (1)

The teacher said to the boys, "Have you done your homework?"

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Kanak and Kartik about the movie "Three Idiots" (1)

Kanak Have you seen "Three Idiots"?

Kartik I saw them yesterday in the class.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogue

Kanak asked Kartik if he had seen "Three Idiots Kartik replied that.....

(a) he has been seeing them the day before

(b) he had seen them the day before in the class

(c) he saw them yesterday

(d) he has seen them the day before

- (v) Fill in the blank. (1)

There were..... (a few/few/some) people who did not attend the event.

- (vi) Identify the error in the given sentence and provide the correction At least half an hour of exercise a day did wonders for one's health. (1)

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. (1)

The kids had worked really hard for the show Now, don't cancel it, please

Options	Error	Correction
(a)	had	have
(b)	Worked	Work
(c)	The	a
(d)	don't	do

- (viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. (1)

Kamal Hassan is the latest celebrity to.....to attention the ongoing protest by the wrestling community in India

(a) bringing

(b) bring

(c) having brought

(d) belong

- (ix) Report the following sentence said by Garima (1)

ENGLISH SET-1

Garima said to me, "I am sorry but I can't come to your birthday party because I am going away for the weekend."

Garima told me that she was sorry but she couldn't come to my birthday party because she.....

- (x) Complete the given sentence by filling the blank with the correct option.

Is it true that the students from the Space Research Centre..... this evening? (1)

- (a) was arriving (b) are arriving
(c) is arriving (d) were arriving

- (xi) Complete the line from a poem by filling the blank with the correct option. (1)

When times are hard, you..... for a bit,
But it's not over until the moment you quit.
On a river's bridge, failures are the planks;
Take one step at a time until you reach its banks.

- (a) might stop (b) shall stop
(c) had stopped (d) stopped

- (xii) Identify the error in an online advertisement. (1)

VJEE
Saguna more Danapur, Patna
Education is not only learning facts but also training mind to think.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Sol.- (i) am writing

(ii)

Error	Correction
Can	Could

(iii) The teacher asked the boys if they had done their homework.

(iv) (b) he had seen them the day before in the class

(v) a few

(vi)

Error	Correction
did	does

(vii) (a)

Had	have
-----	------

(viii)(b) bring (ix) was going away for the weekend (x) (b) are arriving

(xi)(a) might stop

(xii)

Error	Correction
mind	the mind

WRITING

(10 Marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

- A. As the head of the music department of your school, write a letter to Mysore Music Association placing an order, in about 120 words for some instruments such as flute, casio, sitar, harmonium, etc. You are Nandini/Namit Verma of Army School, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi. Remember to include all relevant details including date and mode of payment, quality and quantity of product etc. (5)

Or

ENGLISH SET-1

- B. You are Akriti, of 25/12, Friends Colony, Noida. Every day you are late to school by fifteen minutes. Your school bus gets stuck in traffic jam near the Chintpurni temple crossing. Along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in about 120 words highlighting the problem and suggesting some remedy for it. (5)

Sol.- A. Army School

Safdarjung Enclave

Delhi

12th April, 20xx

The Proprietor

Mysore Music Associations Delhi

Sir/Ma'am

Subject Order for Musical Instruments

This is to inform you that I am Nandini/Namit Verma, the head of the music department of Army School, Safdarjung. Our school 'management has decided to order musical instruments from your company. The prices mentioned in your quotation no. 12/49/17/82 dated 8th April, 20XX have been approved

The list of the instruments required is given below

S. No.	Name of Instruments	Quantity
1	Flutes	20
2	Casio	5
3	Sitar	3
4	Harmonium	5
5	Drums	2

Kindly ensure that the delivery is made within 15 days between 10 am. and 2 pm. We are sure that proper packing of the instruments will be taken care of Any damage caused during transportation will be your responsibility

The payment will be made only after the quality of the instruments has been checked and approved by the school management

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Nandini/Namit Verma

(Head-Department of Music)

Mobile No. 97604XXXXX

Or

25/12, Friends Colony

Noida

16th May 20XX

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

New Delhi

Subject Chaotic traffic during early morning hours

Sir/Ma'am

This is to inform you that I, Aakriti, am a resident of Friends Colony. Noida near Chintpurni temple. Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw your attention to the problems faced by students when their bus passes by the Chintpurni temple.

Every day while passing by the Chintpurni temple, the school bus gets stuck in traffic and causes unavoidable delay for the students. The traffic jam occurs for several reasons. First, people visiting the temple park their vehicles in a haphazard way. Second, beggars crowd around the gate waiting for the devotees to provide them with alms. Third, the traffic signal does not function properly leading to chaos Therefore, it is my humble request that a separate parking area should be allotted to the temple site so that people can park their vehicles in proper queues. The temple trust should appoint people who ensure

ENGLISH SET-1

that beggars sit in a proper queue at a designated site outside the temple. Finally, police check posts should be placed so as to monitor the traffic in the area.

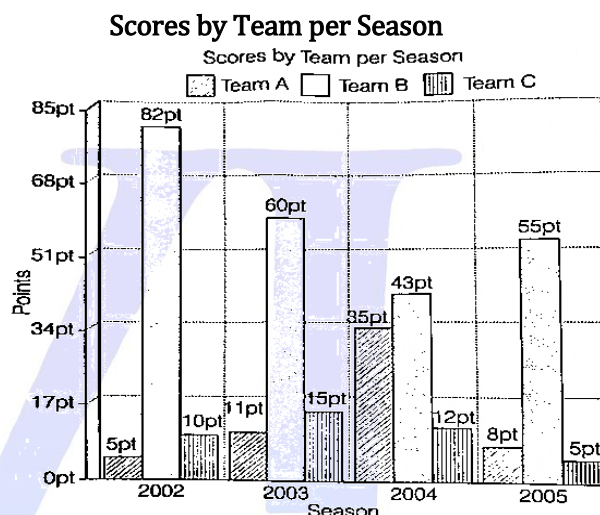
I request you to kindly highlight the issue in your newspaper so that the concerned authorities take necessary action

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Akriti

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

(5)

A. The bar chart shows the scores of teams A, B and C over four different seasons. Write an analytical paragraph on the given data in about 120 words.



Or

B. The table illustrates the proportion of monthly household income of five European countries spend on food and drink, housing, clothing and entertainment. Using the given data, write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words.

Proportion of Household Income of Five European Countries Spend on Food and Drink, Housing, Clothing and Entertainment

	Food and drink	Housing	Clothing	Entertainment
France	25%	31%	7%	13%
Germany	22%	33%	15%	19%
UK	27%	37%	11%	11%
Turkey	36%	20%	12%	10%
Spain	31%	18%	8%	15%

Sol. A.

Expertise of Teams A, B and C

The given bar chart shows the scores of three teams A, B and C in four consecutive seasons. It is evident from the chart that B scored far higher than the other two teams over the seasons, though their score decreased as a whole over the period.

In 2002, the score of team B far exceed that of the other two teams standing at 82 points compared to only 10 for team C and 5 for team A. Over the next two years, the points for team B decreased dropping to 43 by 2004, but it still maintained the top position.

The points of Team A and C increased over the years. Team A's points increased from 2002 to reach 35 points by 2004. Meanwhile, Team C's performance went down in the following years. Team B remained ahead of the two as their points increased again to 55 while teams A and C saw a decrease in points to 8 and 5, respectively.

Or

Expenditure of Household Income

ENGLISH SET-1

The table shows the amount of household income that five countries in Europe spend per month on four items. Overall it is evident that all five countries spend the majority of their income on food and drink and housing but much less on clothing and entertainment.

Housing is the largest expenditure item for France, Germany and the UK with all of them spending around one-third of their income on this, at 31%, 33% and 37%, respectively. In contrast, they spend around a quarter of their income on food and drink. However, this pattern is reversed for Turkey and Spain who spend around a fifth of their income on housing but approximately one-third on food and drink.

All five countries spend much less on the remaining two items viz. clothing and entertainment for clothing. France and Spain spend less than 10% while the other three countries spend around the same amount, ranging between 11% and 15%. At 19% Germany spends the most on entertainment whereas UK and Turkey spend approximately half this amount with France and Spain's spending between those other three countries.

Section C Literature Textbook

(40 Marks)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two. (5)
- A. "Paper has more patience than people" I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding. Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference."
- (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- (i) Pick out the sentence that brings out the meaning of 'brooding' as used in the extract (1)
- (a) The mysterious house on the hill is still brooding above the village
- (b) The people at the stock market always keep brooding about the gains.
- (c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide
- (d) Suspense and drama were brooding at the site of the investigation.
- (ii) Anne believes that 'Paper has more patience than people'. What does that say about her personality? (2)
- (40 words)
- (iii) Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket. (1)
- "since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this..... it probably won't make a bit of difference."
- The above line tells us that Anne isabout Anne's perception of people (worried/happy).
- (iv) If the diary were a real friend what qualities would Anne expect it to have?

Or

- B. It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me that I began to hunger for it.

At first, as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family – the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life. (Nelson Mandela. Long Walk to Freedom)

- (i) From where does the speaker's hunger for freedom begin? (1)
- (a) Childhood (b) Adolescence
- (c) Adulthood (d) Old age
- (ii) Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as 'transitory'? (40 words) (2)
- (iii) Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket. (1)
- As a young man, Nelson Mandela believed that his freedom had been..... from him.
- (snatched/realised)
- (iv) Why was freedom an illusion for the speaker? (1)

Sol.- A. (i) (c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.

ENGLISH SET-1

- (ii) Anne's belief that paper has more patience than people shows that she found people to be dismissive towards her thoughts and ideas. Such experiences must have made her secretive and shy which is why she chose a diary to be her most trusted friend and secret confidante.
- (iii) worried
- (iv) If the diary were a real friend. Anne would have expected it to be a good listener and non-judgemental while becoming a close and trusted confidant for Anne.

Or

B. (i) (c) Adulthood

- (ii) The speaker mentions some freedom as transitory because the freedom we enjoy are momentary and keep changing with time. He had different perceptions of freedom at different stages of his life.
- (iii) snatched
- (iv) Freedom was an illusion for the speaker because he was born in an apartheid country

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two.

A.

All night the roots work
to disengage themselves from the cracks
in the veranda floor.
The leaves strain toward the glass small
twigs stiff with exertion
long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
half-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.

- (i) What struggle do the trees go through to free themselves from the boundaries? (1)

Answer in about 40 words.

- (i) Fill in the blank with one word (1)

The poet compares the larger branches with.....

- (iii) What does the poet think trees do at night? (1)

- (iv) Select the option which best describes the rhyming scheme of the given extract (1)

(a) free verse

(b) ababbc

(c) iambic pentameter

(d) no uniform scheme

Or

B. The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

- (i) Which image does the poet give to the fog? What are the similarities between that image and fog? (2)

- (ii) Complete the following suitably. (1)

The fog is compared to.....

- (iii) How does the fog arrive and depart? (1)

- (iv) Identify the figure of speech that is prominent in the poem "Fog" (1)

1. Metaphor

2. Simile

3. Alliteration

4. Personification

Select the correct option

(a) Only 1

(b) Only 2

(c) Only 4

(d) 1 and 3

ENGLISH SET-1

Sol.- A (i) Every part of the trees works to get itself free. The roots struggle to break free from the cracks of the veranda floor while the leaves put pressure on the window glass to break it. The large branches try to break open the roof to get out of the house
(ii) patients
(iii) The poet thinks that trees work to free themselves from the boundaries of the house at night
(iv) free verse

B. (i) The poet looks at fog as a living creature and compares it to a cat. The fog covers a place suddenly and disappears in the same manner just like the coming and going of a cat. The fog remains over any areas like a cat sitting by folding its knees. Just like a cat that cannot sit and relax in one place, the fog is also a temporary visitor to a place. Both move on after some time.
(ii) cat
(iii) The fog arrives and departs silently
(iv) (a) Only 1

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in about 40-50 words. (4 × 3) = 12

- (i) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter as "God"? (A Letter to God) (3)
- (ii) Would you agree that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'? How does Mandela illustrate this? (Nelson Mandela-Long Walk to Freedom) (3)
- (iii) What does Chubukov at first suspect that Lomov has come for? Is he sincere when he later says "And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son"? Find reasons for your answer from the play. (The Proposal) (3)
- (iv) How does the poem A Tiger in the Zoo point to the cruelty of animals in captivity? (3)
- (v) A ballad includes the telling of a tale as well as a surprise ending. Using evidence from the poem, explain how these features are included in The Tale of Custard the Dragon. (3)

Sol.- (i) When the postmaster read Lencho's letter, he realises his firm belief and faith of Lencho in God. He does not want his faith to be broken and therefore he decides to send money to Lencho. To maintain Lencho's faith in God, the postmaster signs the letter as God so that Lencho believes that God has helped him.

(ii) Yes, I agree that the depths of oppression create heights of character. To illustrate this, Mandela gives the example of many patriots like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, Chief Luthuli, Yusuf Dadoo, etc. These freedom fighters emerged due to the extreme oppression faced by the blacks. They had extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity.

(iii) At first, Chubukov suspected that Lomov had come to borrow money. Chubukov was not sincere when he told Lomov that he had always loved him and that he was like his own son because he had decided not to give any money to Lomov. If he truly meant what he said, he would not have thought of not giving him money. He said so only because Lomov had asked for his daughter's hand in marriage.

(iv) The poem A Tiger in the Zoo hints at the cruelty of animals in captivity by contrasting the animal living in its natural habitat and the zoo. The poet imagines how a tiger attacks a deer near the water hole, terrorises the villagers living on the outskirts and snarls at night. On the contrary, it shows how the same tiger is made to stay in a cramped space for the entertainment of humans.

(v) The Tale of A Custard Dragon tells the story of a dragon Custard living along with Belinda and other creatures. He is ridiculed for being timid and shy. But, on one occasion, when a pirate enters the household, everyone is terrified but the Dragon assumes a ferocious disposition and bravely fights the pirate by killing him. He not only rescues his mates but also proves everyone's perception about him wrong.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions in about 40-50 words.

(2 × 3 = 6)

ENGLISH SET-1

- (i) Describe Max as a secret agent. (The Midnight Visitor) (3)
- (ii) Do you think that the names 'Think Tank' and 'Noodles' replicate the attributes of the characters? Justify your answer with reference to the chapter 'The Book that Saved the Earth'. (3)
- (iii) According to a popular quote—where there is no struggle there is no strength. In what way is this quote relevant to the events of the story? (A Triumph of Surgery) (3)

Sol.- (i) Max was a secret agent and enemy of Ausable. He was thin but not very tall. He appeared clever and cunning like a fox. (Fowler comes across him in Ausable's room when he saw Max. Max had come to take the important report about new missiles. However, he is deceived by Ausable who made him jump out of his window.)

(ii) When we think of the names 'Think Tank' and 'Noodle', we associate certain attributes to them. We hope that the character of 'Think Tank' would be smart and intelligent, but it is not the case. He comes out as a foolish king who does not know anything about any planets. He is a vain and timid leader who runs at the first chance he gets when he mistakenly believes that the Earthlings would attack Mars and capture them. Similarly, we think that 'Noodle' would be a dumb and a confused character, but he comes out to be smart and intelligent. Therefore, it is justified that he became the next leader of Mars.

(iii) The given quote is quite relevant to the events of the story because it was only through rigorous exercise and physical activities that Tricky was cured. He was pulled out of his comfortable environment and made to undergo rigorous physical training and follow

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words.

(1 × 6 = 6)

A. Imagine you are a senior journalist covering this event of the trees moving.

Pen down a 120-word submission for the weekly newspaper column titled 'Change'.

Include a brief account of your observation as well as your opinion.

You may begin like this

St. Correspondent, The Times of India.

It was a movement to behold! The trees.....

Or

B. You have been chosen to address a student gathering from your school to speak on the importance of inner beauty over physical appearance. Prepare the speech draft in not more than 120 words, with reference to the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.

You may begin this way

Good morning, everyone!

Today, I would like to talk about the importance of Inner Beauty.

I recently.....

Sol.- A. St. Correspondent. The Times of India

It was a movement to behold! The trees along with their leaves, twigs, boughs and roots were struggling hard to free themselves. It was a historical movement. Everyone around was perhaps shocked and embarrassed by the sudden and unexpected happenings. It appeared as if every part of the confined trees rose in revolt and struggled hard to free itself. The roots and leaves strived to break free.

Small twigs became hard due to overwork. Long, cramped boughs were trying to break open the roof and come out. The confined trees put in artificial glass houses wanted to be free. They were struggling hard to come out in the open as they were suffocated with the limited space available. The fact the trees are revolting shows the urgent need for man to stop.

Humans must understand the negative impact of their actions on nature and mend their ways before it is too late. Nature seems to be taking revenge on humankind for the exploitation and greed that has resulted in the destruction of forest cover. Man has himself brought forth his own doom. It is therefore necessary that humans recognise their role and duty towards the conservation of the environment.

Or

ENGLISH SET-1

B. Good morning, everyone!

Today, I would like to talk about the importance of inner beauty. I recently read a poem titled For Anne Gregory that offered an important insight into what is inner beauty in the poem, the poet says that the reason most men fall in love with Anne is her physical appearance and not her inner attributes. Anne replies by saying that she would dye her hair in such a way that men would love her for her inner attributes only. The poet replies back, that he heard an old man say that only God could love a person for the personality traits and not for their physical appearance. He emphasises that personal attributes are greater in value than physical characteristics.

Thus, to conclude, I would like to advise everyone not to assess a person by his/her outward appearance as the change with time. We should prefer to judge a person through his characteristic traits and not according his her physical attributes.

Thank you

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words.

(1×6=6)

A. Bholi was believed to be a 'dumb cow'. Describe the turn of events in "Bholi" that make her a fearless, bold and confident girl? How did it play an important role in her life?

Or

B. Hari Singh did not board the express and returned to Anil's place. As Hari Singh, write a diary entry describing his state of mind and what prompted him to come back to Anil. (100-120 words).

Sol. A. Bholi was a young girl who had contracted small pox at a young age due to which her face became ugly. She also stammered while speaking and was shy by nature. Thus, Bholi was believed to be a 'dumb cow'. When she got admitted to school, her teacher was very affectionate to her. She encouraged her to succeed and helped her gain confidence. As she grew into a young female, her parents decided to marry her off to a man twice her age because of her marked face. However, when the time of marriage finally came, Bholi boldly refused to marry a greedy man. Her education along with the love and compassion shown by teacher emboldened her into an assertive and strong girl. She stands up against the dowry system and voice her protest against this evil practice. Her act of protest indicates that she had become confident, brave and assertive about her rights.

Or

B. Tuesday, 20th August, 20XX

9:00 pm

Dear Diary

I am feeling ashamed of myself today.

I have cheated the man who employed me and was about to run away with his money to a different city. Thank God that my conscience didn't allow me to board the train. After much thinking, I have decided to return to my master's place. I will keep the money back from where I took it and hope that my master doesn't come to know about what I did. I have broken my master's trust and vow to never do such a thing again in my life. He has been so good to me. Apart from being my master, he is also my teacher. I promise myself to become a better person and never cheat anyone again in my life.

Harry Singh