

Sample Paper 2

Time allowed: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions: Same as CBSE Sample Question Paper–2023 (Solved).

SECTION–A (Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) Weight gain and difficulty in losing weight are big concerns for those suffering from hypothyroidism. When thyroid hormones are low, metabolism slows down, causing weight gain. There's no special diet that can help cure thyroid disorders completely, but eating a well-balanced diet can definitely help maintain proper thyroid functioning.
- (2) Diet plays an important role in helping us manage the disease. While we may be good at controlling what we eat, it's also important to think about what we drink. Healthy drinks for people with hypothyroid should be low in calories and rich in nutrients. Thyroid inflammation may be behind our anxiety and stress.
- (3) The thyroid gland secretes several hormones, including thyroxine (T4). These hormones help regulate metabolism and body temperature among many other things. If thyroid doesn't work properly, it can do a whole lot of damage. For instance, when thyroid makes more hormones than the body needs, it is called hyperthyroidism. By contrast, hypothyroidism is the result of too little thyroid hormone. Facial swelling is a common sign in this disease.
- (4) These problems can range from small to big depending on when it is getting diagnosed. In most cases, if the thyroid is diagnosed and treated properly, it is possible for the person suffering from the disease to keep it under control. Following a healthy lifestyle that includes physical activities and a nutritious diet can go a long way in maintaining a healthy thyroid. Some food contains nutrients that help in improving the health of the thyroid glands. These will not only help our thyroid heal but also support the liver, lymphatic system, and digestive system.
- (5) Ayurvedic practices believe that drinking warm lemon water helps balance and detoxify body. The warm water (it should be purified and lukewarm, not boiling) warms up our body while the lemon, which is an excellent source of vitamin C, is a powerful antioxidant that may help flush out toxins from our body. Since lemons are highly alkalizing, they help us release excess water (diuretic), boost our immune system, balance our body's pH level, clear up our skin with antioxidants, and even aid weight loss by curbing hunger, pains and cravings.
- (6) But on the top of everything, we should make sure that prior advice from the doctor before making significant dietary changes is taken.

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

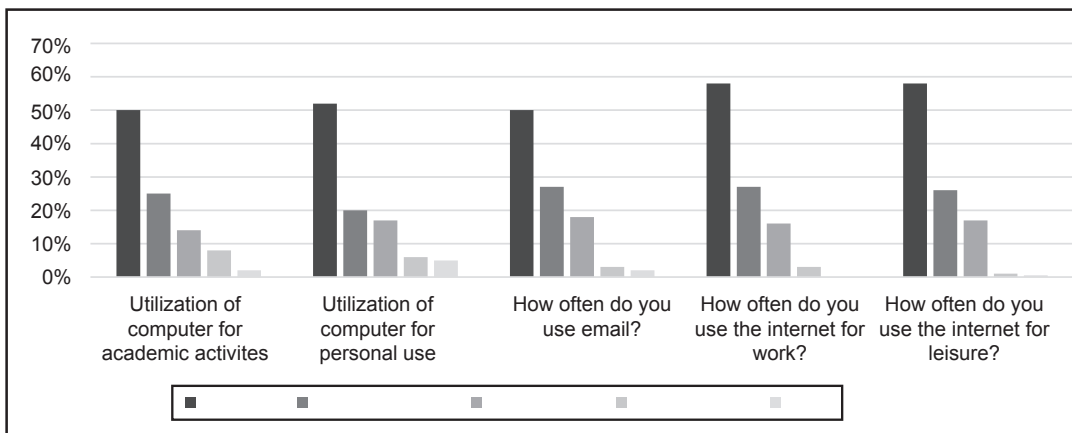
(1×10=10 marks)

- (i) The correct definition of 'hypothyroidism' is _____.
(a) 'Hypothyroidism' helps us gain weight.
(b) 'Hypothyroidism' causes weight gain and difficulty in losing weight.
(c) Weight loss is a common phenomenon in 'hypothyroidism'.
(d) 'Hypothyroidism' helps regulate metabolism.
- (ii) What happens when metabolism slows down?
- (iii) What is the possible reason behind our anxiety and stress, according to the passage?
- (iv) What does 'lukewarm water' mean?
(a) Crystal clear water (b) Very hot water
(c) Sterilized water (d) Tap running water
- (v) Identify the INCORRECT statement from the following as per your reading of the given passage.
(a) Weight gain and difficulty in losing it are big concerns nowadays.
(b) There is a special diet which can help cure thyroid disorders completely.
(c) A balanced diet can help maintain proper functioning.
(d) The thyroid gland discharges several hormones.
- (vi) List the common symptoms in the patient who is suffering from thyroid.
- (vii) Complete the given sentence.
Healthy drinks for people with hypothyroidism should be _____.
- (viii) T4 is a hormone that _____.
- (ix) What are the blessings of drinking warm lemon water?
1. It is an excellent source of vitamin C.
2. It reduces hair fall.
3. It helps flush out toxins from our body.
4. It helps balance and detoxify body.
5. It boosts immunity.
(a) Only 4 and 5 (b) Only 1 and 5
(c) All except 2 (d) Only 2
- (x) Choose the best suitable title for the given passage.
(a) Hormones and Metabolism (b) Thyroid and Hypothyroid
(c) Hypothyroid – Systems and Cure (d) None of these

II. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) The present generation is well updated in the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet.



- (2) At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn it to do their academic assignments and projects.
- (3) However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.
- (4) According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45% of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.
- (5) When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

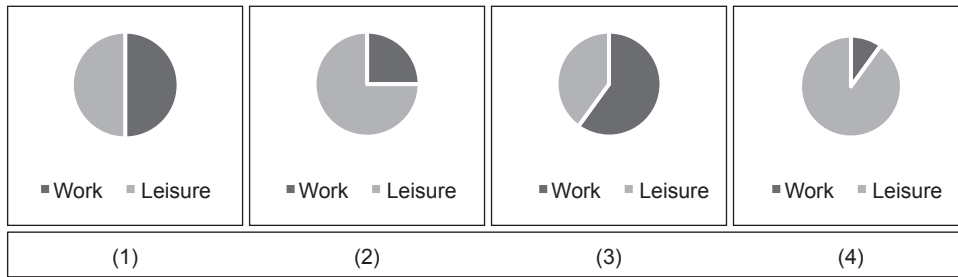
Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(1×10=10 marks)

- (i) State whether the given statement is True or False.

One of the reasons for recent transformations of education is the easy availability of the internet.

- (ii) "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being careful and critical while using the internet, is mainly a reference to _____.
- (iii) Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of internet usage for work and leisure, for once a month.



- (a) Option (1) (b) Option (2)
- (c) Option (3) (d) Option (4)
- (iv) In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is _____.
- (v) Based on the given graphical chart, pick the option that lists the area of zero response from respondents.
- (a) Never using internet for work and leisure
- (b) Daily use of the computer for academic activities
- (c) Writing and receiving emails once a week
- (d) Using the internet for personal tasks once a month
- (vi) Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?
- (a) About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.
- (b) A little less than 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research assignments.
- (c) More than 50% respondents started enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.
- (d) The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among students.
- (vii) Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, what can you infer about the usage of email?
- (viii) Choose the statement from the following that is NOT CORRECT, according to the passage.
- (1) Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
- (2) The resources that the Net provides are a danger to the education system.
- (3) The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.
- (a) (1) and (2) (b) (2) and (3)
- (c) (1) and (3) (d) Only (2)
- (ix) State a point from the passage to support the given statement.
Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.
- (x) The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as:
- (a) expensive (b) renowned
- (c) innovative (d) incredible

SECTION-B
(Creative Writing Skills)

(20 Marks)

III. 1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Prabha/Prabhu Mittal, Secretary of Literary Club of Mother Teresa Public School, Raniganj. Write a notice informing students to enroll themselves for the Club Membership for the next session. Invent necessary details and draft the notice within 50 words. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) You are the Secretary of Metro Housing Society, Lucknow. Write a notice to be circulated to all the residents of society informing them about a Dandiya Night to be organised in society on the occasion Navratri. Invent necessary details and draft the notice within 50 words.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Kusum Rana of Greater Noida. You are opening a Boutique. Draft an invitation for the inauguration of the same specifying the Chief Guest and other important details. Draft the card within 50 words. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) You have received an invitation from your friend to spend the winter vacation in Manali. Your friend is the owner of an Adventurous Club over there. Respond to his invitation considering yourself as Kunj Mathur of Agra.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Pramod Malhotra, a prominent educationalist. You feel pained when you see the small children carrying a heavy school bags. Write a letter to the editor of national newspaper about the undesirability of primary school kids carrying such a heavy load. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) You are Amarjyoti Dey of H-29, Plaza Tower, Hyderabad. You have seen an advertisement in newspaper under situation vacant column and you wish to apply for the same. Draft your job application along with your bio-data as per the advertisement.

SITUATION VACANT

WANTED experienced, trained postgraduate teacher in Chemistry to teach classes XI and XII in a reputed CBSE affiliated residential school. Fluency in English is a must. Working knowledge of computers is preferable; salary commensurate with experience and expertise. Please apply to: Box No. 9001, C/o The Hindu, Hyderabad.

4. Attempt ANY ONE any one from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Mahima/Mantosh of Sunrise Public School, Jaipur. Write an article on 'Sedentary Lifestyle-The Reason Behind Unhealthy Generation' within 120-150 words. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) Traffic police has launched a special drive against pollution-causing vehicles. This has led to traffic jams and crowds at important intersections. Write a report, in

120-150 words, to be published in 'Chennai Times'. You are Prince/Priya, 12, M.G. Road, Adayar, Chennai.

SECTION-C
(Literature)

(40 Marks)

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

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(1×6=6 marks)

- (A) "For once on the face of the Earth
Let's not speak in any language
Let's stop for one second,
And not move our arms so much."

- (i) Why does the poet want us to keep quiet?
 - (a) To avoid headache
 - (b) To rest
 - (c) To introspect
 - (d) None of these
- (ii) Identify the poetic device used in the 2nd and 3rd lines of the stanza.
- (iii) What do you understand by the phrase 'the face of the Earth'?
- (iv) What will happen when no one speaks in any language?
 - (a) There will be calmness and peace all around.
 - (b) There will be no language discrimination.
 - (c) There will be no misunderstanding.
 - (d) There will be no noise as noise creates headache and conflict.
- (v) The poetic device used in 'our arms', is _____.
- (vi) The poet advocates universal brotherhood in the poem. (True/False)

OR

- (B) "Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty."

- (i) How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers described?
 - (a) As bold and fearless
 - (b) As cruel and menacing
 - (c) As sober and serene
 - (d) As sleek and slender
- (ii) Complete the following analogy.
Tiger : bold :: _____ : timid
- (iii) The poetic device used in the last line of the stanza is _____.
- (iv) The word 'prance' in the stanza means:
 - (a) to destroy
 - (b) to camouflage
 - (c) to shriek
 - (d) to move about or leap
- (v) The rhyming scheme used in the above stanza is:
 - (a) abcb
 - (b) aabb
 - (c) abab
 - (d) abaa
- (vi) Why are they not afraid of men?

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(1×4=4)

(A) “The ‘master’ ought not to heal the wound of this white man,” he said bluntly to Hana. “The white man ought to die. First he was shot. Then the sea caught him and wounded him with her rocks”.

(i) Who uttered the above dialogue?

(a) The old gardener

(b) The driver

(c) The cook

(d) The maid

(ii) The ‘master’ here refers to _____.

(iii) Find out the word from the extract which means the opposite of ‘courteously’.

(iv) Who was the white man?

(a) He was an enemy.

(b) He was an escapist.

(c) He was a prisoner of war.

(d) Both (a) and (c)

OR

(B) The Maharaja and the dewan held deliberations over this issue. As a result, a telegram was dispatched forthwith to a famous British company of jewellers in Calcutta. ‘Send samples of expensive diamond rings of different designs’.

(i) What was the cause of deliberation?

(a) To show off the power to Britishers

(b) To challenge the authority of Britishers

(c) To save the kingdom

(d) Both (a) and (b)

(ii) What was brought from Calcutta?

(iii) Why did the Maharaja specifically give order to bring expensive diamond rings?

(iv) The word from the extract which means as same as ‘precious’ is:

(a) deliberation

(b) expensive

(c) dispatched

(d) diamond

3. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(1×6=6)

(A) He walked and walked without coming to the end of the wood, and finally he realised that he had only been walking around in the same part of the forest. All at once he recalled his thoughts about the world and the rattrap. Now his own turn had come. He had left himself be fooled by a bait and had been caught.

(i) Who is here?

(a) Peddler

(b) Ironmaster

(c) Crofter

(d) None of them

(ii) What was he doing in the woods?

(iii) What did he realise then?

(a) That he was mistaken by the ironmaster

(b) That he took the wrong way

(c) That he had been walking around in the same part of the forest

(d) All of these

- (iv) "Now his own turn had come." Explain.
- That he has been caught in a trap for getting fooled by a bait
 - That now he will be fooled someone
 - That now it's his turn to steal the money
 - Both (a) and (b)
- (v) Complete the following analogy.
mouse : bait :: peddler : _____ .
- (vi) Why did the peddler think that the world was a rattrap?

OR

(B) He had the ability to look cheerful at all times even after having had a hand in a flop film. He always had work for somebody – he could never do things on his own – but his sense of loyalty made him identify himself with his principal completely and turn his entire creativity to his principal's advantages. He was tailor-made for films. Here was a man who could be inspired when commanded.

- Who is referred as 'he' here?
 - Office boy
 - Asokamitrán
 - Vasan
 - Subbu
- 'He had the ability to look cheerful'. What can you infer from the given statement?
- 'Sense of loyalty' refers to _____.
- Complete the following analogy.
Vasan : first man :: : second man
- 'Principal' in the given extract refers to:
 - the head of an institution
 - the first in order of importance
 - the sum of money invested
 - the most important or senior person in an organisation
- What made him different from the crowd?
 - His loyalty
 - His creativity
 - His innovative ideas
 - All of these

V. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each:

(5×2=10)

- What was the 'conflict of duties' in which Gandhiji was involved?
- How is Aunt Jennifer different from her own creations?
- Why did Sophie want to have a strong bond with Geoff?
- Parents are the backbone of children's life. Losing them is very painful. Justify with reference to "My Mother at Sixty-six".
- How has the new job impacted Saheb?
- National integration is beautifully highlighted in 'Poets and Pancakes'. Illustrate.

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2×2 = 4)

- (i) Why did the Maharaja decided to get married?
- (ii) How does Antarctica differ from the rest of the Earth?
- (iii) Do you think Derry's mother is protective of him? Justify your opinion.

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. (1×5 = 5)

- (i) 'Love truth, but pardon error is the essence of human life.' Justify with reference to the chapter "The Rattrap".

OR

- (ii) 'Disappointment, illusion and unrealistic desires can only dishearten an individual'. Justify with reference to the chapter "Going Places".

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. (1×5 = 5)

- (i) What explains the attitude of the General in the matter of the enemy soldier? Was it a human consideration, lack of national loyalty, dereliction of duty or simply self-absorption?

OR

- (ii) Derry and Mr Lamb both are victims of physical impairment and society's neglect but they are completely different in their attitudes and approach. Discuss with reference to the chapter.

III

SECTION–A
(Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) (b) 'Hypothyroidism' causes weight gain and difficulty in losing weight.
(ii) It causes weight gain. (iii) Thyroid inflation
(iv) (c) Sterilized water
(v) (b) There is a special diet which can help cure thyroid disorders completely.
(vi) Facial swelling and weight gain are the common symptoms.
(vii) low in calories and rich in nutrients
(viii) regulates metabolism and body temperature
(ix) (c) All except 2 (x) (b) Thyroid and Hypothyroid
- II.** (i) True (ii) plagiarism
(iii) (c) Option (3) (iv) indignant
(v) Never using internet for work and leisure
(vi) (c) More than 50% respondents voted for e-books for research assignments.
(vii) About 18% of people use email once a week and less than 5% of people never use the email.
(viii) (a) (1) and (2)
(ix) At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods.
(x) (d) incredible

SECTION–B
(Creative Writing Skills)

(20 Marks)

II. 1. (A)

MOTHER TERESA PUBLIC SCHOOL, RANIGANJ
NOTICE

10 March, 20XX

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR NEXT SESSION

All the students are hereby informed that the Literary Club of our school is inviting names from new students to enroll themselves as the member of our Literary Club. The membership will help the students to explore their literary talents and exhibit in different contests. Students those who want to enrol, kindly register your name to the undersigned latest by 15th March, 20XX.

Prabhu Mittal
Secretary, Literary Club

OR

(B)

**METRO HOUSING SOCIETY, LUCKNOW
NOTICE**

20 September, 20XX

DANDIYA NIGHT

This is to announce all the residents of Metro Housing Society that on the grand occasion of Navratri, we are planning to organise a 'Dandiya Night' on 6th October, 20XX from 07:00 p.m. onwards. DJ will be invited from Mumbai. The entry charge will be ₹ 500/- per head, which includes snacks and dinner. The dress code will be 'ethnic'. Your heartiest participation is expected.

Entry pass can be obtained from our society's office from 25th September.

ABC

Secretary.

2. (A)

Kusum Rana

requests the pleasure of your benign presence on the

Grand Inauguration

of

GALAXY BOUTIQUE

(A perfect family boutique corner)

on

Sunday, the 20th October at 11:00 a.m.

at

C/14, Central Mall, Ranchi

R.S.V.P

Kusum Rana

Ph No. – 9461XXXXXX

OR

(B)

33/B, Kumarganj

Agra

10 December, 20XX

Dear XYZ

Thank you for your warm invitation to spend the winter vacation with you. I would love to join you in Manali as I have heard a lot about its serene beauty and pure surrounding. We will have a great fun together. Looking forward to meet you.

Your friend

Kunj Mathur

3. (A)

312/A-Block
Gandhi Apartment,
New Delhi

12 July, 20XX

The Editor
The Hindu
New Delhi

Subject: Concern over primary kids carrying heavy load

Dear Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned regarding the appalling state of the pain of tender shoulders. At the age of playing with balls and dolls, their small and tender shoulders are carrying heavy load of school bags.

In my opinion, this is quite an injustice to our tiny tots as they must be taught through activities, not through books and copies. Practical knowledge through different interesting games and activities must be preferred for their holistic development. The commercialisation of education is not valid for these innocent minds. Let them bloom, let them grow. Under the pressure of commercialised education, we are crushing their childhood.

It's my earnest request to the authority to take positive steps towards my request and keep trying to understand the pains of small children.

I hope my letter will awake the sleepy heads.

Yours sincerely
Pramod Malhotra

OR

(B) H-29, Plaza House
Hyderabad

20 September, 20XX

The Principal
ABC School
Hyderabad

Subject: Application for the post of PGT Chemistry

Sir/Madam

This is with reference to the advertisement published in 'The Hindu' dated 15 September, 20XX. I wish to apply for the post of PGT Chemistry in your renowned school.

I have been teaching Chemistry to senior students for nearly ten years. I think my experience and academic qualifications match the advertisement published by your

side. If given an opportunity, I assure you that I shall work with utmost sincerity and dedication up to your satisfaction.

I am enclosing a copy of my bio-data for your perusal and kind consideration.

Yours sincerely

Amarjyoti Dey

BIO-DATA

Name	: Amarjyoti Dey
DOB	: 20 – 09 – 1995
Address	: H-29, Plaza House, Hyderabad
Mobile No.	: 9896XXXXXX
Marital Status	: Married
Educational Qualification	: M.Sc. , B.Ed.
Working Experience	: 10 years with DAV Public School, Hyderabad
Salary	: Negotiable
References	: (1) Mr Rajeev Saxena Principal, DAV Public School, Hyderabad (2) Mrs Sailja Choudhary HOD, Chemistry Department, DAVPS, Hyderabad

4. (A) **Sedentary Lifestyle – The Reason Behind Unhealthy Generation**

-By Mahima

With the growing dependency on technology and change in lifestyle, children are less active as compared to the earlier generation. A sedentary lifestyle is a type of lifestyle involving little or no physical activity. Changes in diet coupled with active lifestyles have sparked off childhood obesity which is on the rise.

Nowadays, people are often found sitting or lying down while engaged in any type of activity. Being glued to the TV screen or smartphones results in a sedentary lifestyle. No one wants to work physically which eventually results in the risk of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension, blood pressure, depression and other health issues, hampering their growth and development in an early stage. The impact of gadgets and computerization with internet facility is severely affecting as they are confined within walls, not giving exposure to outdoor activities. Parents should take care to incorporate more outdoor activities in their children's lives and limit the use of phones or tablets. They must be encouraged to participate in sports and games as it will increase their resistance power and make them free from ailments. A pledge should be taken by today's youngsters to free themselves from the grip of sedentary lifestyle as it is not only alarming for them but for the society and nation too. The future of nation depends on the power of youngster and this power can be restored by good physical and mental health.

OR

(B) DRIVE AGAINST POLLUTION-CAUSING VEHICLES

—By Priya, reporter at Chennai Times

Adayar, 12 March, 20XX: Traffic jams are a common sight in Chennai. But these days, they are on a rise. This is all because of the special drive launched by the traffic police against pollution-causing vehicles. Important intersections have been chosen and the concerned people can be seen in groups stationed at these points. Each and every vehicle is being stopped and their 'No Pollution Certificates' are being checked. ₹1000/- is being charged as fine for the lapse. Though this drive is a positive step in achieving a pollution-free environment, but it has created a lot of inconvenience for the public and the daily commuters. People are stranded on the roads for hours, getting late for their place of work. Though the new drive is highly appreciated by the people, they also feel that it is important that the public should not suffer. The authorities must find an alternative way for such a check that would cause less inconvenience to the general public.

**SECTION–C
(Literature)**

(40 Marks)

IV. 1. (A) (i) (c) To introspect

- (ii) Anaphora
- (iii) It refers to the various countries on the surface of earth.
- (iv) (a) There will be calmness and peace all around.
- (v) Pun
- (vi) True

OR

(B) (i) (a) As bold and fearless

- (ii) Aunt Jennifer
- (iii) alliteration
- (iv) (d) to move about or leap
- (v) (b) aabb
- (vi) They are not afraid of men because they are bold, fearless and strong.

2. (A) (i) (a) The old gardener

- (ii) Dr Sadao Hoki
- (iii) Bluntly
- (iv) (d) Both (a) and (c)

OR

2. (B) (i) (c) To save the kingdom

- (ii) 50 diamond rings were brought from Calcutta.
- (iii) The Maharaja wanted to please the high-ranking British official for refusing him permission to hunt in his kingdom.
- (iv) (b) expensive

3. (A) (i) (a) Peddler

- (ii) He was walking in search of an end to the forest.
- (iii) (c) That he had been walking around in the same part of the forest
- (iv) (a) That he has been caught in a trap for getting fooled by a bait
- (v) thirty kronors
- (vi) According to the peddler, the world had never existed for any other purpose than to set baits for people to trap them.

OR

3. (B) (i) (d) Subbu

- (ii) We can infer that Subbu had a positive approach and friendly attitude.
- (iii) The sincerity of Subbu towards Gemini Studios
- (iv) Subbu
- (v) (d) the most important or senior person in an organisation
- (vi) (d) All of these

- V. (i) Gandhiji was caught up in a situation between not wanting to set a bad example as a law breaker and also wanting to render the humanitarian and national service for which he had come. So he told the court that he was involved in a conflict of duties.
- (ii) Aunt Jenniffer is completely contrast to her own creations which she has created through embroidery. Her tigers are bold, strong, confident and fearless, but ironically, Aunt Jenniffer is weak, meek, timid and coward. She is living an oppressed life dominated by her husband in a patriarchal society.
- (iii) Sophie wanted to have a strong bond with Geoff because she liked her brother more than anyone else. She wanted to explore the outer world and for this, she wanted his support. Geoff was not in the habit of talking much and remained lost in his own thoughts. So she envied his silence and thought that he has access to an unknown world.
- (iv) Parents are the incarnation of God for their children. They are the backbone of their children's life. Seeing them becoming weak day-by-day due to old age is very painful as we feel helpless. Nothing can be done in this regard to provide them comfort other than spending some quality time with them. In the poem, the poet Kamala Das is going through similar kind of pain while on her way to airport thinking about her old mother.
- (v) Saheb-e-Alam, who was a rag-picker, got a job in a tea stall. Though he is earning ₹ 800/- which is a very huge amount for him and his family, even then he is not quite happy as he has lost his freedom. He has now become a child labour who has to be available at the call and beck of his master. He can't chirp like a free bird as he used to be earlier.
- (vi) The people from different regions and religions working together presented a glimpse of national integration. The make-up department was first headed by a Bengali. He was succeeded by a Maharashtrian. He was assisted by a Kannadiga from Dharwar and Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and usual local Tamils. All this shows that there was a great deal of national integration in the make-up room of the Gemini Studios.

- VI.** (i) To prove the astrologer's prediction wrong, the Maharaja went on killing tigers insanely. When he had killed 70 tiger in his kingdom, there were no more tigers left. So he decided to get married to a girl in a royal kingdom of a state which had a large tiger population. His decision to get married was highly influenced by his aim of killing 100 tigers.
- (ii) Our planet Earth is occupied by human beings. Everywhere there are buildings, roads, billboards and other human-made things except in Antarctica. Antarctica is located at the southern part of the earth and hence, has a freezing temperature which is generally not present in the rest of the Earth. Due to its cold temperature, there is no human existence or tall trees.
- (iii) Derry's mother is overprotective of him and always keeps an eye on him. The harsh and rude attitude of the world made her overprotective as mother. She does not want her child to face the brutality of the world. Overshadowed by her motherly instinct, she fails to realise how alienating it would be for Derry to not have friends because of his burnt face.
- VII.** (i) It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. Forgiveness and letting go can lead a person down the path of healing and peace. In the chapter 'The Rattrap', the peddler has no friends to steer him on the right path. Edla's generosity and kindness change his attitude toward life. Edla accepts the peddler despite his poor appearance, showing sign of a true Christian. She wanted to give him a day full of joy and respect. Her trust and respect, great regard towards the peddler brought a great change in him and helped him to go through a complete change of soul, from devil to angel. Touched by the kind treatment of Edla, the peddler requests her to return the stolen money to the rightful owner and left behind a gift for Edla in a dignified manner.

OR

- (ii) Unrealistic dreams lead to unhappiness as the world of dreams takes us away from the reality. Dreams which are far away from reality put the person in difficult situation. In the chapter, Sophie used to live in a dream world, dreaming about impossible things. She was not ready to accept the reality and always took an imaginary flight. Only constructive dreams could be a guiding light. They make us work harder. When dream becomes a fantasy, it does more harm than good. Just forgetting reality in the pursuit of dreams is harmful. Sophie, the protagonist of the story was nurturing her dreams since childhood. Her dreams of her future life were far removed from her reality. She used to dream of owning a boutique, of becoming an actress, but the fact was that she was earmarked for the biscuit factory. Her fantasy about the footballer player Danny Casey shows us that she lived completely lost in the world of fantasy. She goes to the extent and puts herself into load of troubles which leads to unrealistic expectations and therefore, sadness.
- VIII.** (i) Dr Sadao, when faced with a dilemma, decided to save the life of a wounded prisoner of war. But out of his loyalty to his nation, he ends up confiding into the General and prepares himself for the consequences. The General, who was quite ill at the moment, knew the importance of a skilled surgeon like Dr Sadao for his own benefit. He pardons Sadao, promising to help him get rid of the American

prisoner, quietly. Dr Sadao waits for a few days but soon realises that the General might not be sending any assassins after all. Later, it turns out that the General had forgotten about this promise, claiming that he was too self-absorbed by his own health issues. This may not suggest lack of loyalty towards his nations, but it does show dereliction of duty on the General's part along with his self-absorption. Since, he did not hesitate before offering to send his private assassins to kill the American, it could be inferred that he did not have any humane feelings or considerations towards the prisoner.

OR

- (ii) Derry's main problem was his burnt face. One side of his face was eaten up by acid. He suffered from a tremendous sense of inferiority complex. He was always conscious that his face was 'bad', 'terrible' and 'the ugliest thing'. People were 'afraid' of him. He tried to escape people. He allowed himself to be alienated from the world. On the other hand, Mr Lamb didn't allow his physical disability to come in his way. He accepted life as it came. He had a positive attitude towards life, things and people. He didn't find solace in escapism. Children tease him by calling him "Lamey-Lamb", but he doesn't mind it. One of his legs was blown off in the war. But he was full of life and enjoyed it at his best. He used to enjoy sitting in the sun, reading books and growing weeds, flowers and even getting to know the people who came by to sit in his garden.

Derry was withdrawn and defiant. He didn't trust people. He thought that no one will ever love and kiss him except his own mother. He couldn't stand people staring at him or passing uncharitable remarks. He was touchy and hypersensitive. On the other hand, Mr Lamb was open-minded and open-hearted. All were welcome in his house. He loved everybody and everything. He taught Derry how to handle people and things.

