

A Letter to God

Competency Based Questions

◆ Questions on the Extracts from the Lesson

Q.1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

The house-the only one in the entire valley -sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a good downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho -who knew his fields intimately- had done nothing but see the sky towards the north-east.

(a) Based on the detail of the house's location, how can it best be described?

- (i) majestic (ii) imposing (iii) solitary (iv) unique [Ans. (iii)]

(b) The field of corn dotted with flowers means that

- (i) not a single flower was bigger than a dot (ii) the flowers were scattered across
(iii) the flowers were shaped like dots (iv) the flowers had shrunk in size. [Ans. (ii)]

(c) Lencho wished for a downpour or a heavy shower. Pick the option that correctly lists the correct match for the kinds of rain.

1.	heavy rain	A.	light rain that falls in very fine drops
2.	Thunderstorm	B.	very heavy rain, tropical rain
3.	drizzle	C.	It's coming down quite strong and you get very wet very quickly
4.	torrential rain	D.	really heavy rain that comes very suddenly
5.	downpour	E.	is a violent, short-lived weather disturbance associated with lightning, thunder and strong, gusty winds.

(i) 1-B, 2-D, 3-E, 4-A, 5-C

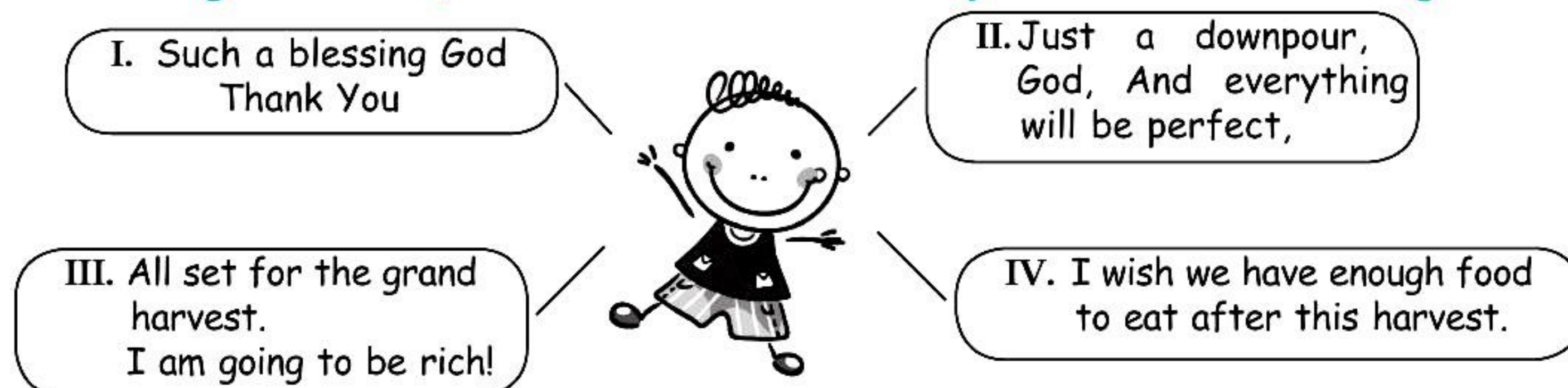
(ii) 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-E, 5-B

(iii) 1-E, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B, 5-A

(iv) 1-C, 2-E, 3-A, 4-B, 5-D

[Ans. (iv)]

(d) Based on the given extract, what is Lencho NOT likely to think while looking at his field.



(i) Option I

(ii) Option II

(iii) Option III

(iv) Option IV

[Ans. (iv)]

(e) Which quote supports the idea in the given extract?

- (i) "Farming is a profession of hope."
- (ii) "I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."
- (iii) "Farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."
- (iv) "Those too lazy to plough in the right season will have no food at the harvest."

[Ans. (i)]

Q.2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

"It's really getting bad now," exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly." It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white, as if covered with salt. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons, "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn."

That night was a sorrowful one.

"All our work, for nothing."

"There's no one who can help us."

"We'll all go hungry this year."

(a) What does 'it' in the above passage refer to?

- (i) flowers
- (ii) hail
- (iii) cornfield
- (iv) valley

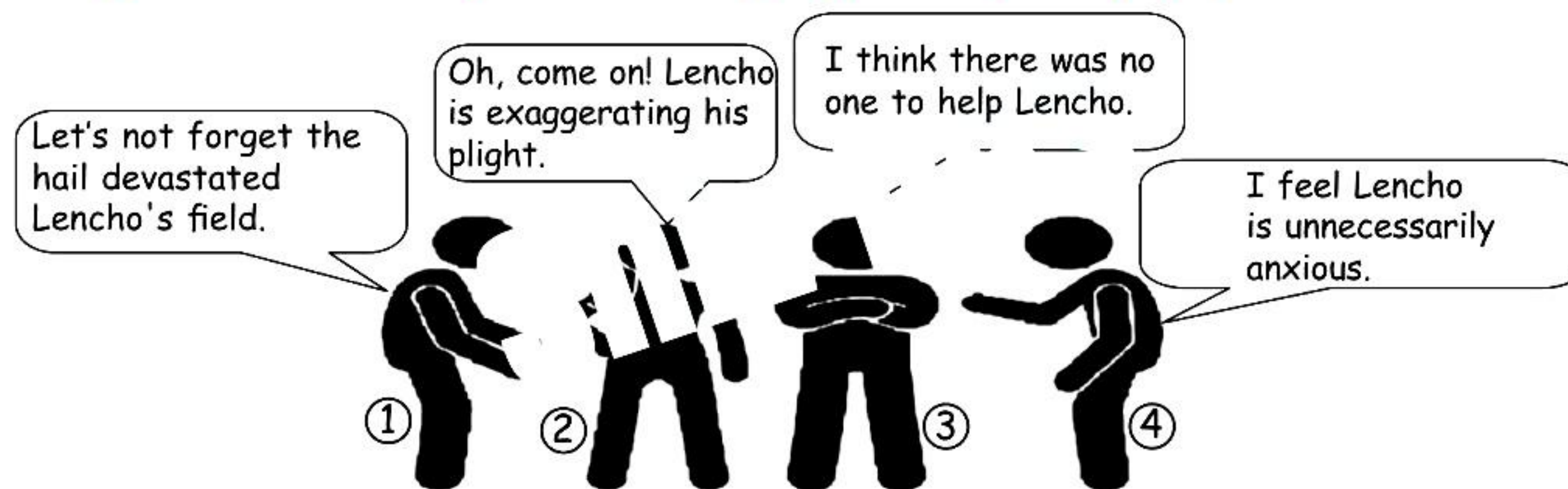
[Ans. (ii)]

(b) Why was Lencho's heart filled with sadness?

- (i) His cornfield was completely destroyed.
- (ii) The hail had left nothing in the field.
- (iii) Their hard work had been in vain.
- (iv) All of the above.

[Ans. (iv)]

(c) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the students below.



- (i) F-1, 2, 3 and O-4
- (ii) F-1, 3 and O-2, 4
- (iii) F-1, 4 and O-2, 3
- (iv) F-2, 3, 4 and O-1

[Ans. (ii)]

(d) Which word does 'plague' not correspond to?

- (i) gratification
- (ii) invasion
- (iii) pest
- (iv) infestation

[Ans. (i)]

(e) Choose the characteristic displayed by Lencho when he says, "There's no one who can help us".

- (i) desperate
- (ii) anger
- (iii) despair
- (iv) sympathy

[Ans. (iii)]

Q.3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

He wrote 'To God' on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox. One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster—a fat, amiable fellow—also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!"

(a) Lencho was 'still troubled' because:

- (i) his problem had not been solved.
- (ii) he had not posted his letter.
- (iii) he did not trust the post office employees.
- (iv) he and his family were hungry.

[Ans. (i)]

(b) The word 'amiable' does not mean the same as:

- (i) cordial
- (ii) good-natured
- (iii) unsocial
- (iv) friendly

[Ans. (iii)]

(c) The postman was amused:

- (i) on seeing Lencho's faith in God.
- (ii) as the letter was addressed to God.

(iii) as Lencho had written a wrong address. (iv) as he did not know what to do with the letter.

[Ans. (ii)]

(d) The postmaster was impressed:

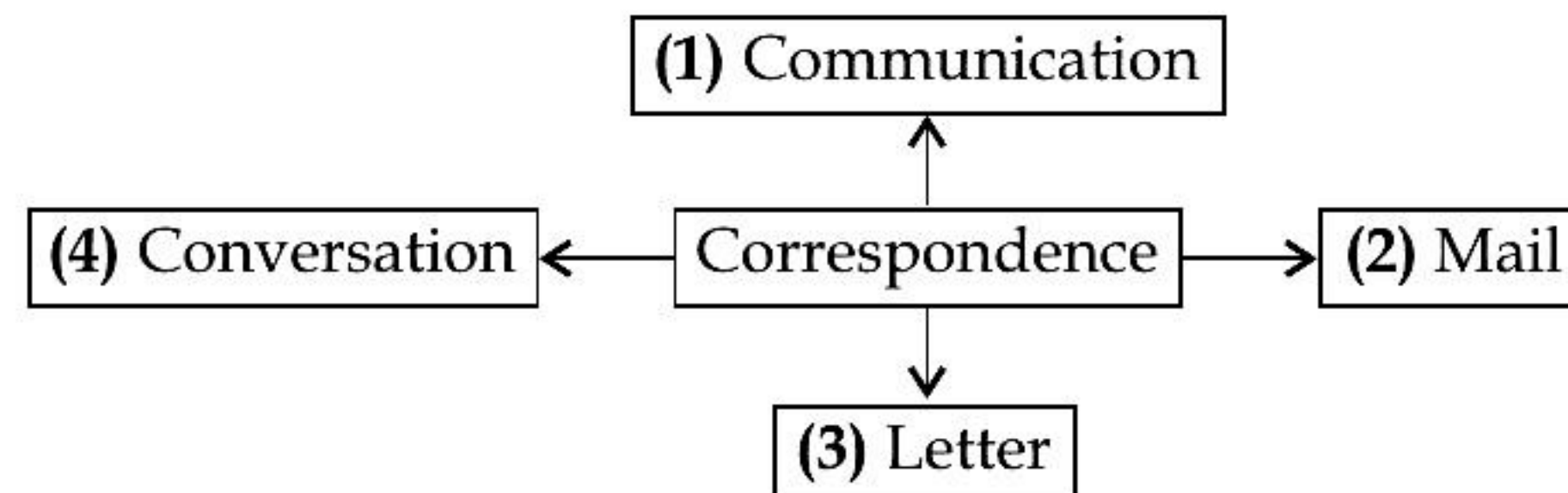
(i) on seeing the address on the envelope. (ii) by Lencho's courage.

(iii) by Lencho's faith in God.

(iv) All of the above

[Ans. (iii)]

(e) The extract uses the word 'correspondence'. Which of the following expressions is incorrect with respect to the word?



(i) option (1)

(ii) option (2)

(iii) option (3)

(iv) option (4)

[Ans. (iv)]

Q.4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence—but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist.

(a) Why did the postmaster look contented?

(i) Seeing Lencho at the post office

(ii) A postman handed the letter to Lencho

(iii) He had been able to help Lencho

(iv) Seeing Lencho's faith in God

[Ans. (iii)]

(b) Why was Lencho angry when he counted the money?

(i) The amount was less than he had asked.

(ii) God had denied Lencho his request.

(iii) His confidence was shaken.

(iv) God had made a mistake.

[Ans. (i)]

(c) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s (F) and opinion/s (O) of the students below.



(i) F-2, 3 and O-1, 4

(ii) F-2, 4 and O-1, 3

(iii) F-2 and O-1

(iv) F-4 and O-2, 4

[Ans. (ii)]

(d) Which word does 'wrinkling' NOT correspond to?

(i) Pursue

(ii) Scrunch

(iii) Contract

(iv) Crease

[Ans. (i)]

(e) Choose the characteristic displayed by the postmaster when he decided not to shake Lencho's faith in God:

(i) Encouragement

(ii) Goodness

(iii) Liberality

(iv) Sympathy

[Ans. (ii)]

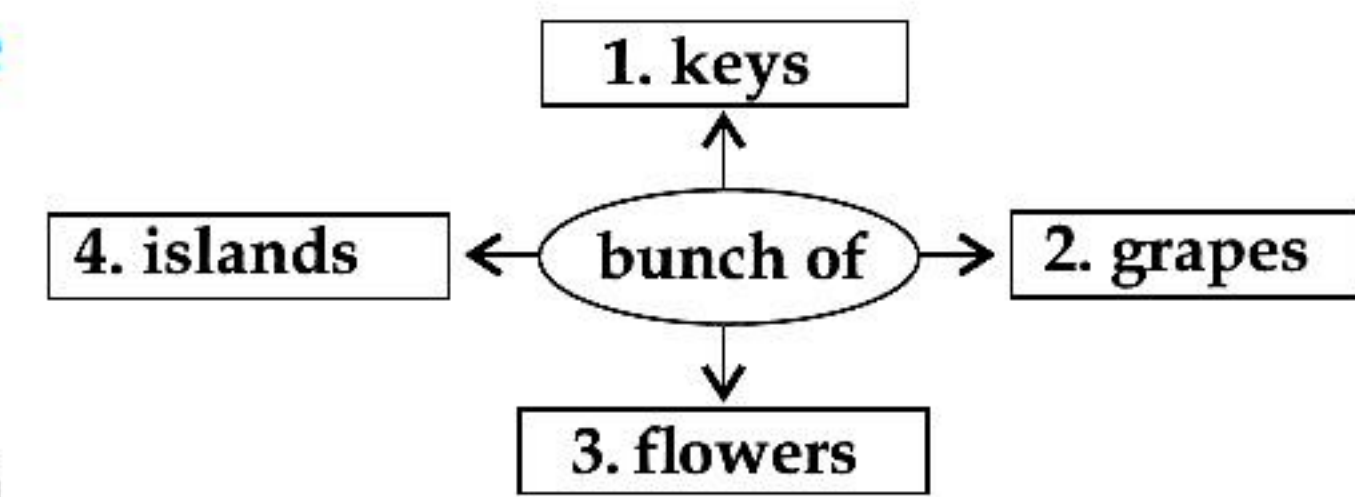
Q.5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said: "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho."

(a) '...bunch of crooks.' Pick the option that DOES NOT collate with 'bunch of', correctly

- (i) Option 1
- (ii) Option 2
- (iii) Option 3
- (iv) Option 4

[Ans. (iv)]

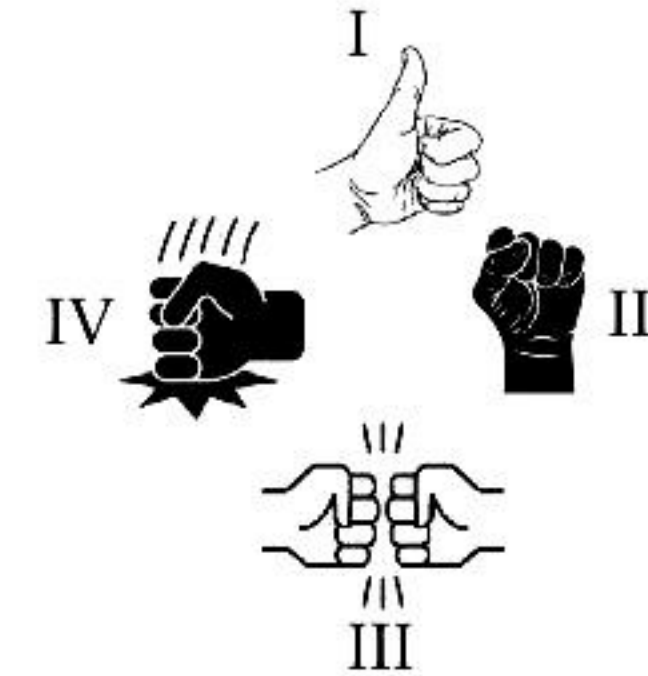


(b) What was the most likely response that the postmaster expected in Lencho's second letter?

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| 1. sorrowful | 2. gratitude | 3. disappointment | 4. elation | 5. shock |
| (i) 2 and 5 | (ii) 1 and 3 | (iii) 2 and 4 | (iv) 3 and 5 | [Ans. (iii)] |

(c) Pick the option that lists the option corresponding to – 'with a blow of his fist.'

- (i) Option I
 - (ii) Option II
 - (iii) Option III
 - (iv) Option IV
- [Ans. (iv)]



(d) Lencho's letter included

- (i) Request for some money
 - (ii) Description of the post office
 - (iii) Belief of being looted
 - (iv) List of further demands.
- [Ans. (iv)]

(e) Pick the most suitable quote for this extract.

- (i) "It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled."-Mark Twain
 - (ii) "Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance."- Confucius
 - (iii) "You see a person's true colours when you are no longer beneficial to their life."-Anonymous
 - (iv) "True generosity means accepting ingratitude."-Coco Chanel
- [Ans. (iv)]

◆ Stand-Alone Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why does Lencho compare the rain drops to coins?

- (i) The weather had become pleasant.
 - (ii) He had a feeling of immense satisfaction
 - (iii) The rain would ensure a good harvest
 - (iv) His hard work had been rewarded
- [Ans. (iii)]

2. Why did the postman laugh heartily on seeing Lencho's letter?

- (i) He did not know what to do with it
 - (ii) The letter was without an address
 - (iii) He had never known that address
 - (iv) He lacked that kind of faith in God
- [Ans. (iii)]

3. Lencho was not surprised on receiving money from God. This reveals his:

- (i) Apprehension
 - (ii) Anxiety
 - (iii) Conviction
 - (iv) Courage
- [Ans. (iii)]

4. Where was the house situated?

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| I. in a valley | II. in the plains | III. on the crest of a hill | IV. by the seaside |
| (i) I and II | (ii) II and III | (iii) I and III | (iv) III and IV |
- [Ans. (iii)]

5. They are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives. What are these coins made of?

- (i) Gold
 - (ii) Silver
 - (iii) Nickel
 - (iv) Raindrops
- [Ans. (iv)]

6. But in the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house in the middle of the valley, there was a single hope? What hope is being discussed?

- (i) Help from the neighbours
 - (ii) Help from the post office employees
 - (iii) Help from the postmaster and his colleagues
 - (iv) Help from God
- [Ans. (iv)]

7. Lencho wrote a letter and

- (i) gave to the postman
 - (ii) sent his son to post it
 - (iii) dropped it into the mailbox
 - (iv) sent it to the postmaster
- [Ans. (iii)]

8. To answer the letter the postmaster needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. What was it that he needed?

- (i) Seventy pesos
 - (ii) One hundred and ten pesos
 - (iii) Eighty pesos
 - (iv) One hundred pesos
- [Ans. (iv)]

9. On receiving the letter, Lencho became

- (i) Surprised
 - (ii) angry
 - (iii) happy
 - (iv) felt normal
- [Ans. (ii)]

10. What kind of a person would you say Lencho is?

- (i) greedy
 - (ii) naive
 - (iii) stupid
 - (iv) ungrateful
- [Ans. (ii)]