



CBSE SAMPLE PAPER 2020

with
Detailed Solutions
ENGLISH
Class X

Time : 3 hrs.
Max. Marks : 80

General Instructions:

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

Part A (40 Marks) **Reading (20 Marks)**

1. Read the passage given below:

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realise how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on—simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologise for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

2. Read the passage given below:

The UN’s 2017 International Year tells that sustainable tourism is an important tool for development, most importantly in poor communities and countries. Today sustainability –environmental, social, and economic—is increasingly recognised as the benchmark for all tourism business. As noted by the UN World Tourism Organisation, 57% of international tourist arrivals will be in emerging economies, by 2030. The various ‘Tourism Terms’ are defined as follows:

S.No.	Category	Definition
1.	Ecotourism	Responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, socially and economically sustains the well-being of local people, and creates knowledge and understanding through interpretation and education of all involved (including staff, travellers, and community residents).
2.	Ethical tourism	Tourism in a destination where ethical issues are the key driver, e.g. social injustice, human rights, animal welfare, or the environment.
3.	Geotourism	Tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place—its environment, heritage, aesthetics, culture, and well-being of its residents.
4.	Pro-poor tourism	Tourism that results in increased net benefit for the poor people in a destination.
5.	Responsible tourism	Tourism that maximises the benefits to local communities, minimises negative social or environmental impacts, and helps local people conserve fragile cultures and habitats or species.
6.	Sustainable tourism	Tourism that leads to the management of all resources in such a way that economic, social, and aesthetic needs can be fulfilled while maintaining cultural integrity, essential ecological processes, biological diversity, and life-support systems.

Based on data collected by a survey by Travel Bureau, the following market profile of an ecotourist was constructed:

Age: 35–54 years old, although age varied with activity and other factors such as cost.

Gender: 50% female and 50% male, although clear differences based on activity were found.

Education: 82% were college graduates, a shift in interest in ecotourism from those who have high levels of education to those with less education was also found, indicating an expansion into mainstream markets.

Household Composition: No major differences were found between general tourists and experienced ecotourists. (experienced ecotourists = tourists that had been on at least one “ecotourism” oriented trip.)

Party Composition: A majority (60%) of experienced ecotourism respondents stated they prefer to travel as a couple, with only 15% stating they preferred to travel with their families, and 13% preferring to travel alone.

Trip Duration: The largest group of experienced ecotourists— (50%) preferred trips lasting 8-14 days.

Expenditure: Experienced ecotourists were willing to spend more than general tourists, the largest group (26%) .

Important Elements of Trip: Experienced ecotourists top three responses were: (a) wilderness setting, (b) wildlife viewing, (c) hiking/trekking.

Motivations for Taking Next Trip: Experienced ecotourists top two responses were: (a) enjoy scenery/nature, (b) new experiences/places.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt any ten questions from the twelve that follow. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) In the line “.....recognised as the benchmark”, the word “benchmark” DOES NOT refer to:
 - (i) a basis for something
 - (ii) the criterion required
 - (iii) the ability to launch something new
 - (iv) a standard point of reference
- (b) The World Tourism Organisation of the UN, in an observation, shared that:
 - (i) emerging economies of the world will gain 57% of their annual profits from International tourists

Literature (10 Marks)

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

(5 × 1 = 5)

Suddenly she was startled by a voice. "Listen, child," said the voice, "you shouldn't stand like that. Sit down."

Sitting down, she looked to see who had spoken. It was an elderly man who had honestly been concerned for her, but she was annoyed by his attention.

"There's nobody here who's a child," she said haughtily. "I've paid my thirty paise like everyone else."

The conductor chimed in. "Oh, sir, but this is a very grown-up madam. Do you think a mere girl could pay her own fare and travel to the city all alone?"

Valli shot an angry glance at the conductor and said, "I am not a madam. Please remember that. And you've not yet given me my ticket."

"I'll remember," the conductor said, mimicking her tone. Everyone laughed, and gradually Valli too joined in the laughter.

(a) How did Valli feel when the elderly man expressed concern that she was standing?

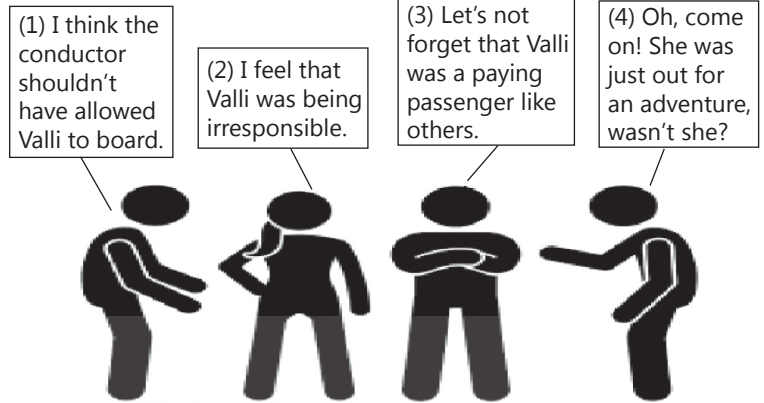
- (i) Rather shocked
- (ii) Somewhat happy
- (iii) Fairly displeased
- (iv) Quite embarrassed

(b) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

1. Valli was travelling without a guardian.
2. The conductor was bullying Valli.
3. Valli was nervous in her interactions.
4. Valli was a child passenger.
5. Valli followed the elderly man's advice.
6. Valli's response to the elderly man was respectful.
7. It took Valli some time to participate in the jocular conversations.

- (i) 2, 3, 4
- (ii) 5, 6, 7
- (iii) 3, 5, 7
- (iv) 2, 3, 6

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

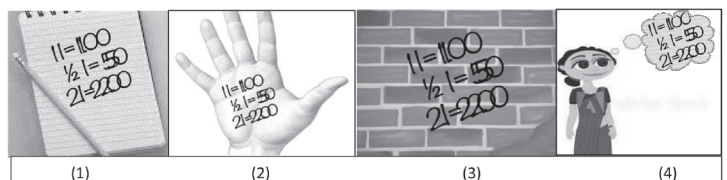


- (i) F - 1,2 and O - 3,4
 - (ii) F - 2,3,4 and O - 1
 - (iii) F - 2,4 and O - 1,3
 - (iv) F - 3 and O - 1,2,4
- (d) Which word does 'chimed in' NOT correspond to?
- (i) Intervened
 - (ii) Interrupted
 - (iii) Intersected
 - (iv) Interjected
- (e) Choose the characteristic displayed by the conductor when he addressed Valli and declared that she couldn't be 'a mere girl'.
- (i) Encouragement
 - (ii) Indulgence
 - (iii) Embarrassment
 - (iv) Authority

Or

The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the *Kabai*. It was a single piece long frock reaching down to the knees. In our childhood we saw bakers wearing shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that he is dressed like a **pader!**

(a) Choose the answer that lists the correct option about the recording of the baker's monthly accounts.



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

(b) When the writer says, 'Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days.' He means that:

- (i) baking isn't as popular in Goa currently
- (ii) bakers have chosen to adopt other professions
- (iii) baking, as a job, isn't as gainful as it used to be
- (iv) bakers' goods were of a better quality in earlier times

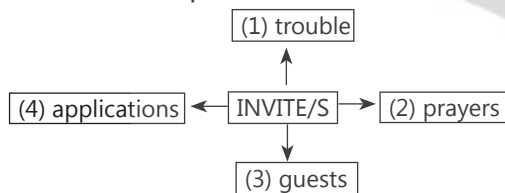
(c) The statement that is TRUE about payment collection, according to the passage is:

- (i) the baker received payment on a daily basis
- (ii) the baker was paid for his services at the end of the month
- (iii) the baker insisted that customers pay before the month-end
- (iv) the baker chose to receive payment any day of the month

(d) The *Kabai* was a 'peculiar' outfit as it was:

- (i) a tight-fitting apparel
- (ii) too colourful
- (iii) made of unsuitable materials
- (iv) a dress-like attire

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



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

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

(5 × 1 = 5)

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars

(a) The fact that the tiger is 'stalking the length of his cage' tells us that he is:

- (i) restless
- (ii) reckless
- (iii) resilient
- (iv) reverent

(b) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanzas?

- (i) abcb; abcb
- (ii) abcb; abcd
- (iii) abcd; abcd
- (iv) abcd; abcb

(c) These stanzas bring out the contrast between:

- (i) zoos and cities
- (ii) strength and weakness
- (iii) freedom and captivity
- (iv) visitors and patrolling cars

(d) What is the caged tiger NOT likely to say to the visitors?

- (i) Stop staring
- (ii) Set me free
- (iii) Join me
- (iv) Go away

(e) The tiger's 'brilliant eyes' reveal that he:

- (i) hopes to be free and in the wild, someday
- (ii) is looked after well and is nourished and healthy
- (iii) enjoys staring at the bright stars each night
- (iv) is well-rested and hence, wide-awake

Or

I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over – there it is in the water!
No use to say 'O there are other balls':
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went.

(a) The poet uses the ball as a symbol of the boy's:

- (i) sense of adventure
- (ii) carefree childhood days
- (iii) ability to bounce back
- (iv) extended family

(b) The poet feels that there is no point consoling the boy as:

- (i) it would give him false hope
- (ii) he might demand for a new ball
- (iii) it might distress him further
- (iv) whatever he has lost is irretrievable

(c) The word 'harbour' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to:

- (i) port
- (ii) pier
- (iii) dock
- (iv) cargo

- (d) 'Merrily over – **there it is in the water!**' The dash here is meant to convey:
- (i) some familiar experience
 - (ii) a feeling of excitement
 - (iii) a sense of unexpected interruption
 - (iv) some thoughtful moments

- (e) The word that DOES NOT indicate a physical manifestation of sorrow in the boy, is:
- (i) worthless
 - (ii) shaking
 - (iii) trembling
 - (iv) rigid

Grammar (10 Marks)

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the Wangala Festival of Meghalaya. (1 × 3 = 3)

The Wangala **-(a)-** festival for the Garo in Meghalaya, Assam and Nagaland. It is a post-harvest festival **-(b)-** the end of the agricultural year. It is popularly known as 'The Hundred Drums' festival. During the signature dance, the leading warrior **-(c)-** with synchronised dance steps and specific hand-head movements.

- (a) (i) is important
- (ii) are an important
- (iii) was the important
- (iv) is an important
- (b) (i) being celebrated for marking
- (ii) celebrated to mark
- (iii) celebrated to marking
- (iv) being celebrated for mark
- (c) (i) leads the youngsters
- (ii) is lead the youngsters
- (iii) was leading the youngsters
- (iv) had leads the youngsters

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete Venu's narration. (1 × 3 = 3)



I saw Suppandi standing in the field. When I **-(a)-** doing there, he **-(b)-** he was trying to win a Nobel prize. I was confused and enquired how standing in the rice field would help him do so. He stumped me by saying that he **-(c)-** won Nobel prizes had all been outstanding in their fields!

- (a) (i) exclaimed what he was

- (ii) told him what he was
- (iii) asked him what he was
- (iv) says to him about what
- (b) (i) ordered that
- (ii) refused that
- (iii) questioned that
- (iv) replied that
- (c) (i) has heard that people who has
- (ii) was hearing that people who were
- (iii) had heard that people who had
- (iv) did hear that people who had

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below: (1 × 4 = 4)

- (a) You consult the Thesaurus if you need groups of synonyms for those words.
 - (i) had to
 - (ii) need to
 - (iii) used to
 - (vi) might
- (b) Everybody keen to participate in the upcoming *nukkad natak*.
 - (i) are
 - (ii) has
 - (iii) is
 - (iv) were
- (c) The good news is that.....volunteers dropped out this month than the last two.
 - (i) fewer
 - (ii) less
 - (iii) few
 - (iv) a little
- (d) It was historic day for the organisation when honour was bestowed upon its employees.
 - (i) a; an
 - (ii) an; the
 - (iii) the; a
 - (iv) an; a
- (e) At this time tomorrow we our project details to ma'am.
 - (i) are presenting
 - (ii) shall be presenting
 - (iii) have been presenting
 - (iv) will have presenting
- (f) The Komodo dragon follow its prey till it eventually dies due to its venomous bite.
 - (i) must
 - (ii) will
 - (iii) could
 - (iv) may

Part B (40 Marks)

Writing (10 Marks)

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

You are Tabassum/Tarun, a resident of Satya Nagar Colony, Bhubaneswar, Orissa. You have noticed that some residents of your colony are repeatedly flouting quarantine rules laid out during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Write a letter to the SHO of the local Police Station, drawing attention towards the same. Explain how such acts impact the health of the community and request immediate intervention and strict action.

Or

You are Vaijanthi/Vijay from Prakasham Nagar, Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh. Write a letter to Book Haven Store, requesting home delivery of the books, stationery and art materials you had ordered telephonically. Share the reason for being unable to pick up the goods in person. Confirm your address details and a convenient time slot.

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

Literature (30 Marks)

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

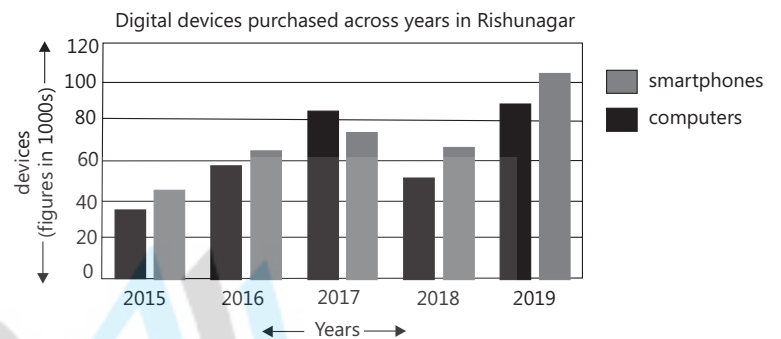
(A) (Any two)

- How did Peggy justify her cruel behaviour towards Wanda?
- Describe how Custard's reaction was different from that of others, on seeing the pirate?
- Who, according to Nelson Mandela, is a courageous man?

(B) (Any two)

- Why did Oliver Lutkins' mother laugh as she chased him and Bill away?
- Why was it important for Mrs. Pumphrey to be a little cruel in order to be kind towards Tricky?

The chart given displays data about the number of digital devices purchased in Rishunagar across the years 2015–2019. Write a paragraph analysing the given data.



Or

Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily: The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles like bags and packaging is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles do this well, so they shouldn't be banned.

Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument. You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale/evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.

- List any one characteristic of Bholi's teacher with reference to her first day at school. Give a reason for your answer.

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

(A) (Any two)

- Annie writes that it was fortunate that Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. Why does she feel so?
- The use of symbolism in the poem 'Fire and Ice' conveys the poet's message effectively. Expand with reference to the poem.
- Justify the poet's allusion to Rapunzel in 'Amanda'.

(B) (Any two)

- (a) Griffin's brilliance as a man of science fades before his darker traits. Comment.
- (b) Why do you think Mr. Weiherer was pleased that Richard Ebright not only put in the nightly research hours towards butterflies, but also his other interests?
- (c) What madame Forestier exclaim in astonishment, when she saw Matilda, years after the Minister's ball?

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

Natalya and Ivan argued about the ownership of Oxen Meadows and the superiority of their respective dogs in the play, *The Proposal*.

Imagine yourself as the playwright of the play. Based on your understanding of the personality traits of Natalya and Ivan, write a dialogue based on an imaginary event, showcasing another argument between them.

Or

Read the extracts given below and comment on the difference in the nature of help both the characters, of these two stories, received.

- (i) Suddenly I came out of the clouds and saw two straight lines of lights in front of me. It was a

runway! An airport! I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane but the sky was empty. [*The Black Aeroplane*]

- (ii) All through the night Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God...The following Sunday, at daybreak he began to write a letter...It was nothing less than a letter to God...The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him.... Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money, such was his confidence. [*A Letter to God*]

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

Hari Singh says- "He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything."

Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of 'The Thief's Story.'

Or

Read the following quote by an American author, E. E. Hale.

"I am only one but, I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I do." Bholi's evolution from a 'dumb cow' to a 'masterpiece' supports the given quote. Justify.

Answers

Part A (40 Marks)

Reading (20 Marks)

1. (a) (i) constant need for something different.
 (b) (iv) Option (4)
 (c) (iii) 1 and 4
 (d) (iii) How much is too much?
 (e) (iii) be possibly dangerous
 (f) (iv) Officials admit that the emergency system is in the longer run
 (g) (iv) offer advice to
 (h) (iv) stress
 (i) (ii) To organise our lives
 (j) (iii) (3) and (5)
- (k) (iii) lines on the highway
 (l) (iv) Be yourself
2. (a) (iii) the ability to launch something new
 (b) (ii) countries with upcoming economies shall see maximum tourist footfall from all over the world in the next decade
 (c) (i) wild and untouched surroundings
 (d) (ii) 1 is an ethical tourist and 2 is a geotourist
 (e) (iii) 2 and 4
 (f) (ii) the activity preferences were varied in females and males
 (g) (iv) ecotourism was no more limited to the small group of highly educated travellers
 (h) (ii) 75%.

- (i) (iv) the opportunity to travel to new places
 (j) (iii) Emerging economies will receive negligible international tourists in the near future
- (k) (ii) changed with the monetary requirements for the trip
 (l) (ii) The person who is yet to travel even once as an ecotourist

Literature (10 Marks)

3. (a) (iii) Fairly displeased
 (b) (iv) 2, 3, 6
 (c) (iv) F - 3 and O - 1,2,4
 (d) (iii) Intersected
 (e) (ii) Indulgence

Or

- (a) (iii) Option (3)
 (b) (iii) baking, as a job, isn't as gainful as it used to be
 (c) (ii) the baker was paid for his services at the end of the month
 (d) (iv) it was a dress-like attire
 (e) (ii) Option 2

4. (a) (i) restless
 (b) (iv) abcd; abcb
 (c) (iii) freedom and captivity
 (d) (iii) Join me
 (e) (i) hopes to be free and in the wild, someday

Or

- (a) (ii) carefree childhood days
 (b) (iv) whatever he has lost is irretrievable
 (c) (iv) cargo
 (d) (iii) a sense of unexpected interruption
 (e) (i) worthless

Grammar (10 Marks)

5. (a) (iv) is an important
 (b) (ii) celebrated to mark
 (c) (i) leads the youngsters
6. (a) (iii) asked him what he was
 (b) (iv) replied that
 (c) (iii) had heard that people who had

7. (a) (ii) need to
 (b) (iii) is
 (c) (i) fewer
 (d) (i) a; an
 (e) (ii) shall be presenting
 (f) (ii) will

Part B (40 Marks)

Writing (10 Marks)

8. Satya Nagar Colony
 Bhubaneshwar
 Orissa
 10 October 20XX
 The SHO
 Satya Nagar Police Station
 Bhubaneshwar
 Orissa

Subject : Requesting Action against Flouters of Quarantine Rules.

Sir,

I am a resident of Satya Nagar Colony and I am writing this letter to draw your attention towards the complaint about some residents who are not following the quarantine rules.

This is really disappointing that in spite of the constant alarming notices, the rules have fallen on deaf ears. This is the non-compliance of rules by those residents who are not staying indoors at all and are disregarding the rules of social distancing. They roam about almost everywhere without the use of masks. They are so ignorant towards the fact that they are putting everyone's life at risk through their casual behaviour. This has aggravated mental stress and fear in the residents of the colony. In spite of following all the precautionary measures at the personal level the residents live under the constant threat of getting infected apparently.

We have put our concern in front of our Resident Welfare Association, however, it is not taking any steps to check such behaviour. So we are knocking your doors for the assistance to take the immediate action regarding our concern.

On behalf of the entire society, I request you to look into the matter at the earliest to prevent the hazards of COVID-19. I hope for a prompt action.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
Tabassum

Or

Prakasham Nagar
Secunderabad
Andhra Pradesh
10 October 20XX

The Sales Manager
Book Haven Store
Andhra Pradesh

Subject: Requesting the Home Delivery of the Ordered Goods.

Sir,

This is with reference to the order number RXVI 2025 for the textbooks of class IX and X, stationery and art material ordered telephonically on 5 October 20XX to Mr. Mukesh, one of the members of your Sales Department.

I wish to get the books delivered at my home.

Our pick-in up person is, unfortunately, available due to family emergency. So, I request you to kindly deliver the goods at my home as it is already delayed and the items are needed urgently.

I will be thankful to you for the same if the items are delivered to me by 12 October 20XX before 12 noon. My address is:

Flat No. 21/B, Block-2, Prakasham Nagar, Secunderabad.

I hope for the timely delivery.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
Vaijanthi

- 9 The given graph conveys us information about the number of digital devices purchased in Rishunagar across the year 2015-2019. The data has been represented in the form of double bar graph where the comparison has been made between smartphones and computers. The number of devices purchased has been given in thousands.

On observing the data, it can be seen that the maximum purchases of both the devices have been done in the year 2019. Where ninety thousand computers have been purchased computer and the purchase of smartphones has taken the lead by 25 thousand counting upto almost one lakh five thousand computers.

Through the data, it can be observed that the purchase of smartphones has always exceeded the purchase of computers

except in year 2017 where over 10 thousand more computers have been bought than the number of smartphones. The least number of devices were purchased in year 2015 where the purchase of computers was nearly thirty-five thousand and the purchase of smartphones was over forty-five thousand. It is curious that the purchase of both the devices was lesser in 2018 than the purchase in year 2017. The number of computers purchased in year 2018 was about fifty thousand and the number of smartphones purchased was about seventy thousand.

In the year 2016, it can be observed that there was a slight difference in the number of purchase of both the devices.

In conclusion, we can say that with every passing year, the graph of number of purchase of devices has risen, except in 2018, and apparently, shall increase in the coming years.

Or

The given lines from the magazine section of a local daily exclaim that the ban on single use plastic is impractical as it has made human life easier.

The moment from the very beginning in the morning, working throughout the day till night we are completely surrounded by the substance named plastic. And it is unavoidable on every ground however it cannot be denied that plastic is a threat even bigger than that of anything else. A massive quantity of over 60% of plastic waste is dumped into the oceans every year.

Every product has a shelf life, but sadly it is not the case with plastic.

The fact is that our planet cannot digest plastic. We all know that plastic takes 500 to 1000 years to completely degrade itself due to the presence of complex polymers.

Till now whatever bit of plastic has ever been manufactured or used by us can be found in some form or the other on the planet. And now it has reached the crisis point. One day all our water bodies shall be overflowing with plastic wastes. The problem in India is that there is no strict laws available on the usage of plastics. Big brands and vendors have started charging extra for the cost of polybag in order to discourage the use of plastic commercially. However, it is still ineffective at the ground level.

Therefore, it can just be said that a simple piece of policy can achieve big results. The need of the hour in India is strict laws and their enforcement. However, plastic even then shall continue to be in use at the ground reality until the perfect substitute of plastic is invented.

Literature (30 Marks)

- 10. (A)** (a) Peggy justified her cruel behaviour towards Wanda by saying that she felt that Wanda lied about her hundred dresses. She thought that Wanda Petronski wasn't an ordinary name hence it sounded funny. Moreover, she believed that she was just having fun and didn't intend to harm her.
- (b) Custard was always teased for being a coward and looking for safe place. However, when the pirate invaded the house, everyone was petrified and ran away to hide, but Custard was the only one who stood up to fight with him and killed him.
- (c) According to Nelson Mandela, courage does not mean the absence of fear but victory over fear. According to him, brave men need not be fearless but should be able to conquer fear and doesn't ever give in to it.
- (B)** (a) Oliver Lutkins' mother knew that her son was pretending to be Bill who was assisting the lawyer in finding Lutkins. The mother laughed heartily on seeing the reaction of the lawyer because he was terrified just like a seven-year old boy. This threatful attempt disheartened the lawyer.
- (b) Tricky was overfed by Mrs. Pumphrey as she had become overindulgent. Tricky didn't exercise at all as a result it had become sluggish. It was needed to cut down Tricky's food intake to help him regain his health which was being cruel in perspective of Mrs. Pumphrey.
- (c) Bholi's teacher was very assuring in nature as the teacher made Bholi speak her name by being kind and empathetic towards her and also touched Bholi's heart by calling her name softly and in a soothing voice.
- 11. (A)** (a) Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on her when he asked her to write an essay with the title "Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox. So, she decided to play a joke on Mr. Keesing. In the third attempt she wrote a poem referred to the father swan who bit his three ducks to death because they quacked too much. Metaphorically, the poem was written to convey the value of talking. She felt that it was fortunate for her that Mr. Keesing got the joke, else, the disciplinary action could have been severe for Annie.
- (b) The poet mentions that both fire and ice are probable ends of this world. He talks about fire that it represents human desire, greed, lust and can therefore be a cause of the end of the world. He also mentions ice to symbolise hatred, coldness and human indifference towards one another. He says it will also be enough to end the world. The poet determines that either would achieve its purpose of world destruction.
- (c) Amanda wants to be Rapunzel because she wants to live alone. Rapunzel lived alone in a tall tower and had long beautiful golden hair. She was held captive by her grandmother, who came up the tower by climbing her long hair. The girl also wants to live alone in a tower as she would not have to care about anything. Her life in a tower would be tranquil, peaceful and rare. However, she also decided that she would never throw down her hair for anyone to come up as she always wanted to live alone, all by herself.
- (B)** (a) Griffin was indeed a brilliant scientist as he discovered the chemical that could make man invisible. But it can't be ignored that Griffin was a lawless person. He was disliked by most people. He was so quick tempered that he burnt the house of the landlord to take revenge on him and became a homeless wanderer. He also robbed a shopkeeper of all the money he could find. He also stole the housekeeping money from the clergyman's desk. Griffin also attacked Mrs. Hall when she entered his room. All these instances prove that undoubtedly he was a brilliant scientist but his brilliance was eclipsed by his negative traits.
- (b) Mr. Weiherer was pleased that Ebright balanced academics as well as recreational pursuits. He praised him for his brilliant mind, his curiosity and will to win for the right reason. He also admired Richard for his spirit to do his very best all the time. As a teacher, he wanted Ebright's growth as a well-round personality.
- (c) Matilda had to work very hard for a long time to lead her life. She had to work hard to pay for Mrs. Forestier's lost necklace. She had become a strong and hard woman. She had also become a crude woman of the household. In fact, she had started looking old. One Sunday evening, when she was taking a walk, she met Mrs. Forestier who still looked young and pretty. As Matilda had started looking old and haggard, she was not recognised by Mrs. Forestier who was astonished to be addressed by her.
- 12 Lomov:** My heart's beating awfully.. My Meadows... My eyebrows are twitching.
- Natalya:** Alas! I wonder how should I be able to live with you after marriage.
- Lomov:** Woohoo! What do you mean by this Madam? My heart is beating awfully.
- Natalya:** Your heart always palpitates, your body shivers. Today when we entered into discussion, you became nervous.
- Lomov:** You think I am pretending to do so by showing my nervousness?
- Natalya:** I don't just think it, I rather suspect that you intentionally do this to win over the discussion and gaining attention and sympathy.
- Lomov:** Huh! I am amazed to hear this from my future wife. Aah! Oh my Goodness! I wonder why I came to ask for marrying. You are so shrewd.
- Natalya:** (Shoutingly) Shut up! Mr. Lomov. How can you call me shrewd? Give me a justified reason why, I should marry you. You fail to discuss any topic or to find a conclusion to it; you either end up arguing or your heart and entire body starts palpitating.

Lomov: (Exhausting) Oh God! I wonder why I thought of you as my prospective bride.

Natalya: (Screaming) Then don't marry me. Go away.

Or

It can be rightly said "Faith does not make things easy but it makes things possible". This conviction evidently gave the proof through the chapters 'The Black Aeroplane' and 'A Letter To God'. In both the cases, the nature brought forward its hand and became the saviour for both Lencho and the pilot.

In the chapter "The Black Aeroplane" when the mountains of black clouds surrounded him and all the instruments began to leave the support then the pilot was able to see another aeroplane in the storm which had no lights and had come to rescue the pilot and it was no other than the aid from God which helped him steer through the dark clouds. Later while heading towards the airport's runway, he was unable to see the another plane that vanished suddenly and mystically. On enquiring about the another plane, the pilot was left curious and astonished pondering who helped him land safely. Yet, he feels grateful to whosoever helped him in his safe return.

In the chapter, "A Letter To God", we came to know about how differently nature came to rescue Lencho and his family in the form of humanity. Since, Lencho was a very gullible person and held extreme faith in God. God too sent his messenger in the form of the postmaster whose sense of humanity is touched on seeing Lencho's conviction in God. The postmaster is able to raise fund of seventy pesos in the form of charity.

In conclusion, we can draw a commonality that both, the pilot and Lencho, were able to seek the assistance of God. However, a contrast that can be observed is that Lencho did ask for help from God whereas the pilot did not ask for help from God. Even the expression in return was clearly different. Where the pilot thanks and shows gratitude on being rescued whereas Lencho, instead of becoming happy for having received seventy pesos, was not satisfied for not having received the remaining 30 pesos and rather addressed the post office employees as crooks.

- 13** Man is a product of circumstances and environment. Hari Singh was just a boy of fifteen but was an experienced and fairly a successful hand. Circumstances made him a thief. They say old habits die hard. Anil made a rupee every day from the buying of the day's supplies.

However, Anil was not a fool. He knew everything about the theft. But he was kind, large-hearted and full of human sympathy. He taught the unfortunate boy to write his name.

Hari Singh breached Anil's trust but Anil was all forgiving and compassionate. In the heat and excitement of theft, Hari Singh forgot about education. Anil was no fool. He knew all about the theft, when and how it was committed. Neither his lips nor his eyes showed that he saw Hari placing the money back under the mattress. Trust begets trust. Ultimately, the boy-thief realised that the only person who could help him was the man whom he had robbed a few hours ago. Naturally Anil was the most trusting man Hari Singh had ever met in his life. Anil not only forgot the breach of his trust but also rewarded Hari by giving a fifty rupee note and promising to pay him regularly.

Or

Bholi was the youngest of Ramlal's four daughters. All other daughters were good looking and healthy. Bholi was considered just a simpleton. Her stammering made her a stock of laughter for children. Her pockmarks had disfigured her badly. She had neither good looks nor intelligence. She was like "a harmless dumb cow" who didn't know how to express herself properly. At birth, Bholi was very fair and pretty. When she was just ten months old, she fell off her cot. Perhaps a part of her brain was damaged. When she was two years old, she had an attack of smallpox. Her eyes were saved but deep black pockmarks disfigured her.

Bholi's teacher at the village primary school changed her life. In her teaching, she found a kind and helpful human being. She taught her how to pronounce her name properly. She gave Bholi all the confidence and encouragement that she needed so badly. The teacher assured that one day she would be more learned than anyone else in the village.

Being an obedient child, Bholi didn't oppose the proposal of an old and lame person. She did so for the honour of the family.

But when Bishamber insisted on demanding five thousand rupees for marrying a girl with pockmarks, she revolted. She threw the wedding garland into the fire. She refused to marry such a greedy and mean person. She also decided to serve her parents in their old age. She declared that she would teach in the same school where she had learnt so much.

This journey of Bholi's growth clearly showcases the idea of being an individual and not being exploited by people or circumstances. Thus Bholi's evolutions from a 'dumb cow' to a 'masterpiece' supports the given quote.