

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A

1. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [10]

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- (i) According to the research, the films based on books have greater success because
- a. people like to see the characters from the books on screen

- b. the films get the advantage of the fame of the books
 - c. it takes less effort for people to watch films than read books
 - d. the films get a ready-made script from the books
- (ii) The purpose of the researchers by Publishers Association was to study the _____.
- (iii) Why, according to the research, the films based on books have greater success?
- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the given sentence.
In the year 2017, the maximum serials in UK were based on _____
- a. books
 - b. film stars
 - c. writers
 - d. public
- (v) Select the option listing what the given sentence refers to:
'Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.'
1. The plot and the storyline of such films are better.
 2. The characters are likely to be more vivid.
 3. The production of such films is meant for the rich and famous.
 4. The settings and costumes are adapted from the book.
 5. The making of such films require the author to write a sequel.
- a. (1), (3) and (4)
 - b. (2), (3) and (5)
 - c. (1), (2) and (5)
 - d. (1), (2) and (4)
- (vi) There is a strong two-way relationship between films and the wider creative economy. (True/false).
- (vii) Films adapted from books have a _____ content.
- (viii) This passage lists an example proving that TV dramas based on literary works have
Select the correct option.
- a. increased the immediate sales of the book
 - b. increased the sales of the book during the first screening
 - c. had no immediate impact on the sales of the book
 - d. had very little impact on the sales of the book
- (ix) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage:
Suggests : recommends :: _____ : important
- (x) Films can leverage the popularity of well known books. State the meaning of the underlined word.

1. Have you every failed at something so miserably that the thought attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do?
 2. If your answer is yes, then you are "not a robot" Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite out circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come when you fail despite all of your hard work? Do you stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and again until you are satisfied? If you have a tendency to perserve and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.
 3. Falling down or failing is one of the most agonising. embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. But, it is also one of the most educational. empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are: curiosity. gratitude. optimism, self-control social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had were not failures. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.
 4. Grit can be learned to help become more successful. One of the techniques that helps is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his/her experience without judgment with this practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration.
 5. What did you do to overcome the negative and self sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.
- (i) 'Grit can be learned to help become more successful. The underlined word can be substituted with the word _____ from the passage.
- (ii) Choose the statement from the following that is NOT APPROPRIATE according to the passage.
- a. Grit can not be learned to help become more succesful.
 - b. Practising our dreams come true is great when life is going out way.
 - c. Mindfulness can be learned to help you become more successful
 - d. Reflect on what you did and try to use those same powerful resources to help you.
- (iii) Select the sentence from the following that reveals Thomas Edison's grit.
- a. Did you know that grit is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society?
 - b. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and out limitations.
 - c. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb.
 - d. Thomas Edison is a model for grit.

- (iv) According to the passage, falling down or failing is one of the most _____, _____ and _____ human experience.
- (v) What does the phrase 'keep going' refer to in the line-'If you have the tendency to reserve and keep going'?
- to walk
 - get wild
 - moving in a certain direction
 - Continue doing something difficult
- (vi) Select the appropriate option to complete the given sentence.
The word 'gratitude' refers to the quality of being _____
- regretful
 - thankless
 - arrogant
 - thankful
- (vii) Choose the option that makes the correct use of 'model', as used in the passage to fill in the blank space.
- They allowed me to _____ it on stage.
 - Jane Austen was regarded as the _____ of grit in fiction.
 - The first woman up was not certainly a _____
 - The business _____ must work because of its novelty.
- (viii) Which of the following can stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration?
- mindfulness
 - growth
 - gratitude
 - hard work
- (ix) Failure is the most frustrating emotion felt by a person who is regularly trying.
(True/false)
- (x) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage.
Despair : disdain :: _____ : Positivity

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

3. **Report the dialogue between grandmother and children, by completing the sentence:** [1]
Children: Can we go to the park?
Grandmother: Yes, but don't play on the grass, boys.
Giving permission to go to the park, Grandmother warned the children and told them _____.
4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]

The concert's been _____ until next month because the singer's got a throat infection.

- a) Put off
- b) Put down
- c) Put aside
- d) Will be put away

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan for Earth Day. [1]

PLASTIC _____ BE FANTASTIC BUT GREEN IS CLEAN!

- a) CAN
- b) MAY
- c) MUST
- d) WILL

6. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. [1]

Some students tends to experience episodes of anxiety and sleeplessness and even nervous breakdowns.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

7. It seems that somebody _____ to my father before the meeting, complaining that I _____ late for school four times last week. [1]

- a) writes / was
- b) wrote / would be
- c) had written / was
- d) has written / have been

8. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]

Liz: Hey Mike, good to see you!

Mike: What are you doing here, Liz?

Liz greeted Mike when they met accidentally and said it was good to see him. Mike surprisingly asked Liz _____.

9. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]

Subject: Need for _____ (promote) Healthy Eating Routines

Dear Madam

This is with reference to

10. The mayor of the city visited our locality where the irate residents posed a few questions to him. Report resident's query. [1]

Are you going to have our roads repaired, mayor?

11. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Government of Haryana
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
'Nagar Van' are being established for the objective to make the cities pollution free

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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12. He said to his servant, "Why are you so lazy today?" [1]
Reported speech: _____

- a) He asked his servant why was he so lazy today. b) He asked his servant why he had been so lazy that day.
 c) He asked his servant why he was being so lazy that day. d) He asked his servant why he was so lazy that day.

13. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. [1]

Critics have time and again points out that our education system tends to judge widely different students on single-line parameters, which is unfair.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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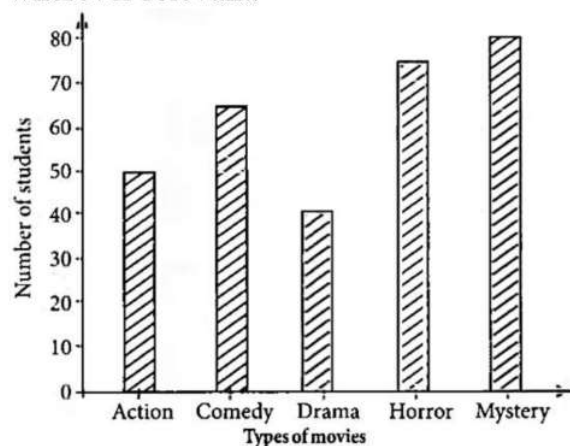
14. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line about a key quality of teachers. [1]

A good teacher _____ be alike as much as possible a bad student.

- a) should b) ought to
 c) must d) will

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

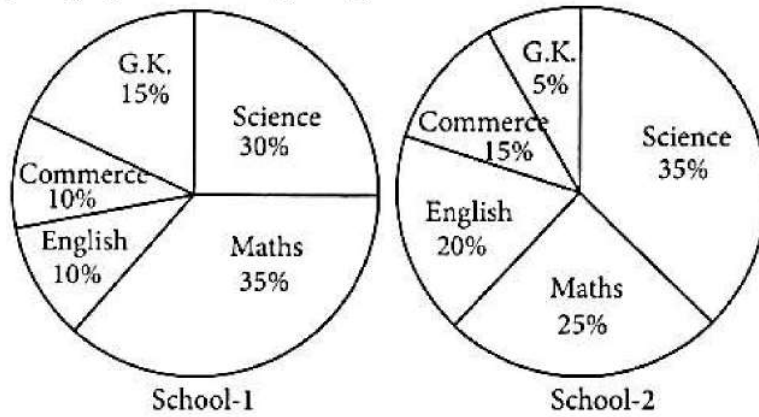
15. The given bar graph shows the favourite genre of movies of students in a school. [5]
 Write an analytical paragraph summarising the information and make comparisons wherever relevant.



OR

The given pie charts show percentage of boys of class 12 of two different schools regarding their interest in participation in different quizzes. Write an analytical

paragraph describing the given information.



16. You are Aryan/Amrita of C/43, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You have read a report in a magazine mentioning that there are 12 million child workers in your country. It is a national problem. Write a letter to the editor 'The Indian Express', giving your views on why child labour exists and how it can be abolished. [5]

OR

You are Somya/Shekhar of 3B, Sector II, Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi. You have observed that the subways in New Delhi are seldom used by pedestrians. You have decided to write a letter to the editor of 'The India Daily Times' highlighting the need of creating awareness about the importance of such ways and their proper maintenance. Based on the points given below write the letter.

- Unutilized infrastructure.
- Many footpaths occupied by the vendors.
- Pedestrians are prone to accidents.
- Pedestrians prefer to jump the roads causing deaths.
- Causes of apathy-water and accumulation of filth.
- Faulty to be penalized

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [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.

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

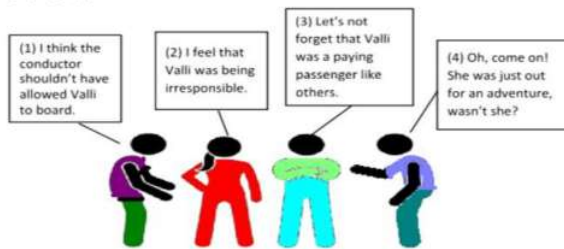
(ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

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.

Options:

- a. 2, 3, 4
- b. 5, 6, 7
- c. 3, 5, 7
- d. 2, 3, 6

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



- a. F - 1, 2 and O - 3, 4
- b. F - 2, 3, 4 and O - 1
- c. F - 2, 4 and O - 1, 3
- d. F - 3 and O - 1, 2, 4

(iv) Which word does **chimed in** NOT correspond to?

- a. Intervened
- b. Interrupted
- c. Intersected
- d. Interjected

(v) The conductor displayed a characteristic of _____ when he addressed Valli and declared that she couldn't be **a mere girl**.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned he exclaimed, **These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives.**

- (i) Why were the raindrops like **new coins** for Lencho?
- Because he thought that the rain will yield a good harvest
 - Because Lencho thought he could practice rain water harvesting
 - Because it saved him from the cost of irrigation
 - Because it ensured better weather for the transportation of goods
- (ii) How did these new coins ultimately bring disaster to his cornfield?
- They over-watered his crops
 - They blocked the irrigation canals
 - They turned into hailstones and destroyed all his crops
 - They flooded the roads, halting any transportation
- (iii) The hailstones truly resemble new _____.
- (iv) How did these hailstones bring disaster to Lencho?
- (v) How did Lencho feel after the storm?
- Lencho was utterly unhappy and distressed.
 - He was in a frenzy.
 - He was sad but relieved.
 - He felt suicidal.
18. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. [12]
- What, according to the Buddha, is the nature of the life of human beings?
 - To say that for destruction ice is also great for the poet, what does **ice** stand for? How is it sufficient to bring destruction?
 - Why do the most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventures of Coorg?
 - The poem (**The Tale of Custard the Dragon**) is a light-hearted ballad with a powerful message. If the poem was written in any other style, do you think it would have created the same effect on readers? Justify your response with reason(s).
 - Why do you think Natalya Stepanova asked her father to call Lomov back when she heard that he had come with a proposal?
19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [6]
- How did Mr. Herriot treat Tricki at the hospital?
 - Do you think that Ausable was a good secret agent? How?
 - "But there was one thing I could do - collect things." What collection did Ebright make? When did he start making the collection?
20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]
- The People's Collective for Endangered Species has invited the narrator of **Mijbil the Otter** as a guest speaker to address the audience about the importance of

protecting Otters and their natural habitats like lakes and ponds.

As the narrator, pen down a speech detailing your own experience with Mijbil and why it is important to conserve water bodies for animals like Otters.

You may use the prompt given below:

My Experiences with Mijbil

Theodore Roosevelt said, "Wildlife cannot speak, so we must and we will." Dear friends, I have had a pet otter named Mijbil as my roommate for several years now. What I want to share with you today, is how all forms of wildlife are integral for...

- (ii) What were the narrator's feelings while flying his Dakota aeroplane in the sky? What happened then? Describe.

21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- (i) Give a brief character sketch of Anil.
(ii) How did the lady in red outwit Horace Danby?

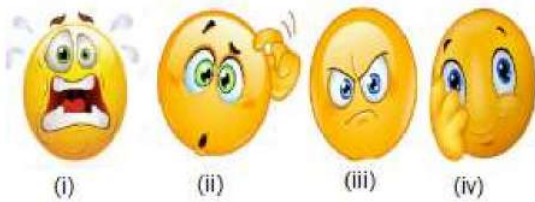
22. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!

- (i) The purpose of the speaker's words in the given extract is to
- show the speaker's power over the listener.
 - make the listener a better human being.
 - advise the listener as an elder.
 - improve the listener's posture and habits.
- (ii) Pick the option that lists the image which correctly corresponds to the speaker's mood in the extract.



- image (i)
 - image (ii)
 - image (iii)
 - image (iv)
- (iii) Alliteration is a literary device used in the extract. Which of the following options DOES NOT include examples of this literary device?
- The moon and the shimmering stars watched over us
 - With that charming chat, Catherine chose comfort
 - Away ran the pathetic pooch pouting like a princess
 - Dee dee was driving down day after day

- (iv) The repetition of **Amanda!** at the end of each line shows _____. (clue: it reflects...)
- (v) Complete the analogy:
slouching : straight:: _____ : agile

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of the day I rued
- Robert Frost

- (i) What did the falling of dust of snow on the poet do to him?
- It made him even angrier.
 - It made him retrospect.
 - It made him feel startled.
 - It made him feel happier about his day.
- (ii) The poet felt _____ as he was experiencing a bad day.
- (iii) The fall of snow-dust changes his:
- mood
 - looks
 - attitude
 - all of these
- (iv) Which word in the given extract means **held in regret**?
- (v) Some part of the day was saved from:
- utilising
 - ruining
 - snowfall
 - good luck

Solution

Section A

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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- (i) (b) the films get advantage of the fame of books.

Explanation: The passage tells that the research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better, because films can "leverage the popularity" of well-known books through an existing audience. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

- (ii) connection between books and films

- (iii) According to the research, the films based on books have greater success because they get the advantage of the fame of the books.

- (iv) (a) books

- (v) (d) (1), (2) and (4)

Explanation: It is clear that the production of such films is not (3) meant for the rich and famous. It also not (5) require the author to write a sequel. However, (1) The plot and the storyline of such films are better (2) The characters are likely to be more vivid and (4) The settings and costumes are adapted from the book. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(vi) False

Explanation: It is given in the passage that there is a two-way connection between wider creative economy and publishing, not films.

(vii) ~~j~~ich

(viii) ~~a~~ increased the immediate sales of the book

Explanation: It is stated in the passage that in terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56 % larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

(ix) Significant

(x) Increase

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(ii) (c) Mindfulness can be learned to help you become more successful

(iii) ~~a~~ They were hundreds of ways not to create light bulb.

(iv) agonizing, embarrassing and scariest

(v) (d) continue doing something difficult.

(vi) ~~d~~ thankful

(vii) ~~b~~ The term 'model' is used as an 'example' in the passage. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

(viii) ~~a~~ mindfulness

(ix) True

(x) Optimism

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. not to play on the grass.

4. (a) Put off

Explanation: Postpone

5. (b) MAY

Explanation: MAY

6.	error	correction
	tends	tend

7. (c) had written / was

Explanation: had written / was

8. what she was doing there?

9. promoting

10. The residents asked the mayor if he was going to have their roads repaired.

11.	error	correction
	for	with

12. (d) He asked his servant why he was so lazy that day.

Explanation: He asked his servant why he was so lazy that day.

13.	error	correction
	points	pointed

14. (c) must

Explanation: must

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The bar graph illustrates data about the favourite types of movies of students in a school based on the given five genres of movies, i.e., action, comedy, drama, horror and mystery. The highest number of students are interested in mystery as numbered eighty students. Half of the students are interested in drama movies. Around fifty are interested in action movies whereas sixty-five students have shown their interest in comedy. The second highest number i.e., seventy five out of eighty were interested in horror movies.

Overall it is clear from the data that most of the students like to watch movies that deal with mysteries whereas the least they like to watch is drama. Horror and mystery have a difference of only five students. After horror movies a large number of students like to watch comedy.

However, the three genres comedy, horror and mystery are more popular among which mystery movies are the most favourite of all the students.

OR

The given pie charts show the data of two schools about the interest of boys in participation in different quizzes.

The most preferred choice of subject by school-1 is maths where 35% students preferred it. Science came second which was preferred by 30% students. The students of school-1 showed equal interest in the quizzes of English and commerce, which shows 10% of participation. For G.K. 15% students from school-1 showed interest. The most preferred subject by school-1 is maths and least ones are English and commerce.

In School-2 the most preferred choice of subject was science which was preferred by 35% students. Maths was the second preferred choice, preferred by 25% students. Next is English with 20% students being interested in it and then commerce where only 10%

students preferred it. The least preferred choice by the students of school-2 was G.K. which was preferred by only 5% students.

To conclude we can say that the top choice for both the schools were maths and science with slight variation in numbers. The students of School-2 were least interested in G.K. whereas School-1 had a tie in their least preferred choice which was both commerce and English.

16. C/43, Hauz Khas

New Delhi

Dec 1, 2018

The Editor

The Indian Express

New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: Problem of Child Labour

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to raise my voice against the worst social evil-child labour. Childhood is the best period of one's life but it is unfortunate on the part of children that, despite the ban on child labour, imposed by the government, the practice is still prevalent in our society. Data shows that there are 12 million child workers in our country.

The root cause of the problem is lack of awareness and poverty. Poor parents send their children to earn, rather than sending them to school. They seek financial support from them but this practice has an adverse impact.

I hope, through media, the general public should be made aware of the children's plight. Rules against child labour should be followed strictly. Since destitution is the main driver of this issue and implementation alone can't help explain it, the Government has been providing free education to the kids.

I hope you consider my letter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Aryan.

OR

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June 5, 2018

The Editor,

The India Daily Times,

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Importance of Subways

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I'd like to express my concern over the use of subways in New Delhi. Actually, these infrastructures are meant to ease the traffic problem for pedestrians but instead of using subways, they are in the habit of jumping railings as a shortcut to reach the other side of the road and by doing this, pedestrians are prone to accidents. Many footpaths are occupied by vendors, there is stagnant water, accumulation of filth near or around these footpaths and people and throw garbage on footpaths but not in the dumping yards. Some subways are totally in poor condition, don't have proper infrastructure. In spite of bearing these causes of apathy, pedestrians don't feel the importance of these subways, constructed for their convenience and incurring a great

amount of government expenditure.

For the safety of these pedestrians, the government should spread awareness about the importance of these subways. They should be properly maintained.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Somya.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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.

- (i) When the elderly man expressed concern that she was standing, Valli felt fairly displeased.
- (ii) d. 2, 3, 6
- (iii) d. F - 3 and O - 1, 2, 4
- (iv) c. Intersected
- (v) indulgence

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned he exclaimed, **These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives.**

- (i) a. Because he thought that the rain will yield a good harvest.
- (ii) c. They turned into hailstones and destroyed all his crops
- (iii) silver coins
- (iv) The hailstones brought disaster to Lencho by destroying his entire field. The corn was totally destroyed.
- (v) a. Lencho was utterly unhappy and distressed.

18. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) According to the Buddha, the life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief. It is combined with pain. Nobody can avoid dying. One has to die after reaching old age. Such is the nature of the life of human beings. As all earthen vessels after a certain period of time break, so is the life of mortals. Only he who does not lament, complain

and grieve can get peace of mind. He who has overcome sorrow will be free from sorrow and be blessed.

- (ii) 'Ice' symbolises 'hatred'. Hate is powerful as desire and maybe, more powerful and ferocious than it. While desire consumes quickly, hate can occur and linger in people's minds and hearts for years and sometimes even lifetimes. Hate consumes the hater perhaps even more than the person or groups. Thus the hate is sufficient to bring destruction.
- (iii) The most laid back individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure because of opportunities for adventure. These opportunities are related to river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing, and mountain biking. Numerous walking trails in this region are a favourite among trekkers. The climb to the Brahmagiri hills brings one into a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to the sixty-four-acre island of Nisargadhama.
- (iv) Generally, ballads are tales of adventures and heroism. In the poem, the poet does present the encounter of clustered and the pirate in a typical spirit of a ballad. Hence, no other style would have created the same effect on readers other than a ballad.
- (v) Natalya is an ugly, middle aged woman. She knows that only a food like Lomov can marry her. So the moment she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand, she cries and shouts and forces her father to bring Lomov back.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) Mr. Herriot made a bed for Tricky next to the other dogs' beds. He didn't give Tricky anything to eat for two days. He only gave it water. He was kept under keen observation and later given some exercise. Thus, Tricky gradually returned to his good health.
- (ii) Yes, Ausable was a good secret agent. When he saw Max in his room with an automatic pistol, he didn't get frightened at all. He diverted his attention. He fabricated a story about the balcony next to the window of his room. He persuaded Max to believe his story. So he had a quick wit, the presence of mind and persuasion like a good secret agent.
- (iii) When young, Ebright felt he could neither play football nor baseball. There was one thing which he could do, which was collecting things. He had a wonderful assortment of monarch butterflies, fossils, rocks and coins. He began collecting things when he was in kindergarten.

20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

- (i) ... What I want to share with you today, is how all forms of wildlife are integral for maintaining balance in the eco system. Wild life includes animals, birds, insects as well as the aquatic life forms. Otters also have a pivotal role in river eco system. They are predators, meaning they help control the populations of food species prey upon. This affects the eco system as a whole, and as a result, their presence is a signal that the ecosystem is healthy.

The wetlands are amongst the most bio diverse and economically valuable habitats and yet they continue to decline. This decline has been as much as 87% world wide. Otters are top predators using both terrestrial and aquatic environments and their loss has a serious impact on local food webs, biodiversity and habitat relationship. Otters need good water quality and also unpolluted, natural land habitat in which to live. This is essential for all species, including our own, and so they are excellent environmental

indicators.

The link between the otter and wetlands is clear and it is our duty to work to protect these important ecosystem to the benefit of otters, other wetland species, and ultimately ourselves.

- (ii) The narrator was flying his old Dakota aeroplane over France. He was on his way to England hoping to have a good English breakfast with his family. But he saw great storm clouds ahead of him. There were huge, mountain-shaped clouds. The narrator risked entering in the clouds. No sooner he entered in the clouds, everything turned black. He was terrified. He saw another aeroplane without lights on its wings. The pilot waved his hand to the narrator and asked him to follow him. The narrator followed the pilot of another aeroplane as his compass, radio went dead. Even there was not enough fuel in his tank. With the help of another pilot, he landed safely and when he went to the receptionist to thank the pilot he was informed by the lady that there was no other plane flying in the sky that night. The black aeroplane that saved his life remained a mystery to him.

21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

- (i) Anil is a twenty-five years old man. He is a writer by profession, who writes for a magazine to earn his livelihood. He is an easy-going, simple, honest and kind person. He is so humble in nature that he gives Hari Singh a shelter in his home. Although he does not have any clear information about Hari Singh, he trusts him. He does not say anything when he comes to know that Hari Singh has started saving money from daily supplies. He prepares tea himself and serves to Hari Singh. All this shows that he is the most trustworthy and helpful person that Hari Singh has ever met in his life. Whenever Anil gets some money, he spends it on his friends. This shows that he is not at all greedy. He even teaches Hari Singh to write sentences and to add numbers. He knows that if Hari Singh gets an education, he will be able to lead a respectable life. This shows his helping attitude towards other people. Thus, we find many good qualities in Anil's character.
- (ii) Horace Danby managed his thefts very carefully. He was a meticulous planner. But he was outwitted by a lady in red when he was trying to rob a safe at Shot over Grange. The lady posed as the wife of the owner of the house. Actually, she was also a thief. She told Danby that she had promised her husband to take the jewels to their bank. But she had forgotten the numbers to open the safe. She wanted to wear the jewels to a party. Horace, as per his research, thought that the owner of the house was a lady of sixty. But he was so moved by the appearance of the lady in red that he believed her and got befooled. He took off his gloves and opened the safe. He left his fingerprints on the safe. The lady deceived him and took the jewels. Thus, Horace Danby was an expert thief, but the lady in red outwitted him.

22. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!

- (i) d. improve the listener's posture and habits.
(ii) c. image (iii)

- (iii)a. The moon and the shimmering stars watched over us
- (iv)the frustration of the speaker
- (v) **lazy** : agile

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of the day I rued
- Robert Frost

- (i) d. It made him feel happier about his day.
- (ii) sad
- (iii)a. mood
- (iv)The word **rued** means held in regret.
- (v) b. ruining