

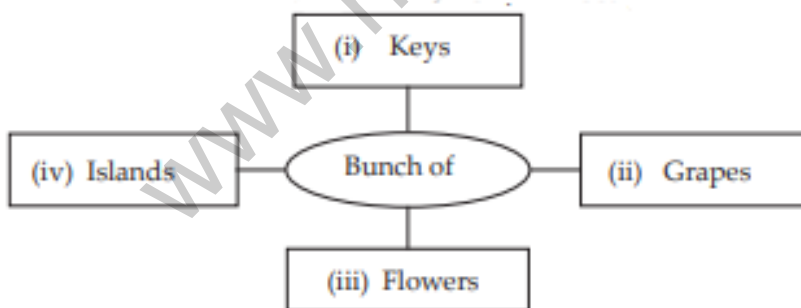
## DPP -MCO-(SEM-I)-CBSE-CLASS X

### ENGLISH LITERATURE - FIRST FLIGHT- A LETTER TO GOD

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. *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."*

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



a) option (i) (b) option (ii)

(c) option (iii) (d) option (iv)

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

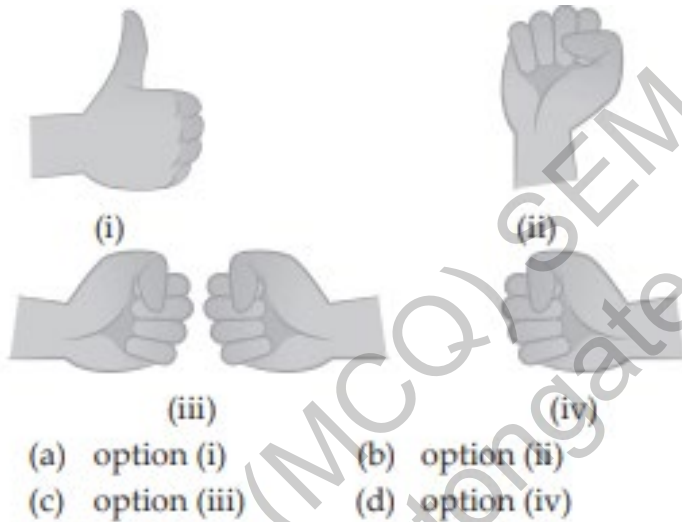
(i) sorrowful (ii) gratitude

(iii) disappointment (iv) shock

(a) (ii) and (v) (b) (i) and (iii)

(c) (ii) and (iv) (d) (iii) and (v)

(iii) Pick the correct option corresponding to the phrase—'with a blow of his fist.'



(iv) Lencho's letter included:

(a) details of his problems

(b) description of the post office.

(c) belief of being looted.

(d) list of further demands.

(v) Pick the most suitable quote for the above extract.

(a) *“It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled.”*

—Mark Twain

(b) *“Real knowledge is to know the extent of one’s ignorance.”* —Confucius

(c) *“You see a person’s true colours when you are no longer beneficial to their life.”*—anonymous

(d) *“True generosity means accepting ingratitude.”*

—Coco Chanel

2. *With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.*

(i) What happened to the rain suddenly?

- (a) It stopped
- (b) It turned into acid rain
- (c) It changed into hailstones
- (d) It started raining more heavily

(ii) With what did hailstones resembles in the extract?

- (a) Silver coins
- (b) Ice-creams
- (c) Flowers
- (d) Snow peaks

(iii) Find a word in the given extract which means the same as 'contented'.

- (a) Regarded                      (b) Draped  
(c) Exposed                      (d) Satisfied

(iv) What does the word 'exposing' mean in the extract?

- (a) Hiding                      (b) Coming out in open  
(c) Preventing                      (d) Influencing

3. *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.*

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

- (a) majestic                      (b) imposing  
(c) solitary                      (d) unique

(ii) The field of corn dotted with flowers means that:

- (a) not a single flower was bigger than a dot.  
(b) the flowers were scattered across.  
(c) the flowers were in shaped like dots.

(d) the flowers had shrunk in size.

(iii) Lencho wished for a downpour or a heavy shower.

Pick the option that correctly lists the correct match for kinds of rain.

1. Heavy rain	i. Light rain that falls in very fine drops.
2. Thunderstorm	ii. Very heavy rain, tropical rain.
3. Drizzle	iii. It comes down quite strongly and a person gets wet very quickly.
4. Torrential rain	iv. Really heavy rain that comes very suddenly.
5. Downpour	v. Is a violent, short-lived weather disturbance associated with lightening thunder and strong gusty winds.

(a) 1-ii, 2-iv, 3-v, 4-i, 5-iii

(b) 1-iv, 2-i, 3-iii, 4-v, 5-ii

(c) 1-v, 2-iii, 3-iv, 4-ii, 5-i

(d) 1-iii, 2-v, 3-i, 4-ii, 5-iv

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

(i) Such a blessing God! Thank you.

(ii) Just a downpour. God, and everything will be perfect.

(iii) All set for the grand harvest. I'm going to be rich!

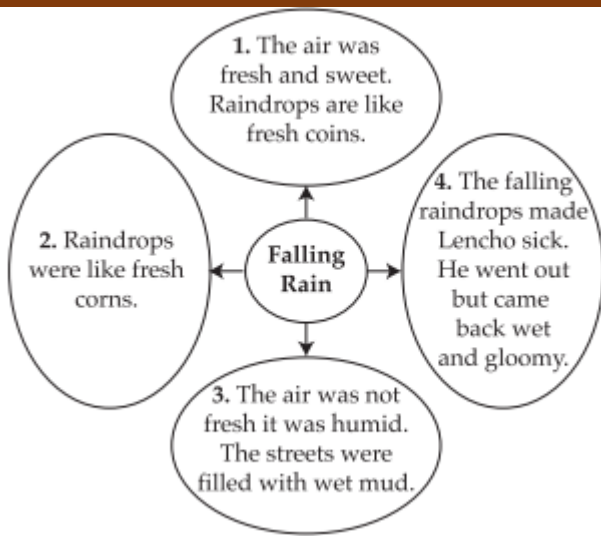
(iv) I wish we have enough food to eat after this harvest.

a) option (i) (b) option (i)  
(c) option (i) (d) option (i)  
(v) Which quote supports the idea in the given extract?

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

4. *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 tencent pieces and the little ones are five.*

a) Choose the answer that lists the correct descriptions about the falling rain



(i) option 1 (ii) option 2

(iii) option 3 (iv) option 4

(b) Why did the man go out in rain?

(i) for sheer pleasure

(ii) to get his clothes

(iii) to examine the rain

(iv) to examine the roads

(c) The big raindrops were the size of \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) five-cent pieces

(ii) twenty-cent pieces

(iii) ten-cent pieces

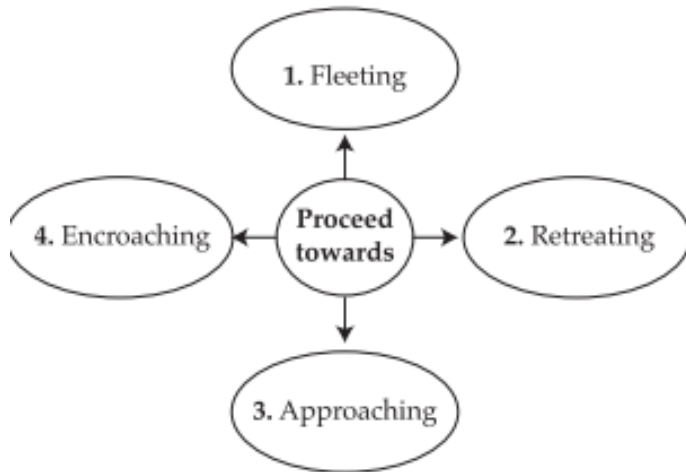
(iv) fifteen-cent pieces

(d) What was falling from the sky?

(i) raindrops (ii) stones

(iii) mud (iv) money

(e) The extract uses the phrase, 'proceed towards' for rain. Identify the synonym of the phrase from the given words



(i) option 1 (ii) option 2

(iii) option 3 (iv) option 4

5. *The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. "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."*

(i) When is Lencho thinking about the money?

(a) while writing the second letter

(b) while writing about crop failure

(c) while writing his first letter

(d) while stamping the letter

(ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements



that are **NOT TRUE** according to the given extract.

1. Lencho realised the sacrifices made on his Behalf
2. Lencho trusted in God to send him 100 pesos.
3. Lencho wrote letters to God for help.
4. He was confident about getting a sure answer.
5. Lencho does not sound greedy when he collects the 70 pesos.
6. Lencho liked the post office employees.
7. Lencho was not happy with the money he got.

(a) 1, 2, 4

(b) 1, 2, 3

(c) 1, 2, 6

(d) 3, 5, 7

(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 – 1, 3, 4 and O – 2

(c) F – 1, 3 and O – 2, 4

(d) F – 3 and O – 1, 2, 4

(iv) Why does he address the post office employees as crooks?

(a) because he received less money

(b) because he was cheated of money

(c) because they had charged money

(d) because they owed him money

(v) Why is Lencho asking money from God?

(a) he is poor

(b) he lost his money

(c) he was duped of his money

(d) his crops were ruined

6. Where was Lencho's house situated?

(a) bottom of the hill

(b) top of a hill

(c) top of a plateau

(d) in a city

7. What was the only thing that the Earth needed according to Lencho?

(a) a shower

(b) a snowfall

(c) strong winds

(d) sunlight

8. Where did Lencho expect the downpour to come from?

- (a) north                      (b) north-east  
(c) south-west                (d) south-east
9. What did Lencho compare the large raindrops with?
- (a) silver coins                (b) pearls  
(c) diamonds                  (d) new coins
10. Which crop was growing on Lencho's fields?
- (a) Corn                      (b) Barley  
(c) Rice                      (d) None of the above
11. What destroyed Lencho's fields?
- (a) heavy rainfall              (b) hailstorm  
(c) landslide                  (d) flood
12. The field looked as if it were covered in:
- (a) salt                      (b) locusts  
(c) sugar                      (d) ice
13. Why was Lencho satisfied?
- (a) On seeing a new tractor in his field  
(b) On seeing a new buffalo.  
(c) On seeing the field of ripe corn with flowers.  
(d) None of the Above
14. Lencho compared the quantum of damage with:
- (a) attack by rats              (b) attack by crows  
(c) plague of locusts        (d) None of the above
15. What was the only hope left in the hearts of Lencho's

family?

- (a) compensation from the government
- (b) help from farmer's association
- (c) help from God
- (d) there was no hope left

16. Why did Lencho need money?

- (a) To buy a tractor
- (b) To save his family from hunger
- (c) To buy a new phone.
- (d) To buy a buffalo.

17. How did Lencho decide to contact his last resort?

- (a) by visiting them personally
- (b) through a letter
- (c) through e-mail
- (d) through fax

18. How much money did Lencho ask for?

- (a) 100 pesos                      (b) 1000 pesos
- (c) 10 pesos                        (d) 500 pesos

19. What was the immediate reaction of the postman on seeing the letter?

- (a) laughed whole-heartedly
- (b) cried
- (c) felt sad about what happened

(d) felt empathetic

20. The postmaster was a fat, amiable man. What is the meaning of amiable?

- (a) rude                      (b) helpful  
(c) friendly                (d) enthusiastic

21. On seeing the letter, the postmaster was moved by Lencho's:

- (a) unwavering faith                      (b) handwriting  
(c) love for God                              (d) determination

22. Why did the postmaster decide to reply to Lencho's letter?

- (a) he was a good man  
(b) he felt empathetic  
(c) to preserve Lencho's faith in God  
(d) all of the above

23. What else did the reply demand apart from goodwill, ink and paper?

- (a) lost crop                      (b) money  
(c) God's signature                      (d) new seeds

24. How much money was the postmaster able to arrange?

- (a) 100 pesos                      (b) Nil  
(c) 1000 pesos                      (d) 70 pesos

25. What did the postmaster feel on experiencing Lencho receive the letter?

- (a) contended (b) proud  
(c) overwhelmed (d) all of the above

26. Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money in the envelope?

- (a) he was too sad to acknowledge it  
(b) he had unwavering faith in God  
(c) he was an ungrateful man  
(d) none of the above

27. How did Lencho feel when he counted the money?

- (a) grateful (b) joyful  
(c) relieved (d) angry

28. What did Lencho think of the post-office employees?

- (a) bunch of crooks (b) rude  
(c) unhelpful (d) proud

29. What did Lencho ask for in his second letter?

- (a) more money  
(b) remaining amount and not send it by mail  
(c) remaining amount and send it by mail only  
(d) he didn't ask for anything

30. What is the irony in the lesson 'A Letter to God'?

- (a) Lencho was sad after the hailstorm even though

he was the one waiting for a shower.

(b) Postmaster laughed at Lencho but still helped arrange money for him.

(c) Lencho blamed the post office employees who in fact helped him.

(d) there is no irony

31. What type of conflict does the chapter 'A Letter to God' highlight?

(a) conflict between nature

(b) conflict among humans

(c) conflict among God and nature

(d) both (a) and (b)

32. Who is the author of the lesson 'A Letter to God'?

(a) G.L. Fuentes

(b) J.k. Rowling

(c) William Shakespeare

(d) Roald Dahl

33. What does the word 'ox' in the chapter 'A Letter to God' mean?

(a) Hardworking and simple person

(b) A domestic animal.

(c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) None of the above

34. What does the story tell about the character of

Lencho?

- (a) He was a simple person
- (b) He was very hard working.
- (c) He had faith in God.
- (d) All the above.

35. Why did Lencho go out in the rain?

- (a) To have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.
- (b) To harvest the crops
- (c) To feed the fish
- (d) None of the Above

36. Lencho, the protagonist of the story was a \_\_\_\_\_  
by profession.

- (a) farmer            (b) business man
- (c) policeman      (d) teacher

37. The story sets in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Britain            (b) London
- (c) India              (d) Latin America

38. There was/were \_\_\_\_\_ house/houses on the top  
of the hill.

- (a) two                (b) one
- (c) three              (d) five



39. From the top of the hill, Lencho could see his field and \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) trees                      (b) meadow  
(c) waterfall                (d) river

40. For \_\_\_\_\_ the hail rained.

- (a) five days                (b) one day  
(c) an hour                 (d) 4 hours

41. What destroyed Lencho's fields?

- a) heavy rainfall            b) hailstorm  
c) landslide                 d) flood

• **Find the correct statement in the following:**

42. (a) There were twenty houses – in the valley  
(b) The woman called children – to have breakfast  
(c) The large falling hailstones resembled to – gold coins  
(d) Lencho wrote a letter – to God

43. (a) The field was – preserved due to hailstones  
(b) The postmaster was – a thin and rude person  
(c) Lencho called post employees – a bunch of crooks  
(d) The man was happy – to see rainstorm

• **Rearrange the sentences in the correct sequence and choose the correct option:**

44. (a) "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.’’

(b) God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

(c) From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest.

(d) “We’ll all go hungry this year.”

**Options:**

(i) (b)-(d)-(a)-(c)

(ii) (d)-(c)-(b)-(a)

(iii) (a)-(b)-(d)-(c)

(iv) (c)-(a)-(d)-(b)

45. (a) Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write.

(b) He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature: God.

(c) He wrote ‘To God’ on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled, went to town.

(d) But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall.

**Options:**

(i) (b)-(d)-(a)-(c)

(ii) (d)-(c)-(b)-(a)

(iii) (a)-(b)-(d)-(c)

(iv) (c)-(a)-(d)-(b)

46. **Assertion :** Lencho wrote a second letter to God.

**Reason :** He received only 60 pesos.

(i) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(ii) Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(iii) Assertion is true and reason is false.

(iv) Assertion is false and reason is true.

47. **Assertion :** Lencho thought that no one dies from hunger.

**Reason :** God was the only hope.

(i) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(ii) Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(iii) Assertion is true and reason is false.

(iv) Assertion is false and reason is true.

48. **Assertion :** Lencho only received 70 pesos.

**Reason :** The postmaster kept some of the money.

(i) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(ii) Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is

not the correct explanation of assertion.

(iii) Assertion is true and reason is false.

(iv) Assertion is false and reason is true.

49. **Assertion :** Lencho was afraid to think how his family would survive.

**Reason :** His crops were destroyed.

(i) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(ii) Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(iii) Assertion is true and reason is false.

(iv) Assertion is false and reason is true.

50. **Assertion :** The post office employees were moved by Lencho's letter.

**Reason :** He wrote a letter to God asking money.

(i) Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.

(ii) Both assertion and reason are correct but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.

(iii) Assertion is true and reason is false.

(iv) Assertion is false and reason is true.