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## CBSE BOARD SOLVED PAPER

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

### General Instructions:

- (i) This question paper comprises **11** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains **THREE** sections -  
**Section - A** : Reading Skills  
**Section - B** : Grammar and Writing Skills  
**Section - C** : Literature
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

### SECTION - A : Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

#### 1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. Organic food is very popular these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non-organic food. Parents of young children and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it is healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money.
2. There is one main difference between organic and non-organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they're grown organically.
3. Some people think organic also means 'locally grown' and originally it was indeed true. But over a period of time organic farming has become a big business, with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they're grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products. But as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non-organic products for many years also began selling organic products.
4. Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is safer and more nutritious. They think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses such as cancer, but there isn't much evidence proving this is true. However, recent studies have shown that eating organically-grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart diseases. Many doctors think it is more important to stop dangerous bacteria from contaminating foods. These bacteria can contaminate both organic and non-organic fruits and vegetables, and doctors recommend washing produce carefully before eating it. Meat, fish and chicken can also become contaminated so washing your hands before handling these foods is also very important.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: **10×1 = 10**

- (i) People are willing to pay high prices for organic food because
  - (a) it is not easily available.
  - (b) it helps in weight loss.
  - (c) it is produced by small companies.
  - (d) it does not contain agricultural chemicals.
- (ii) Select the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following:

Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate.

- (a) denial      (b) confirmation  
(c) caution      (d) acceptance

- (iii) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3.

Opinion	Reason
Big food companies have started selling organic food products.	

- (iv) The writer contrasts organic food to non-organic food.

State one point of comparison between the two.

- (v) Based on your reading of the text, list one benefit of eating organic food.
- (vi) What connect does the writer draw between contamination of food and washing hands?
- (vii) The writer says that people believe that it is safer and more nutritious to eat organic food. Select the reason for his sceptical view.
- (a) The price decides the popularity.  
(b) There is no confirmed evidence.  
(c) It is tastier.  
(d) It is marketed by big food companies.
- (viii) Supply one point to justify the following:

Some people think organic also means 'locally grown'.

- (ix) Supply one method of how we can control the contamination of organic and non-organic food.
- (x) List one factor that certifies food to be organic.

## 2. Read the following passage carefully:

- According to a new study, a vast blanket of pollution stretching across South Asia is cutting down sunlight by 10 per cent over India, damaging agriculture, modifying rainfall patterns and putting hundreds of thousands of people at risk.
- It is said, "Acids in the haze may, by falling as acid rain, have the potential to damage crops and

trees. Ash falling on leaves can aggravate the impact of reduced sunlight on the Earth's surface. The pollution that is forming the haze could be leading to several hundreds of thousands of premature deaths as a result of higher levels of respiratory diseases."

- "The haze has cut down sunlight over India by 10 per cent (so far) – a huge amount! As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up," Prof. V. Ramanathan said when asked specifically about the impact of the haze over India. He said, "We are still in an early stage of understanding of the impact of the haze."
- Prof. V. Ramanathan was asked whether the current droughts in most parts of India after over a decade of good monsoons was owing to the haze. He said, "It was too early to reach a conclusion. If the droughts persist for about four to five years, then we would start, suspecting that it may be because of the haze." India, China and Indonesia are the worst affected owing to their population density, economic growth and depleting forest cover.

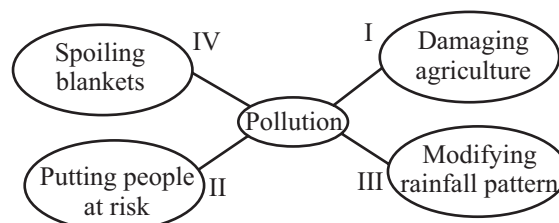
Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: **10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Infer one reason for the following based on the information in paragraph 1:

In India rainfall patterns are changing.

- (ii) The pollution spreading across South Asia is affecting India by \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the correct option from the ones given below:



- (a) I, II and III  
(b) I, III and IV  
(c) II, III and IV  
(d) I, II and IV

(iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2.

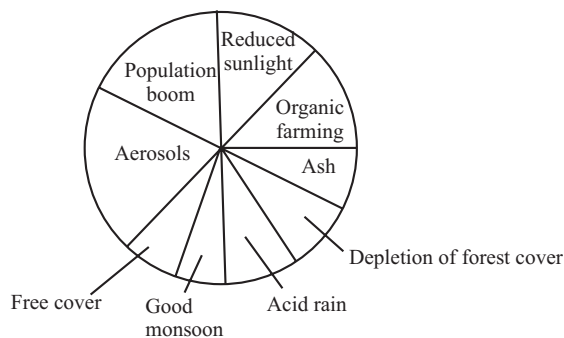
possibility : \_\_\_\_\_ : : suspecting : doubting

(iv) Select the correct option to complete the sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ droughts were caused by the haze.

- (a) Strong evidence suggested that
- (b) Past surveys confirmed that
- (c) There has not been enough time to determine that
- (d) Superstitious people believe that

(v) From the following pie chart, identify one reason each which does and does not contribute to weather disruption:



**For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 2 (v):**

(v) List two phenomena which lead to weather disruptions.

(vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

Ash falling on leaves can \_\_\_\_\_ the impact of reduced sunlight on the Earth's surface.

- (a) worsen      (b) encourage
- (c) diminish    (d) support

(vii) Substitute the word 'repercussion' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 3.

The haze has cut down sunlight over India ... As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up.

(viii) List any two countries which are affected due to depleting forest cover.

(ix) Which of the following mean the same as 'persist' in 'droughts persist' as used in paragraph 4?

- (a) destroying    (b) halting
- (c) continue      (d) blocking

(x) Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-4 appropriately with reference to information in the text.

- (a) 1. Impact of Pollution in South Asia  
2. Effects of Acid Rain  
3. Understanding Consequences of Haze  
4. Debate over Droughts
- (b) 1. Impact of Droughts  
2. Understanding Acid Rain  
3. Effect of Haze  
4. Debate over Pollution
- (c) 1. Impact of Pollution in South Asia  
2. Effects of Acid Rain  
3. Debate over Droughts  
4. Understanding Haze
- (d) 1. Impact of Haze  
2. Understanding Acid Rain  
3. Debate over Pollution  
4. Effect of Haze

## SECTION - B : Grammar and Writing Skills

(20 Marks)

3. Attempt any ten of the following twelve questions:

10 × 1 = 10

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

If I were attending the workshop, I \_\_\_\_\_ stay on till the end of the second session as well.

- (a) would      (b) may
- (c) can          (d) should

(ii) Read the conversation between a passenger and the clerk at the ticket counter.

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

*The clerk at the ticket counter :* Where do you want to go?

*Passenger:* Please give me a ticket to Bhopal.

The clerk at the ticket counter enquired where the passenger wanted to go. The passenger requested the clerk \_\_\_\_\_.

- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line:

As a true patriot, I \_\_\_\_\_ lay down my life for my motherland.

- (a) might      (b) could  
(c) will        (d) should

- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

My sister lives at the ground floor of a two-storeyed apartment and hates living there.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	live	living
(b)	at	on
(c)	hates	hate
(d)	there	their

- (v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

When I was a very young girl, \_\_\_\_\_ grocery shopping was considered a major outing for me.

- (a) to be going    (b) going  
(c) having gone    (d) went

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets:

The package \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at nine in the morning, the day after tomorrow.

- (a) will arrive    (b) would arrive  
(c) can arrive    (d) cannot arrive

- (vii) Report the dialogue between Tony and Sarita, by completing the sentence.

*Tony:* Why did you call me?

*Sarita :* Will you go to the museum with me?

Tony asked Sarita why she had called him. Sarita wanted to know whether Tony \_\_\_\_\_.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Do you know that slouching should cause many problems?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (ix) Roma asked Gopal to go by the metro. Report Gopal's question. Which way is the metro station?

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ wear helmets for their safety.

- (a) must        (b) can't  
(c) don't        (d) ought

- (xi) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

Economics \_\_\_\_\_ difficult for the students of grade nine.

- (a) is            (b) are  
(c) has         (d) were

- (xii) The father said, "I bought a watch." (Change the speech)

- (a) The father said that I bought a watch.  
(b) The father said that he bought a watch.  
(c) The father said that he had bought a watch.  
(d) The father said that he has bought a watch.

#### 4. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below: 5

- (A) You are Armaan/Anjali of C-63, Panvel. You recently read a magazine article which highlighted the condition of underage children working in hazardous conditions. Instead of going to school, they are working in dimly lit factories, tea stalls, in garages, etc. to supplement, family incomes. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' in about 100 - 120 words, drawing attention to this national problem and suggesting solutions.

**OR**

- (B) You are Rohit/Riya of Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You bought a pair of shoes from M/s. Shoe Factory, GK-II, New Delhi. On unpacking them, you found to your amazement that both the shoes are meant for your left foot. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of M/s. Shoe Factory asking for replacement at their cost. (Word limit : 100 - 120 words)

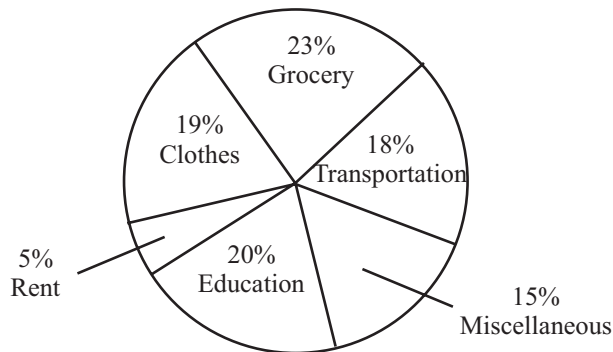
**5. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below: 5**

(A) Given below are the pollution figures for some major towns and cities in India:

	Suspended Particulate Matter	Sulphur Dioxide	Nitrogen Oxide
Permissible Limits	200	80	80
Ludhiana	453	20	64
Delhi	680	124	137
Mumbai	485	27	53
Chennai	262	45	34

Using the information given above along with your own ideas, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.

(B) The given pie chart represents the amount of money spent by a family on different items in a month. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words using the information given in the pie chart.

**For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 5(B):**

(B) You are Rita/Rohan, Head Girl/Head Boy of your school. You decided to make the school population aware about the advantages of tree plantation and tell them how trees can serve as better air-conditioners.

Write an analytical paragraph in 100 - 120 words. Take the help of the notes given below:

Trees keep environment cool by:

- taking heat off the Earth and air.
- absorbing carbon dioxide that helps in controlling temperature rise.
- bringing rains.
- checking direct sunlight.
- providing shade.

**SECTION C: Literature****(40 Marks)****6. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:**

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: **5 × 1 = 5**

I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did, if not more, and that there's not much one can do about inherited traits.

(i) Who was Mr. Keesing?

- Maths teacher
- Social Science teacher
- Warden
- Principal

(ii) According to the extract, the incorrigible habit possessed by the speaker was.

- Making noise in class
- Talking too much
- Procrastinating
- Coming late to class
- Asking irritating questions

Select the correct option:

- I and III
- Only II
- I, IV and V
- Only III

(iii) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.

routine: habit :: characteristic: \_\_\_\_\_

- (iv) Select the reason why the narrator is unable to control her trait.
- (a) She had deliberately practised it.
  - (b) She wanted to be different from her brother.
  - (c) Her teacher had encouraged her to continue as she was.
  - (d) She had inherited it.
- (v) Which of the following most nearly means the opposite of the phrase 'under control'?
- (a) To spend less
  - (b) Unable to take on the challenge
  - (c) Find it difficult to manage
  - (d) Being very stubborn

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: **5 × 1 = 5**

His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge, Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible - until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!

- (i) Griffin's landlord tried to eject him because
- (a) he was a lawless person.
  - (b) he had set his house on fire.
  - (c) he didn't like him.
  - (d) he was a drug addict.
- (ii) Fill in the blank with one word only.  
Griffin deliberately removed his clothes because he wanted to become \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'fire' as used in this extract.
- (a) Griffin said that he would fire the manager.
  - (b) The soldiers opened fire at the enemy.
  - (c) His remarks provoked heavy fire from the political opponents.

(d) The Amar Palace was completely destroyed by the fire.

- (iv) Griffin's presence was felt when
- (a) he jumped into the water with a splash.
  - (b) he wore clothes.
  - (c) he left muddy footprints.
  - (d) he stepped in mud.
- (v) Which of the following is not true with reference to the given extract?
- (a) Griffin had become penniless.
  - (b) Griffin promised to behave himself.
  - (c) Griffin revealed himself by his muddy footprints.
  - (d) No one could see Griffin when he took off his clothes.

**7. Attempt any one from (A) and (B) given below:**

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: **5 × 1 = 5**

Or if some time when roaming round,  
A noble wild beast greets you,  
With black stripes on a yellow ground,  
Just notice if he eats you.

This simple rule may help you learn,

The Bengal Tiger to discern.

- (i) Who is the 'noble wild beast' in the above lines?
- (a) Zebra                      (b) Asian Tiger
  - (c) Asian Lion              (d) Bengal Tiger
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
It is clear that 'Alliteration' is the poetic device used for 'roaming round' because \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: explain how alliteration applies here.)
- (iii) State whether the following statement is True or False:  
The extract helps to identify a Royal Bengal Tiger.

- (iv) In the given lines, what effect does the poet create?

'Just notice if he eats you.  
This simple rule may help you learn,  
The Bengal Tiger to discern.'

- (a) Irony (b) Terror  
(c) Sympathy (d) Criticism

- (v) Which word in the extract tells you that you have recognised the 'noble beast'?

- (a) Rule (b) Discern  
(c) Roaming (d) Notice

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:  $5 \times 1 = 5$

He hears the last voice at night.  
The patrolling cars,  
And stares with his brilliant eyes  
At the brilliant stars.  
He stalks in his vivid stripes  
A few steps of his cage.

- (i) Whose is the last voice heard by the tiger?

- (a) Police jeep (b) Patrolling cars  
(c) Watchmen (d) Roar of lion

- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that 'Repetition' is the poetic device used for 'his brilliant eyes at the brilliant stars' because \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: explain how repetition applies here)

- (iii) The main contrasting ideas in this extract are:

- (a) tiger and deer  
(b) cruelty and sympathy  
(c) confinement and freedom  
(d) master and slave

- (iv) The use of the word 'stalks' creates an image of

- (a) cowardice (b) frustration  
(c) lethargy (d) purposefulness

- (v) State whether the following statement is True or False:

The poem uses 'staring at the sky' to symbolize the freedom 'he' yearns for.

- 8. Answer any four of the following questions in about 40-50 words each:  $4 \times 3 = 12$**

- (a) Valour and hospitality are inherent in the people of Coorg. Explain.  
(b) In what way would writing a letter to God help Lencho tide over his crisis?  
(c) "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it? **(The Black Aeroplane)**  
(d) What impression do you form about Amanda in the poem?  
(e) What did Siddhartha Gautama come across by chance when he was about twenty-five years old?

- 9. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words each:  $2 \times 3 = 6$**

- (a) How did Hari Singh justify to himself his stealing Anil's money?  
(b) How did Ebright's mother help him to become a scientist?  
(c) Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki's appearance?

- 10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words:  $2 \times 3 = 6$**

- (a) The people and surroundings are a great book to learn from. Valli in the lesson 'Madam Rides the Bus' learns a lot from others. Mention the traits of her character which help her to learn from people and her surroundings.

**OR**

- (b) Mandela said, "People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love." Discuss.

- 11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words:**

- (a) Mme Loisel's disposition invites her doom. Elucidate with reference to the text.

**OR**

- (b) Bholi was believed to be a 'dumb cow'. What turned her into a fearless, bold and confident girl?



## Solutions

### SECTION - A

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

1. (i) (d) It does not contain agricultural chemicals.  
 (ii) (a) Denial



#### Note

With reference to the given lines, both denial and caution are close choices. Denial is a person's choice to deny the reality while caution is the suggestion for precaution.

- (iii) Demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non-organic products for many years also began selling organic products.  
 (iv) Organic food doesn't use chemicals for the growth whereas non organic food does.  
 (v) Reduces the chances of developing heart diseases.  
 (vi) The writer states that the germs get transferred from hands to the food so, washing hands can prevent contamination of food.  
 (vii) (a) the price decides the popularity.  
 (viii) Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops.  
 (ix) By washing hands before touching it.  
 (x) Foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they are grown organically.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

2. (i) Because of a vast blanket of pollution.  
 (ii) (a) I, II and III  
 (iii) Potential  
 (iv) (c) There has not been enough time to determine that.  
 (v) Does- Depletion of forest cover.  
 Does not- organic farming.

- (vi) (a) Worsen  
 (vii) Consequence  
 (viii) India and China  
 (ix) (c) Continue  
 (x) (a) Impact of pollution in South Asia  
 (b) Effect of Haze  
 (c) Effects of Acid Rain  
 (d) Understanding over Droughts

### SECTION - B

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

3. (i) (a) would  
 (ii) to give him a ticket to Bhopal.  
 (iii) (c) will  
 (iv) (c) at-on  
 (v) (b) going  
 (vi) (a) will arrive  
 (vii) would go to the museum with her.  
 (viii) should-can  
 (ix) Gopal asked Roma which way was the metro station.  
 (x) (a) must  
 (xi) (a) is  
 (xii) (c) The father said that he had bought a watch.

4. (A) Armaan/Anjali (5 Marks)

C- 63, Panchsheel Enclave  
 Delhi

20th March, 2023

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject : Critical issue of children

Dear Editor

I am writing to bring your attention to a critical issue that is affecting the lives of countless children

across our nation. The recent magazine article that I read highlighted the plight of underage children who are forced to work in hazardous conditions, instead of going to school. These children are toiling away in dimly lit factories, street stalls, garages, and other places to supplement their family incomes. This situation is not only illegal but also immoral and needs urgent attention.

It is a national problem that needs immediate attention from the government, civil society, and media. The government should enforce laws and regulations to ensure that every child gets access to education and a safe childhood. They should also provide financial assistance to families who are living in poverty to help them sustain themselves without sacrificing the education and future of their children. The media can also play a crucial role in highlighting the plight of these children and creating a public discourse around the issue.

In conclusion, we must take collective responsibility to end child labour and provide every child with a safe, healthy, and happy childhood. We cannot afford to ignore this issue any longer.

Yours sincerely  
Armaan/Anjali

**OR**

(B) Hauz Khas,  
New Delhi  
20th March, 2023  
The Manager  
M/s Shoe Factory  
New Delhi

Subject : Complaint letter for replacement of shoes

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to bring to your notice a problem I encountered with the pair of shoes that I recently

purchased from your store. I am a resident of Hauz Khas, New Delhi, and I bought the shoes from your store located in GK-II, New Delhi. To my surprise, upon unpacking the shoes, I discovered that both of them are meant for my left foot. This has caused me great inconvenience as I am unable to use them.

As a valued customer, I expect that the products I purchase from your store are of high quality and are free from any defects. However, this was not the case with the shoes that I received. I am therefore requesting a replacement pair of shoes at your cost as I am not willing to incur any further expenses due to the mistake that was made by your store.

I am hopeful that you will take immediate action to resolve this issue and provide me with a replacement pair of shoes. I look forward to your response and expect that this matter will be resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely  
Rohit/Riya

5. (A) The given paragraph is showing the data of four cities' pollution. **(5 Marks)**

Out of all the cities, Ludhiana is not a metropolitan city as Delhi, Mumbai or Chennai but it has a huge cloth industry. That is the reason that it has 453 Suspended Particulate Matter which is higher than even Chennai. If we talk about Sulphur Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxide, then Delhi has the maximum because of pollution caused by vehicles. Delhi is at the top in pollution as all the pollutants are maximum in comparison to other cities. Ludhiana has minimum Sulphur Dioxide but Nitrogen is near to the level of Mumbai.

Mumbai has also very less Sulphur Dioxide because of the use of CNG. We must say that Delhi is at the peak of pollution and it must be curbed otherwise this will harm the health of the people living there. The high rate of Suspended

Particulate Matter in Ludhiana and Mumbai must be taken care of.

**OR**

- (B) The pie chart gives the expenditures on different things in a family. The expense percentage on grocery is 23% which is maximum in comparison to clothes, transportation, education, rent and miscellaneous expenses. In the chart we see clothes with 19% expenses, education with 20%, and transportation with 18% expenses as almost similar.

It is surprising to see that 15% of the expenses are miscellaneous which are apart from core essential amenities like food, shelter and clothes.

If we want to cut the expenses then the amount spent on clothes and miscellaneous can be reduced as other things are extremely important, so these can't be compromised with.

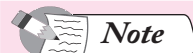
### SECTION - C

6. (A) (i) (a) Maths Teacher. **(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)**  
(ii) (b) Only II



Procrastinating - to pull off till another day.

- (iii) Trait  
(iv) (d) She had inherited it.  
(v) (c) Find it difficult to manage.



'Under control' means that things can be managed on their own.

**OR**

- (B) (i) (c) He did not like him.  
(ii) Invisible.  
(iii) (d) The Amar Palace was completely destroyed by the fire.

- (iv) (c) He left muddy imprints.  
(v) (b) Griffin promised to behave himself.

7. (A) (i) (d) Bengal tiger. **(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)**  
(ii) The first letter (consonant sound) in both the words is same.  
(iii) True  
(iv) (b) Terror  
(v) (b) Discern  
(B) (i) (b) Patrolling cars  
(ii) The word 'Brilliant' has been used twice.  
(iii) (c) Confinement and freedom  
(iv) (b) Frustration  
(v) True

**(4 × 3 = 12 Marks)**

8. (a) Coorgis are a proud race of martial men and beautiful women. They are very hospitable and entertain their guests narrating stories of their fathers and sons. Coorgi soldiers are brave. Coorgi regiment is one of the most decorated regiments of the Indian army.  
Coorgis are the only people in India who can carry firearms without license.  
(b) Lencho was hoping for a good rain as it was much needed for a good harvest. Lencho's only hope was the help of God. He believed that God sees everything. God can see deep into one's conscience.  
(c) The risk here refers to the risk of flying through the storms and black clouds. The narrator took the risk of flying through the black clouds because he wanted to reach his home and meet his family. The desire to meet his family made him take the risk of flying in the dark stormy clouds.  
(d) Amanda feels suffocated because she is controlled and instructed not to do one thing or the other. She feels that her freedom is curtailed. But Amanda wishes to be free to live in her own

world. She is a very sensitive girl who indulges in daydreaming quiet often. She highly values silence and freedom.

- (e) When he was at the age of twenty-five while hunting one day, he saw a sick man, an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally, a monk begging for alms. Thus, he was exposed to the sufferings of the world. These sights moved him so much that he went out into the world to seek enlightenment.

**(2 × 3 = 6 Marks)**

9. (a) Hari Singh justified his action of robbing Anil by saying that he had robbed a person who was not attentive. Also, he told himself that stealing was his habit and regular practice of stealing made him rob Anil.
- (b) Richard Ebright's mother helped him by encouraging his interest and enhancing his knowledge and learning. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials and other equipment and helped him in every possible way. If he did not have anything to do, she found things for him to learn. Even the book that became a turning point in his life was given to him by his mother. Hence, it can be rightly said that his mother played a crucial role in the making of a scientist.
- (c) Mr. Herriot was a veterinary doctor and Tricky was a little dog. But Tricky was huge and fat. He looked like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes were bloodshed and rheumy. Seeing all that, Mr. Herriot was shocked.

10. (a) Valli used to listen to her neighbours about the bus. She dreamt of riding on the bus. Her passion to fulfill her dream fired her curiosity. This curiosity made her listen to the conversations of people going on the bus ride and asking questions about their experience so she could gather

information regarding the bus journey.

On the bus journey, Valli acted confidently and behaved mature. She did not consider herself to be any less than an adult. She was focused on fulfilling her dream and did not get tempted to go outside the bus. She was observant and explored the town when the bus reached.

While returning, she was sad as she learnt about the death of a cow. This made her aware of the fact that death is a part of life and should be accepted as it is a natural phenomenon. Thus, the bus journey taught her a lot of things.

- (b) Nelson Mandela referred to the apartheid policy of the white race against the black people "as an extraordinary human disaster". White people snatched freedom from the coloured people of South Africa to whom the country really belonged. The Blacks were subjected to oppression for long. They were not even allowed to discharge their obligations to their own families, community and their country.

White people had no compassion for them and oppressed their own people and put them in prison whenever they asserted their freedom. The black people lived like slaves. Thus, Mandela came to believe that if a system like apartheid could be based on hate, there could definitely be a system which could be based on love and respect for each other.

**(6 Marks)**

11. (a) Mme Loisel belongs to a family of clerks. Her existence is quite average. They live on meagre income, enough for basic needs but not to fulfil aspirations. She gets married to a clerk and so is caught up with her dreams of wealth and pleasure that she is out of touch with the truths of her real life. In order to keep up appearances just to flatter her pride, she blows up four hundred francs on a

gorgeous dress. And not contented, she goes on borrowing a necklace from her friend. And, all of this just to impress the wealthy and the rich with her beauty and glamour. No doubt, her pride is flattered and her wish of fine dining, expensive dresses and jewels gets satisfied but at a great price. Unfortunately, she loses the necklace and the couple has to cough up their entire inheritance to borrow and replace it. Repayment of the debt eats away the next ten years of their youth. They live poor. All the household chores are done by her. Hence, her disposition invites her doom.

- (b) Bholi used to stammer. She had pock marks on her face and was ill treated by everyone. She was

sent to school for her parents considered that she had no future. Thus, she was called a 'dumb cow', until her teacher encouraged and empowered her to stand for herself and her family.

Such children should be made aware of their rights though they should equally be aware of their duties. There should be no discrimination among girls and boys as providing good education to the sons and ordinary education to the daughters. The society should not treat such children as inferior. Society should follow the example of Bholi's teacher who encouraged her with great love and affection and made her stand on her own legs to face life bravely and with confidence.