

<b>SOLVED PAPER</b>	<b>C.B.S.E. 2020 Class–X Delhi/Outside Delhi</b>	<b>ENGLISH Language and Literature</b>
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**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 80**

**General Instructions :**

- (i) *The Question paper is divided into three sections :*
- (ii) *Section A — Reading* 20 marks  
*Section B — Writing and Grammar* 30 marks  
*Section C — Literature* 30 marks
- (iii) *There are 11 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.*
- (iv) *Answers should be brief and to the point.*
- (v) *There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in Section B and Section C. Make your choice correctly.*
- (vi) *In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.*
- (vii) *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

**DELHI SET 1**

**Code No. : 2/1/1**

**SECTION-A (Reading)**

**[20 Marks]**

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

1. Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing girl of Mohenjo-daro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
2. Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore, the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall – the length of a human palm – but she surprises us with the power of great art – the ability to communicate across centuries.
3. A series of bangles – of shell or ivory or thin metal – clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
4. She speaks of the undaunted ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.

**1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions:**

**1 × 8 = 8**

- (a) The dancing girl belongs to
- (i) Mohenjo-daro                      (ii) Greek culture                      (iii) Homosapiens                      (iv) Tibet
- (b) In the museum she's kept among
- (i) dancing figures                      (ii) bronze statues
- (iii) terracotta animals                      (iv) books

- (c) Which information is not given in the passage?
- The girl is caged behind glass.
  - She is a rare artefact.
  - School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
  - She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
- (d) 'Great Art' has power because
- it appeals to us despite the passage of time.
  - it is small and can be understood.
  - it's seen in pictures and sketches.
  - it's magnified a million times.
- (e) The jewellery she wears:
- consists of bangles of shell, ivory or thin metal.
  - is a necklace with two pendants.
  - both (i) and (ii) are correct.
  - neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.
- (f) She reminds us
- of the never say-die attitude of humans.
  - why museums in our country are exciting.
  - why she will make us come into money.
  - of dancing figures.
- (g) The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/False)

**2. Read the passage carefully :**

- As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments, there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos, as multiple voices makes as many suggestions.
- By the time, order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
- Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
- We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
- It's a closely connected world out there, where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.
- What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the quality time would do the trick.

**2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words each:**

$2 \times 4 = 8$

- Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.
- In today's world, what are parents asking their kids ?
- Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents ?
- The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your view with a reason ?

**2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following:**

1 × 2 = 2

- (i) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is:  
 (a) cuisine (b) gourmet (c) gastric (d) science
- (iii) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is  
 (a) difficult (b) complicated (c) easy (d) tricky

**SECTION-B (Writing and Grammar)****[30 Marks]**

3. You are Vaibhavi Sinha, examination incharge, Goodway Public School, Aurobindo Road, Indore. You require 4 reams of white paper, 2 packets of carbon paper, one dozen registers, blue and red ball point pens (50 each). Place an order with Sunrise Stationary Mart, 12 Mall Road, Indore mentioning terms of payment, discount asked by you and delivery date. (100-150 words) 8

OR

Water scarcity is becoming a serious problem because sources of water are getting depleted day by day. Considering the gravity of the situation, write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Need of the Hour : Rainwater Harvesting." You are Ram/Rama. 8

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also. 10  
 a cricket match \_\_\_\_\_ boys playing in the street \_\_\_\_\_ Ram hit the ball \_\_\_\_\_ a second floor window pane broken \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father \_\_\_\_\_ . 10

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1 × 4 = 4

Communication \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ become very effective \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ instant due to smart phones. People are able \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ convey their messages all around the globe to \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ loved ones \_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_ spending hefty sums of money.

- (a) (i) is (ii) has (iii) have (iv) had  
 (b) (i) but (ii) as (iii) or (iv) and  
 (c) (i) for (ii) in (iii) to (iv) of  
 (d) (i) his (ii) her (iii) their (iv) your  
 (e) (i) with (ii) without (iii) and (iv) to

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. 1 × 4 = 4

	Error	Correction
Tallam is situated in an	(a)	_____
altitude of about 550 feet on a southern	(b)	_____
arm of a deep bay of the Western Ghats.	(c)	_____
Tallam boasts of delight forest scenery.	(d)	_____

7. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. 1 × 4 = 4

1. easy / very / it / to open / it / was
2. to sleep / night / decided / every / they / a hotel / in
3. quickly / very / the clothes / they / and food / packed.
4. the / problems / bag / heavy / in carrying / had / they



OR

Yoga is most important in everyone's life as it helps in balancing the relationship between body and mind. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic "Importance of Yoga in our life". You are Ram/Rama.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each 2 × 5 = 10

(f) Why is Mrs. Pumphrey responsible for Tricki's condition?

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8

Why was Nelson Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of history? How did he succeed in ending the apartheid regime in South Africa?

OR

Describe the journey of Sidhartha Gautama becoming the Buddha.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10

How did education change Bholi's personality?

OR

How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble?

DELHI SET 3

Code No. : 2/1/3

**SECTION-B (Writing and Grammar)****[30 Marks]**

3. You are Akshay/Akshita, 23, Rampur Road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When you go on the road, you see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and drive their vehicles recklessly which some times leads to road rage. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advising people to follow rules while driving vehicles. (100-150 words) 8

OR

You go your school travelling in a government bus. You notice the benefits of travelling by bus which is helpful in reducing pollution. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Use Public Conveyance; Control Pollution". You are Akshay/Akshita.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each 2 × 5 = 10

(f) Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist (the new guest) eccentric?

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8

Describe the scene in which Wanda's dress drawings are displayed. Who won the drawing contest for the girls?

OR

What message does Adrienne Rich want to convey through the poem, 'The Trees'?

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10

Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.

OR

What were Horace Danby's plans for his latest robbery?

OUTSIDE DELHI SET 1

Code No. : 2/2/1

**SECTION-B (Writing and Grammar)****[30 Marks]**

3. You are Vipul/Apporva, living at D-424, Island Avenue, Ernakulam. You have seen an advertisement about a diploma course in French language soon to be organized by Maxwell Institute of Languages, Fort Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-150 words to the advertiser seeking all the relevant information like admission procedure, fee structure, duration of the course, timing of the class, transport facilities etc. 8

OR

You are disturbed to find that most of the youngsters nowadays are falling prey to the fast food culture, overeating and lazy life style. Write an article on the topic, 'Importance of exercise and nutritious food'. You are Raj/Rani. (100-150 words) 8

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following clues. 10

Last year in the month of December, I went to my native village where my grand parents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest. Suddenly .....



OR

It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started .....

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5. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

Reading books \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a good hobby. Books open \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ vast new world to us. They increase \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and change our outlook \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

- (a) (i) has (ii) was (iii) are (iv) is  
 (b) (i) the (ii) a (iii) an (iv) some  
 (c) (i) his (ii) one's (iii) our (iv) your  
 (d) (i) towards (ii) for (iii) by (iv) from

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. Do any four.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

	Error	Correction
Spending time for their kids bring	(a) _____	_____
immediate as well as long-last	(b) _____	_____
gain for a parents. According to a	(c) _____	_____
research, children with concerned	(d) _____	_____
parents are more efficient.		

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- is / as / known / Jaipur / Pink City.
- in the / are / buildings / city / in pink colour / painted / most of the unbold
- have made / a popular / it / its / historical buildings / destination / tourist.
- go there / one / bus / from Delhi / can easily / by

SECTION-C Literature

**[30 Marks]**

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:  $1 \times 4 = 4$

Max bit his lip nervously. The knocking was repeated.

"What will you do now, Max?" Ausable asked. "If I do not answer the door, they will enter anyway. The door is unlocked. And they will not hesitate to shoot."

- (a) Who is Max ?  
 (i) a spy (ii) a tourist (iii) a businessman (iv) a waiter
- (b) Max became nervous because:  
 (i) he got scared of Ausable. (ii) he thought the police had come.  
 (iii) the door was unlocked. (iv) Ausable did not get up to open the door.
- (c) Actually the door was knocked at by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'confidently' ?

OR

..... Winds rush to meet them.  
 The moon is broken like a mirror,  
 Its piece flash now in the crown  
 of the tallest oak.

- (a) The above lines were written by  
 (i) Robert Frost (ii) John Berryman (iii) Robin Klein (iv) Adrienne Rich
- (b) The crown of the oak lies in its  
 (i) top most branch (ii) roots  
 (iii) rich and tasty fruit (iv) broad leaves
- (c) The winds are rushing to meet the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Find the word from the extract which means the same as "shine".

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each 2 × 5 = 10
- What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped ?
  - Why did Peggy and Maddie not wait for Wanda ?
  - Why does the poet use the term 'noble' and 'wild' for the tiger ? (How to Tell Wild Animals)
  - What was the major flaw in Tricky ?
  - What made the boys follow Griffin ?
  - How is Ausable different from other secret agents ?
10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8  
What lesson did Kisa Gotami learn the second time that she had failed to learn the first time ?
- OR
- Which qualities of animals has the poet lost and now wants to regain ? Answer with reference to the poem, 'Animals'.
11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10  
Write a character sketch of the hack driver.
- OR
- What do you know about Bishamber Nath ? Why did Bholi refuse to marry him ?

**OUTSIDE DELHI SET 2**

Code No. : 2/2/2

**SECTION-B**

3. Slums are spreading more than the planned townships. The life in the slums is miserable. Crowded living, lack of drinking water, insanitary conditions, poor power supply etc. are causing a lot of suffering to the people. Write a letter in 100-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper drawing attention of the concerned authorities to this problem and asking for a proper solution. You are Udit/Udita, 26 Latouche Road, Kanpur. 8
- OR
- Road in our cities are fast turning into death traps. Eight out of ten road accidents are caused by people who don't follow rules of the road. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, 'Road Safety'. You are Ramesh/Rita.
10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8  
Why and when did the narrator say that 'everything' was going well, it was an easy flight ? (Black Aeroplane)
- OR
- How did Vauli Valli fulfil her desire to ride a bus to the town and back?
11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10  
What other interests, besides Science, did Richard Ebright pursue? What did Mr. Kleiherer, his Social Studies teacher, tell us about Ebright?
- OR
- Compare and contrast the characters of Great and Mighty Think Tank and Noodles.

**OUTSIDE DELHI SET 3**

Code No. : 2/2/3

**SECTION-B**

3. You are Shammi/Sapna, resident of 12 Mall Road, Agra. You have noticed that majority of the water taps in your colony keep on leaking. Also water drips from various joints in the supply pipes. All these lead to a big wastage of potable water. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner, Agra Municipal Corporation requesting him to get the necessary repairs done. (100-150 words) 8
- OR
- Outdoor games occupy a prominent place in the life of people. They not only help in keeping them healthy and fit but also play an important part as recreational events. Write an article in 100-150 words on, "Importance of Outdoor Games." You are Raj/Rani.
10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8  
Why were the children fascinated by the baker? How did they show their eagerness to see him?
- OR
- Why does the poet not offer money to the boy to buy another ball?

**11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.**

10

Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh?

**OR**

What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother? How did she treat the narrator?

□□□

# ANSWERS

**DELHI SET 1****Code No. : 2/1/1**

## SECTION-A

- 1.1** (a) (i) Mohenjo-daro  
 (b) (iii) terracotta animals  
 (c) (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze  
 (d) (i) it appeals to us despite the passage of time  
 (e) (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct  
 (f) (ii) why museums in our country are exciting  
 (g) amid  
 (h) True
- 2.1** (a) The advantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process is that every member of the family has a say in every decision which promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. The disadvantage is that it creates a chaos, as multiple voices make as many suggestions.
- (b) In today's world, parents are asking their kids, the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
- (c) The writer advises the parents firstly to listen to their children and their silences. Secondly he tells them to set aside some quality time for their children and make them share their stories with them.
- (d) The writer is in favour of the freedom the parents nowadays are giving to their children but he is also aware that a parent's well-meaning advice may sound like an unnecessary preaching for the children. So he advises them to spend more time with their children and listen to their stories.  
 This is the only way of reaching to our children, hearing all the conflicting views and making the voice of reason be heard.
- 2.2** (i) injured  
 (ii) (a) cuisine  
 (iii) conflicting  
 (iv) (b) complicated

## SECTION-B

- 3.** Goodway Public School  
 Aurobindo Road  
 Indore  
 2nd April, 20××  
 The Sales Manager  
 Sunrise Stationary Mart  
 12 Mall Road  
 Indore

**Subject: Placing Order for some Stationary**

Sir

Thank you for the catalogue you had sent along with the latest price list. After going through, we would like to place an order for the following items.



Product	Quantity
White Paper	4 reams
Carbon paper	2 packets
Registers	One dozen
Ball point pens (Red and Blue)	50 each

We attach herewith a draft of 50% advance payment. The balance payment will be made on delivery. We expect a 10% discount, which you have already promised. Please note that we shall not be responsible for any damages during transportation. We expect delivery with 15 days as discussed earlier.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely  
Vaibhavi Sinha  
Examining Incharge

OR

#### 'Need of the Hour : Rainwater Harvesting'

Every drop of water is precious. But several news reports say that the country is likely to face acute water shortage during summers. So water conservation is essential. On the occasion of 'World Water Day' we all should take an oath to store rain water in ponds, tanks and aquifers. Water should be recycled.

The water table is sinking. Residents are receiving water for half an hour in a day.

The awareness to save water should be spread. Rain water harvesting should be made mandatory. The authorities should start campaigns to save water.

Lots of water is wasted in flushing. Water in most industries is used for cooling purposes. Arrangement should be made to use recycled water instead of fresh water for these purposes.

Water is an important natural resource and is the very basis of our life. We use water for drinking, irrigation, industry, transport and for the production of hydro-electricity. Water is a cyclic resource which can be reused after cleaning. Thus it is very important to conserve water in order to sustain life on earth and rain-water harvesting is one of the best ways to store water.

4. It was Sunday morning with cool environment. A group of boys living in the neighbourhood decided to play cricket. Ram, being the best player was made the captain of one of the team. A coin was tossed to decide which team was to bat first. Ram's team won and first player was caught out. Then it was Ram's turn. He played wonderful shot. His team cheered loudly and excitedly. He shot many fours and sixes, keeping his title of the 'best player' intact. In a mood of high spirit, Ram hit the next ball, which went flying, hitting the window pane on the second floor of the building across the field. The pane broke into pieces. Ram was asked to fetch the ball. Gathering courage, he went to the house. He found the door open. He called out but no one replied. Suddenly he smelled something burning and smoke emitting. He started shouting for help. Soon the neighbours gathered and a lady who was the owner of the house, also came from downstairs, in a state of panic. Everyone helped to extinguish the fire coming from the kitchen.

Actually the lady had gone in neighbourhood, forgetting that she was cooking something, which started burning. Everyone thanked Ram for his quick action and the lady returned the ball without getting angry.

OR

#### Importance of Obedience

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry go-round. His father refused as there was a big crowd and a big waiting line. His father also thought that he was still too young to sit on such a big merry-go-round. His mother held his hand tightly in fear of losing him in the crowd. When once she was busy paying for her purchase, Ahmad slipped from there. He desperately wanted to enjoy the ride. After roaming all over the fair, Ahmad realized that it was very difficult for him to either reach the merry-go-round or back to his parents. He started to panic and started to cry for help. One of his father's friend recognised him and assured him to take him back to his parents. He took him to the volunteers who made an announcement regarding his parents. His parents came running to the place and hugged Ahmad. He promised that he would never repeat this again in his life again.

5. (a) (ii) has  
(b) (iv) and  
(c) (iii) to  
(d) (iii) their  
(e) (ii) without

6. **Error**                      **Correrct**
- (a) in                              on
- (b) a                                the
- (c) of                                in
- (d) delight                      delightful
7. (a) It was very easy to open it.
- (b) They decided to sleep in a hotel everynight.
- (c) They packed the clothes and food very quickly.
- (d) They had problems in carrying the heavy bag.

**SECTION-C**

8. (a) (iii) Walt Whitman
- (b) (i) Animals
- (c) ..... because he can identify himself better with the animals, for their qualities of serenity and self satisfaction. The poet Walt Whitman says that he can identify himself better with the animals, for their qualities of serenity and calm composure. So he intends turning towards them, away from his human companions.
- (d) Whine.

**OR**

- (a) (iii) Max
- (b) (i) was getting adjusted to the light
- (c) ..... a man with a small automatic pistol in his hand.
- (d) authentic
9. (a) The young seagull was afraid to fly because the sight of the sea filled him with fear. What motivated him to fly was his hunger. For past twenty four hours he had not eaten anything. When his mother tempted him with a piece of fish in her beak, he was maddened to see the food. His hunger compelled him to dive. To save himself, he spread his wings and was able to fly.
- (b) The poet understands the pain of the boy whose ball had rolled away into water but he does not offer him money to buy another ball. The poet knows that buying another ball will not console the child. The best approach is to leave him so that he should develop a sense of responsibility and maturity and know how to face the losses with losing his heart.
- (c) Coorg is called the land of rolling hills because the city is situated on the gentle sloping hills. The entire area is covered with these hills. Brahmagiri hills has a panoramic view. Coorg is called the land of rolling hills because the city is situated on the gentle sloping hills. The entire area is covered with these hills. Brahmagiri hills has a panoramic view.
- (d) Hari Singh came back to Anil because he remebered the good times he had spent with Anil. He felt lonely and sad at the thought of leaving Anil. His inner conscience stopped him from breaking Anil's trust. Hari Singh stole six hundred rupees while Anil was sleeping. He went to the railway station after stealing the money, but did not board the train. His conscience pricked him for robbing a man like Anil who had trusted him. He roamed around aimlessly and remembered the good times he had spent with Anil. He felt lonely and sad at the thought of leaving Anil. So, he immediately decided to go back to Anil. Hari Singh knew that one day he will be able to earn more money by becoming a really big, clever and respected man which was much more than stealing a few hundred rupees at that time. So he returned home, back to Anil.
- (e) Matilda Loisel was a kind of lady who was not content with what life had given her. She expected a life of affluence, comforts and luxuries but she had to live in want and poverty. She was unhappy to live a simple life with limited means as her husband was a petty clerk.
- (f) The curious episode that occurred in the study of the clergyman was that even though the money from the desk was missing but there was no one seen in the room. It was a peculiar kind of robbery where robber was not visible but the clergyman and his wife heard the chink of money being stolen but were amazed to see that the room was empty.
10. In the bathroom, Mijbil fumbled with the taps and went mad with joy on seeing full flow of water. He played, splashed and thoroughly enjoyed like a hippo in water. A loof at first, he started answering to his name, played for hours with rubber ball and juggled with small objects, after two days. Mijbil's behaviour and reactions to the circumstances throw light on the trait of intelligence in the otters in general. They have basic congeniality. And it is portrayed in his behaviour that it took him merely a day to shed his inhibitions and familiarize himself with the new surroundings. Mijbil's intelligence and sense of logic is reflected in his turning on the tap to get a flow of water.

**OR**

Mr. Keesing, Anne's, Maths teacher, was always annoyed with Anne because of her talkative nature. So, he had given her some extra work to write an essay on "A Chatter Box". She wrote in her essay, "Talking is a student's trait and I would do my best to control it. But I won't be able to cure this habit since my mother is also talkative.

So moving from the inherited trait cannot be done". On reading her arguments, Mr. Keesing had a good laugh, and the teacher gave her another essay on 'An Incurable Chatter Box'. It was a punishment for Anne for talking in the class. Anne gave a message through the poem to the teacher. The teacher got so impressed by her little poem that he decided not to punish her. She made him realize his mistake. It also reflects her fearlessness, critical thinking, humility and unbiased approach as well as her creativity and humorous approach to deal with her strict teacher.

11. Ebright's mother was a great help to him. She always encouraged his interest in learning and finding more. She took him out on trips. In fact, she also bought him a telescope, a microscope, cameras, mounting materials and other equipments that helped him in many ways. Richard's mother was a vigilant parent who keenly observed her child, identified his interests and inclinations and channelized his energies in the right direction. She very deftly kept him occupied with learning activities which was a constructive use of the leisure time. She bought him books to kindle his curiosity and thus provided the impetus towards scientific interests. She, thereby, played a significant role in 'The Making of a Scientist'.

OR

Martians planned to attack the earth. The ruler of Mars, Think Tank, instructed one of his Martians-Noodle to gather information about the Earth. He saw that other three crew members—Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota and Sergeant Oop found some books in Centerville Public Library. A book named 'Mother Goose' contained nursery rhymes. Omega managed to read some nursery rhymes like 'Mistress Mary', 'Humpty-Dumpty', etc. Think Tank misinterpreted the rhymes. He was shocked to discover that metals could be grown in fields. He also thought that earthlings are intelligent enough in warfare and have advanced technology to grow high exposures. On seeing the image of Humpty-Dumpty, he thought its head resembling that of his own. He feared invasion on Mars by earthlings. So he decided to migrate to Alpha Centauri, one hundred million miles away from Mars. The Martians fear the book till date. Hence, we can say that the title 'The Book that Saved the Earth' is apt.

The book of the Nursery Rhymes proved to be a most trustworthy friend. It not only saved us and our planet earth, but also acted as a good friend of tiny children and entertained them in its fantasy and delighted them.

DELHI SET 2

Code No. : 2/1/2

**SECTION-B**

3. C-424, Sector 18,  
Green Park  
New Delhi  
27th May, 20××  
The Sales Manager  
Balaji Electricals Pvt Ltd  
Lajpat Nagar  
New Delhi

**Subject : Complaint about defective Washing Machine**

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, I wish to inform you that I had purchased an "LG Washing Machine" from your outlet on the receipt no. 10579 on 24th May, 20××. Its been just 3-4 days and it has started giving trouble. It makes a loud noise and stops on its own all of a sudden. The machine does not wash the clothes properly. I am sure it has some manufacturing defect.

Since it is within the guarantee period, I request you to get it repaired or better replace it at the earliest.

I have been your regular customer and purchase articles in good faith. I will be thankful if the matter is attended to at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Kopal

OR

**Importance of Yoga in Our Life**

Yoga is a way of living that aims towards a healthy mind in a healthy body. Man is a physical, mental and spiritual being and yoga helps promote a balanced development of all the three. Other forms of physical exercises like aerobics, jumba etc. assure only physical well being.

Yoga promotes self-healing, enhances personal power, helps in developing focus and concentration especially important for children. It provides peace to mind and enhances cosmic energy. Yoga helps in managing stress and anxiety and keeps you relaxed. It also helps in increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. It improves respiration, energy and vitality.

There are various Yoga 'asanas' meant for healing different parts and organs of our body. Regular practice of yoga keeps our digestive system in control, thus helping us to lose unnecessary fat in our body. Yoga brings glow on our skin.

Thus Yoga improves immunity and helps us to maintain healthier lifestyle and it is becoming a very important part of our life.

9. (f) Mrs. Pumphrey had a dog named Tricki. Indirectly, she was responsible for the dog's illness. She gave him little extra meals i.e. malt, cod-liver oil, etc. He was even fed with desserts like cream cakes and chocolates. He was not given any physical exercise. So the dog fell ill and started vomiting also. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage. Dr. Harriot, the veterinary surgeon had to be called for his treatment.
10. The oath taking ceremony of Nelson Mandela, the first black President of South Africa, and his colleagues was a historic occasion. Dignitaries of 140 countries came to attend it. In the first decade of the 20th century, the white-skinned erected a system of racial discrimination against the dark-skinned people of South Africa. This discrimination was called Apartheid, the harshest in human creation. Nelson Mandela, when became a young man and joined the African National Congress party, he first wanted freedom only for himself and then for all his people. He carried on years of struggle with the desire to give himself and his people a life of dignity and self-respect. Finally when he successfully became the President of South Africa he promised to give his country freedom from poverty and discrimination. No country man would be oppressed on the basis of colour and creed. He wished the sun of freedom to shine on his country forever.

OR

Gautam Buddha was a prince. His parents had named him Siddhartha. He had been shielded from the sufferings of the world. At the age of twenty five he saw a sick man, an aged man and a dead man. He also saw an ascetic begging for alms. These sights moved him so much that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he received enlightenment after seven days. He renamed the tree as the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom). He himself came to be known as the Buddha (The awakened or the Enlightened).

The Buddha preached his first sermon at the city of Benares, the most holy dipping places on the River Ganges. The Sermon was preserved. It reflects the Buddha's wisdom about once inscrutable kind of suffering.

11. Everyone called Sulekha as Bholi, the simpleton. She used to stammer and her face was disfigured by pock-marks. She was not wise and not beautiful. She was ill-treated by everyone. She was sent to school as she supposedly had no future. But her education changed her personality. Her teacher's love and affection moulded her. She became confident and bold. She knew what was good or what was bad. Her father agreed to marry her to Bishamber. But she didn't accept to marry the lame, old and greedy man. Education had, thus, turned Bholi into a fearless, bold and confident girl. She even chose her future rightly. She told her parents that she would serve them in old age. Thus, she became an inspiration for all girls and became a teacher in the same school from where she had studied.

OR

Griffin, the scientist removed his clothes, became invisible and got away without being seen. He misused his scientific discovery and became a lawless person. He slipped into a big London store to save himself from the unbearable cold. He drank and wore warm clothes. He found cold meat, coffee and sweets there. He slept on a pile of quilts and enjoyed himself. In the morning when the assistants arrived, he got nervous and began to run. He quickly took off his clothes, became invisible and escaped.

Earlier he had a quarrel with his landlord. In revenge, he set fire to the house and escaped in an invisible form. When the landlord of the inn and his wife tried to spy in his room, he attacked the wife with the bedroom chair in an invisible form. They ran away in terror.

Next day, when he suddenly gave them the rent, they became suspicious and called for the village constable. On being questioned by Mrs. Hall, Griffin became furious and took off the bandages. The constable found it very difficult to struggle with an invisible man. He was knocked unconscious by Griffin. This way Griffin always shook himself free by becoming invisible.

**DELHI SET 3**

**Code No. : 2/1/3**

**SECTION-B**

3. 23, Rampur Road  
Delhi  
26th March, 20××  
The Editor  
i-Next  
Delhi



**Subject : Concern over growing accidents of Road Rage in Delhi**

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers towards the serious issue of growing incidents of road rage in Delhi. Now and then, we come across the news of road rage where people start fighting on the roads on trivial issue. People are over stressed these days and their frustration is often displayed through such incidents. They start quarrelling on a matter of small collision or honking or even on the issue of parking. Generally, the fight starts verbally which turns into a physical fight. Many incidents of serious injuries and death of people have been reported so far and hence it needs immediate attention of everyone.

The government should come forward with strict legal provisions to stop these and the people should also learn to be patient and tolerant in order to make Delhi roads safe to travel.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Akshay

OR

**'Use Public Conveyance – Control Pollution'**

Public transportation is not only a great way to get to work, to school, or to go shopping, but it is also an environmentally friendly mode of getting around.

Since public transit carries many passengers on a single vehicle, it can reduce the number of vehicles, the level of traffic noise, the amount of harmful gas emissions, associated with those vehicles. By reducing the emissions from transportation in urban areas, public transportation can help to reduce smog, to meet air quality standards, and to decrease the health risks of the residents due to polluted air.

By taking up less space, buses and other public transit options can also enable more efficient traffic flow, which in turn helps to reduce fuel waste. Thus using public conveyance can surely control pollution.

9. (f) Mrs. Hall was the landlady of the inn where Griffin stayed. She found the scientist eccentric because he discouraged her friendly approach by telling her curtly that he wanted solitude and did not wish to be disturbed. Moreover, he had unusual appearance and covered from top to toe.
10. There was a drawing and colour contest in the school. The girls were to design dresses and the boys were to design motorboats. Maddie thought that Peggy would win the contest as she was very good at designs and better than anyone else in the class. The next day, when they entered the classroom, they found there were drawings all over the room. There must have been a hundred of them. They were all lined up. Miss Mason announced the winners. She told them that one girl drew one hundred dresses – all different and in beautiful colours. She declared that Wanda Petronski was the winner of the girl's medal. Wanda had been absent from school for some days and was not there to receive the prize. Miss Mason asked the children to file around the room quietly and look at Wanda's beautiful drawings.

OR

The poem 'The Trees' states that in the conflict between man and nature, man has caused much harm to nature. Man has learnt to acquire a lot of material goods, but forgotten the importance of preserving nature. As a result, large forests have been cut down, animals have been killed and water bodies have been destroyed. Man has judged nature wrongly to be weak, whereas nature is the most powerful. Any natural disaster can not be prevented, though we are moving in a technologically advanced world. The destructive forms of nature e.g. flood, earthquake, volcanoes, tornadoes etc. teach man that the real power lies with nature and it can do anything. The poet wants to give the message that the presence of a few trees inside our homes does not become equal to nature, but a very false idea of nature. Real nature is outside, in the forests that we have destroyed. The poem tells us how the trees want to break free from the walls that humans have put around them, and go out in the forest. We shall stop cutting trees, otherwise we will be responsible for the deleterious consequences.

11. Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady who had a small dog, named Tricki. She had pampered the dog by providing him things like a raincoat for wet days, a whole wardrobe, full of tweed coats. There were separate bowls like breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl etc. or his different meals. She had a lot of servants and maids to take care of him and to serve Tricki's favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings. Besides, she owned a chauffeur driven long, black car. All these things suggest that she was a rich lady. She used to give Tricki some extras between meals to build him up. Some malt, cod-liver-oil and a bowl of Horlicks are the things which only the rich can afford to feed their dogs. She also fed him with cream cakes and chocolates which he loved very much.

OR

Horace Danby was heartily fond of rare and expensive books. He used to commit one theft a year on an average. The stolen money lasted for a year. He chose the house at shotover Grange to commit his next burglary. He studied the design of the house carefully for a fortnight. He found that the family had gone to London and the servants to the movie. He broke into the house and stole pounds worth of jewels from the safe. The jewellery would enable him to buy the books he wanted. He put on his gloves. He took the key from its usual place. He pacified the pet dog by addressing it with love. He reached the safe, placed in the drawing room behind a painting. He was suffering from hay fever. The smell of the flowers at the table made him sneeze.

**OUTSIDE DELHI SET 1**

Code No. : 2/2/1

**SECTION-B**

D-424, Island Avenue  
Ernakulam  
02nd April, 20××  
The Centre Head  
Maxwell Institute of Languages  
Fort Road  
Kochi

**Subject : Enquiry about diploma course in French**

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement dated 24th March, I have come to know that you provide diploma course in various languages. I would like to join the same in French language. I am waiting my class XII result and I am free for three months. Kindly let me know the admission procedure, fee structure, duration of the course, timing of the class and transport facilities, if available.

Kindly inform me at the earliest so that I can join the course immediately, without wasting time.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Apoorva

OR

**Importance of Exercise and Nutritious Food**

It is sad but true that the school students are the worst victims of malnutrition. The reason behind it is not poverty but their growing fondness for junk and fried food. Most students prefer pizzas and burgers over fruits and green vegetables. Such items have always been a more tempting option to the home cooked meal of rice, chapatis and vegetables. The opening of fast food corners has made it convenient to grab a burger than to carry a tiffin. But there is a huge price to be paid for this convenience.

Junk food is high in calories and extremely low in nutrients. It is a major cause of serious problems like obesity and malnourishment due to the lack of essential nutrients in the diet.

Fortunately, the solution of this problem is simple—give the children a better option of nutritious and hygienic home cooked food, made interesting through innovations. School authorities should also take immediate steps to replace fast food items with health promoting items such as milk, eggs, bread sandwich, fruit chaat etc. Students should be taught that health is wealth. If they remain healthy, only then they can concentrate on studies. Junk food will bring nothing but ill health, obesity and unhappy life.

Research from the American Journal of Preventative Medicine indicates that regular exercise adds up to five years to our life and walking is the best exercise. Students can keep themselves physically fit and their mind alert by going to school on foot. On one hand, it will prevent obesity and on the other hand, it will make the environment pollution free. A number of studies have found that exercise and walking helps to rule out depression. No diet or tonic is as effective as morning walk. Fresh morning air refreshes us and relaxes the body and mind. To conclude, with these simple measures we can make our life happy and joyful.

4.

**A Face in the Forest**

Last year in the month of December, I went to my native village where my grandparents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest. Suddenly, I heard someone sobbing. The sobs were loud enough to pull my attention. I tried to ignore the same as I was just a visitor in the village, but suddenly the sobs grew louder.

Hesitatingly, I went in the direction of the sobs and found a girl sitting on a sack and sobbing hysterically. She had long open hair, wearing beautiful brown dress. He was bent on her arms wrapped around her knees. I thought she needed help, so I asked, "Hey, are you okay? Why are you sobbing?"

She did not reply. I got a little closer, though sensing something wrong. I called out to her aloud, "Listen, look up to me, show me your face."

The girl looked up and showed her face, if you could call it a face! Her face had no eyes, no nose, no mouth. Just a round shape of empty face with long hair.

I shrieked, turned around and ran as fast as I could. I reached my house stumbling and staggering. Suddenly I felt my face wet. I touched it, but it had no mouth, no nose. And the same instance I opened my eyes and found my grandma leaning on my bed calling my name. I then realised I had been dreaming, a nightmare though!



OR

**An Amazing Day**

It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started guessing ..... what it was. Sam said, "It is a UFO. See it has no wings or fans like a Chopper." Actually he was right. We all stopped the game and looked towards the strange object. Suddenly Christy shouted, "Oh no! It is landing in our garden. Let's run to my house." At once, all six of us ran towards Christy's house. By the time we reached the gate of his house, the UFO had already landed in his garden and we saw a small door-slide open. We all had held our breath and were waiting for someone to come out. But no one appeared. After some time, a strange fluorescent coloured object was thrown out of it and before we could understand anything the UFO flew up in the sky. We saw that object gradually growing in size. And to our surprise it was consuming the grass and the plants that came in its way. It had grown to the size of an ant. It looked like a worm. Suddenly Christy shouted, "Let's enter the house from the back door. We all ran there. Going in we peeped out to see that object. To our horror it had grown up to a size of an Alsatian dog and had eaten up the stairs in the porch. We were terrified. Suddenly an idea struck my mind. I asked Christy, "Where is your kitchen?" He could only point his finger towards the kitchen. I ran into the kitchen and took the salt container with me. Christy understood what I was upto. He too followed me with two new packets of salt. We ran out towards the garden and poured the salt on the strange object which had by now grown to a size of a calf. It gave a strange shrill cry as soon as it came in contact with the salt and within a few seconds it had disappeared as if dissolved in soil. We all looked at each other. We knew that we had a new thrilling story to tell our classmates the next day.

5. (a) (iv) is  
 (b) (ii) a  
 (c) (iii) our  
 (d) (i) towards
6. **Error**                      **Correction**  
 (a) for                              with  
 (b) last                             lasting  
 (c) a                                 the  
 (d) with                            of
7. (a) Jaipur is known as Pink City.  
 (b) Most of the buildings in the city are painted in pink colour.  
 (c) Its historical buildings have made it a popular tourist destination.  
 (d) From Delhi one can easily go there by bus.

**SECTION-C**

8. (a) (i) a spy  
 (b) (ii) he thought the police had come.  
 (c) waiter  
 (d) nervously

OR

- (a) (iv) Adrienee Rich  
 (b) (i) top most branch  
 (c) trees  
 (d) flash
9. (a) Lencho was filled with utter sadness when the hailstorm stopped. He was troubled to see the corn which was totally destroyed. Nothing was left in the fields. He exclaimed that even the locusts have not ruined the crops to such an extent. He also said that in such condition he and his family would have to starve the whole year.  
 (b) Usually Peggy and Maddie waited for Wanda at the corner of Oliver Street. But that day it was drizzling and the result of the drawing competition was to be announced. They never wanted to be late for school because they were anxious to know the result and were confident that Peggy would win the competition.  
 (c) The poet refers to the Bengal Tiger as 'noble' and 'wild' both. The tigers look impressive when they walk majestically and elegantly. But the same tigers become wild and brutally kill anybody for food.  
 (d) Tricky, Mrs. Pumphrey's dog, was excessively fat. He had blood-red and rheumy eyes. His tongue lolled from his jaws. He had no energy. He was fed generously without making him exercise. The main cause for his ailment was his greed owing to that he accepted every type of food at any time and in any quantity.  
 (e) Griffin, after having a fight with his landlord, set his house to fire and began to wander invisibly about the streets of London. He happened to be in some mud. As a result, his footprints were left behind as he walked. Two boys were fascinated by the footprints without feet. They followed the footmarks of invisible Griffin.

- (f) Fowler was disappointed on seeing Ausable who was unlike other secret agents. According to him, the secret agents are tall, smart, agile, dashing and alert people surrounded by darkness, pistols and drugs in the wine. On the contrary Ausable was fat was fat and sloppy with heavy American accent. He was not at all flashy or romantic like other agent.
10. Kisa Gotami was devastated by the death of her only son and wandered door to door, seeking help. Someone directed her to Sakyamuni, the Buddha, who asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds. This raised a hope in Gotami's heart that her son could be revived. But the condition imposed by Sakyamuni was that the seeds should be from a house where people had not lost a loved one to death. Kisa Gotami's futile search made her realize the bitter truth that sorrows are a part and parcel of life and one can attain peace only by acceptance. Buddha says that everything in this world is subject to death. He further says that the world is deeply affected by suffering, disease or pain. Inevitably there is death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world. Neither from weeping nor from grieving can anyone obtain peace of mind.

**OR**

- The poet Walt Whitman in his poem 'Animals' compares animals to human beings and differentiates between them on the basis of their characteristics. According to the poet's perception, animals are ranked much higher than humans. Animals do not complain about their situation and are much happier than humans. Animals live in natural surroundings and they accept nature. Human beings on the other hand, do not accept nature *i.e.*, they complain about it and try to change it, thereby leading an unhappy life. According to the poet, animals possess many qualities which humans don't. Some of these are calmness, lack of greed and the ability to stay happy and contented among others. Animals never weep for their sins, they never sweat and whine about their condition. They do not make anybody sick discussing their duty to God. Above all, human beings suffer from the mania of possessing things which animals do not. These are the qualities of animals which the poet feels he as a human has lost and wishes to regain.
11. Oliver Lutkins was about forty years of age, he was red-faced, cheerful and thick about the middle. Oliver Lutkins (Hack Driver) comes across as a clever person who has little consideration for others and exploits their gullibility to his convenience. He cheats the lawyer on the pretext of helping him in locating Lutkins and thereby extracts money from him in an unfair manner. The fact that he laughs at him the following day, when the lawyer delivers him the summon, shows that he lacks scruples and it is remorseless. He seems to have little respect for law as he has disobeyed the earlier summons. But the narrator also depicts him as a person with a sense of humour that almost forgives his tricks as a practical joke.

**OR**

Bishamber Nath was a well-to-do grocer from the neighbouring village where Bholi lived. He was a lame, fifty-year old widower with grown-up children. Bholi's parents accepted his marriage proposal as he had a big shop, house and good bank balance. Even Bholi agreed to marry an unsuitable elderly person because she was aware that her parents were worried that she would remain unmarried all her life due to her pock-marked face and lack of sense. That's why she did not want to disappoint them and allowed them to decide for her. The day of her marriage came, and Bishamber arrived with a big baraat. He was pleased with the arrangements but when Bholi's silken veil was removed, he was shocked to see her pock-marked face. He refused to garland her, and said that the marriage would go through only if an additional five thousand rupees were given to him. Ramlal brought the money. When Bishamber was about to garland her, Bholi flung the garland into the fire. She very clearly told her father that she would not marry that man, who was not just only old and lame but also a mean and greedy person. She took a vow never to get married. She decided that she would become a teacher and serve her parents in their old age.

**OUTSIDE DELHI SET 2**

*Code No. : 2/2/2*

**SECTION-B**

3. 26, Latouche Road  
Kanpur  
28th April, 20××  
The Editor  
The Times of India  
Tuglaq Road  
New Delhi

**Subject : Need to improve miserable living conditions in slums**

Sir,

Through the columns of your reported newspaper, I would like to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the miserable living conditions in slums.

A country's growth depends on the growth of its people. The people living in slums do not have basic amenities like clean drinking water, proper power supply and healthy food. Many can be seen ravaging through dustbins to get food. Lack of proper sanitation and living among such dreadful conditions lead to spread of many diseases. They are illiterate and thus lack job opportunities. They live in congested spaces where proper breathing is also unavailable.

Only if the slum dwellers get the basic amenities, the nation can be said to have truly progressed.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Udit

**OR**

**Road Safety**

Everyday, the newspaper is full of cases which report accidents of high severity and intensity. When the cases are probed, normally what is found is that the accident could have been averted if the people involved had followed traffic rules.

The need of the hour is that people should be made aware of and encouraged to abide by traffic rules, like wearing helmets and putting on seat belts. Another important thing is that, people should be encouraged to stay within the speed limits. Along with this, if the traffic police becomes vigilant and strict and installs speed sensing devices and cameras, a lot of lives could be saved and can be saved. Driving in the wrong direction, drunk driving and use of cell phones or other electronic equipment during the drive have added to the frequency of accidents. Thus, road safety measures should be used as weapons that can save us from the danger of casualties.

10. The story 'Black Aeroplane' is about a pilot who feels happy and contended to fly over a city during night time. He is flying from Paris to London. He is looking forward to enjoy his holiday with his family. As soon as he crosses Paris he gets a look of dark clouds indicating an upcoming storm. But still his desire to reach his family and have a scrumptious breakfast with them, made him risk his and his passengers life.

Then the pilot thought of informing the Paris Control Personnel about its presence and for instructions. After receiving the instructions, the pilot geared up and followed them while putting the last fuel tank into operation. He was calm as everything was going as planned. So he says that 'Everything' was going well, it was an easy flight.

**OR**

Valli made detailed plans about her bus ride. She gathered information about the distance the bus travelled, the time it took and the fare by listening to the conversations of others and asking discreet questions. She planned the timings, i.e., when she would board the bus and when she would return. She saved money for the trip by not buying peppermints and sweets and also by not going to the fair.

Two characteristics which made Valli to fulfil her dream of a bus ride was her courage and her ability to plan. These are the traits which need to be consciously developed so that a person can undertake what he wants to do. Courage to do something by taking risk and ability to plan will make a person go ahead in life.

11. Richard H. Ebright was a multi-faceted genius. He was a competent scientist, a lovable son, a respecting pupil Unbold whole line and above all, a man with varied interests and hobbies. His fame rests on his wonderful works and achievements on butterflies. He was more than a scientist. He found time for other interests and hobbies. He was a champion debater and public speaker. He was a good canoeist and an expert photographer. He had a first-rate mind, competitive spirit and scientific curiosity.

His social science teacher, A. Weiherer, opened his mind to new ideas and made him competitive. Mr. Weiherer felt that Richard not only was interested in his experiments but also kept his mind open for other things and put in that extra effort to attain success.

**OR**

Noodle & Think Tank have contrasting characters. Think-Tank likes to be called the 'Great and the Mighty'. He likes to order. He is the ruler of Mars, but has no intelligence.

He thinks books to be sandwiches. He is wrong about everything. He demands that the crew obey him. He likes to pass on other's idea as his own. He is a coward who simply boasts about his power.

Whereas the apprentice of Think-Tank, Noodle, comes out as an interesting figure in the story. He is very polite and smart. He corrects the mistakes of his ruler very humbly by giving indirect suggestions. Also, he is very wise and well informed. He never takes credit for his ideas. Think-Tank makes them as his own.

**SECTION-B**

3. 12 Mall Road,  
Agra  
28th March, 20××  
The Municipal Commissioner  
Municipal Corporation  
Agra

**Subject: Complain against Water Leakage**

Sir,

I, on behalf of all the members of this colony, am writing this letter to you to complain about the current issue of water leakage from the taps and supply joints in our colony.

We have been facing this issue for last one or two weeks. The water is not getting supplied due to old and out dated disposal system of the colony. Summers are approaching and there is always a shortage of water and if so much water is wasted everyday, it will create a big problem for the residents of the colony.

We shall be exceedingly thankful if the required repair and maintenance work in our colony is carried out at the earliest.

Thanking You

Yours truly

Sapna

8

OR

**Importance of Outdoor Games**

The games that we play in the open air are called outdoor games. These games give us a chance to exercise our body and recreate our mind. They are very well a part of the education system because proper exercise is required in order to study properly.

Nowadays children prefer staying indoors watching television, playing video games, browsing the net, making tik-tok videos, which is not only harmful for eyes but also stresses their mind. Many people are becoming obese due to such habits.

It is high time that both parents and educational institutions take initiatives to inculcate the habit of playing outdoor games. Such initiatives will also help in discovering talented sport persons, who can be trained for National and International competitions. Playing outdoors with other children, not only provides fresh air and energy but also teaches children teamwork, co-operation and sportsmanship. These qualities help them to build their character.

Outdoor games help in socialising with real people away from the virtual social life of facebook and whatsapp. They refresh our minds which in turn increase our productivity and helps to kill the boredom. Thus outdoor games lead to a healthy lifestyle.

10. The author recalls that a baker used to visit his village twice a day. He was an important person in his life. He was treated like a friend. He came once in the morning to sell the bread and then while returning after emptying his basket.

The children would know about his arrival from the 'Jhang, jhang' sound of his bamboo stick. They would run to meet and greet him. They tried to surround the basket but were pushed aside until the bread was delivered to the maid. Then, they were allowed to choose their bread. The baker attracted the children not by his jingle or by the loaves of bread. He sold out the bread bangles or the special sweet bread made for the children.

OR

The boy is very much troubled at the loss of his ball and plunges into grief. He stands stiff and trembling while staring at his ball. He is upset as he looks gloomily into the water because it has been with him for a long time. When the ball bounces into the water, all his memories of the childhood days flashes in front of him, the poet doesn't offer him money to buy another ball.

The poet suggests that from the loss of the ball, the boy is learning how to stand up in a world of possessions. The boy is learning what it means to lose something. The poet says that knowing that every man has to stand up after such losses, the boy too will learn how to stand up and leave the losses behind. The loss of the ball will make him learn that things are often lost and losses have to be accepted.

11. For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, *i.e.*, by changing name, by making excuses, by making new way of making money etc. Anil was the most trusting person Hari Singh had ever met. But he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change on mind. Anil knew even this fact also, but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life over-powered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for the simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was very good decision of Hari Singh.

OR

The narrator was a junior assistant clerk. His job was to serve summons. One day, he was asked to serve summons on a man, called Oliver Lutkins. On reaching New Mullion, he found that a delivery man was ready to help him to find Lutkins on a charge of two dollars an hour. The hack driver also told him that Lutkin's mother was a real terror. He described her as a large and hefty lady with a fierce temper. He also said that she was as quick as a cat. She was nine feet tall and four feet thick. He said that she could talk a lot. Oliver must be hiding behind his mother's skirts. When Lutkin's mother heard that they had come to serve summons on her son, she seized an iron rod and marched on them. She also threatened to burn them if they did not go away.

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