

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 18
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

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

SECTION A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below

- 1 Happiness lies within the mind of an individual. No amount of external wealth may be helpful in making him happy. Our forefathers had lifestyles based mainly on the concept of "simple living and high thinking". Excessive material wealth did not mean much to them.
- 2 The structural framework of our forefathers' families was different from those of ours. The bond of love which they shared cannot easily be found today. The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress. However, in today's nuclear family, we are detached from feelings towards our kith and kin. This may finally destroy the family psyche. Read more on Sarthaks.com -
- 3 The joint family system provided a proper environment for the child to grow up. The values of respect, tolerance, responsibility, and integrity were internalised in the child. In the long run, they became better human beings, compared to those in the present generation. Our forefathers felt happiest, if their children became honest human beings. But today, we are happy only if we retain our coveted material ends and are ready to resort to any means to attain that end. Read more on Sarthaks.com -
- 4 Our forefathers had a vision to make India the best. To attain their ambitions, they were ready to make all sorts of personal sacrifices. On the other hand, today people are ready to migrate to the west, to enjoy a comfortable life. Often, they become successful in foreign lands. But, in the process, they become alienated from their motherland. Also, distance from their ailing parents is a worrying factor and keeps them perturbed. It is not easy for them to return, as their children will not be able to adjust to the Indian environment and way of life. Thus, this is a crisis and a frame of mind worse than their forefathers.-
- 5 In our generation, tradition and modernity have intermingled to form a special system. We are happier than our forefathers in being able to lessen evils like the rigid caste system, untouchability, and child marriage, but we have failed to totally eradicate them. In fact electoral politics has made use of the caste system, through the issuance of party tickets on the basis of caste, community, and religion.

On the basis of your reading of the given passage, choose the correct option

1. How are our forefathers different from us?
 - (a) They had lifestyles based mainly on the concept of simple living and high thinking'.
 - (b) They had different structural frameworks of families.
 - (c) They made all sorts of personal sacrifices to attain their ambitions.
 - (d) All of these.
2. What impact does a joint family system have on a child?
 - (a) It helps a child to become a better human being.
 - (b) It internalises the values of respect, tolerance, responsibility and integrity in a child.
 - (c) Both(1) & (2)
 - (d) None of the above

3. In our generation, _____ and _____ have intermingled to form a special system.
- Untouchability;modern
 - tradition;modern
 - Religion;caste
 - politics;corruption
4. Based on your reading of the passage choose the incorrect statement from the following.
- Our youngsters had a vision to make india the best
 - Happiness lies within the mind of an individual
 - The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress.
 - Our forefathers had lifestyles based mainly on the concept of simple living and high thinking.
5. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'cushioning' as used in the passage.
- Sharpening
 - Shielding
 - Intensifying
 - Softening
 - Irritating
- (a) 1,5 (b) 2,4 (c) 3,5 (d) 1,3
6. The _____ provided a proper environment for the child to grow up.
- Neighbourhood
 - Joint family system
 - Nuclear family system
 - Friends and relatives
7. 'In our generation,tradition and modernity have intermingled to form a special system.substitute the underlined word with the most appropriate option from the following.
- Dividend
 - Blended
 - Scattered
 - Detached
8. We are happier than our forefathers in being able to lessen :
- Child marriage
 - Unemployment
 - Religious values
 - None of these
9. Select the option that makes the correct use of 'sorts',as used in the passage , fill in the blank space.
- Policemen have to know all _____ of different things.
 - The machine _____ it all out.
 - The computer _____ the words into alphabetical order.
 - He always _____ the books according to the author's name.
10. What are the values internalised in the child ?
- Respect
 - Tolerance
 - Responsibility
 - All of these

II Read the passage given below.

- Just by the use of colours, you can balance your diet. All you need to do is to pay a little attention to the food you eat. Nutrition experts strongly recommend adding colours to your diet. Sweets and candy bars are generally colourful but remember they do not contain natural colours and hence are not healthy. The key is a variety of naturally coloured foods. Deeper the colour, the greater the benefits. Getting more colours in your diet does not mean you have to drastically change your current eating habits. Have a glass of 100% juice in the morning. Keep a mix of dried fruits on hand for a quick snack. Grab an apple or banana on your way out. Include at least two vegetables in your dinner. Get into the habit of starting your dinner with a salad. Eat fruit for dessert. Always add greens to sandwiches
- Most red fruits and vegetables contain an antioxidant, which offers protection against ultraviolet rays and cancer, and helps to prevent urinary tract infections and diseases related to the circulatory system. Green vegetables not only look great but also possess excellent antioxidant properties that protect your eyes by keeping the retina in good condition and reduce the risk of cancerous tumours. Orange and yellow group fruits contain beta-carotene, an antioxidant that improves cell communication and thereby helps to stop the spread of cancer. Blue and the purple group not only adds richness to your plate but also has an influence on the pineal gland (the third eye) and the nervous system. The white group contains sulphur compounds that protect DNA and also contain flavonoids, the antioxidants that protect cell membranes.

3 Therefore, the more colourful the diet is (all natural colours, of course), the better equipped your immune system is to cope with diseases.

On the basis of your reading of the given passage, choose the correct option.

1. Why are sweets and candy bars not healthy?
(a) Because they are colourful
(b) Because they are sweet and sour
(c) Because they do not contain natural colours
(d) Because they are bitter in taste
2. The key to good health is
(a) A variety of natural colour food
(b) Sweets and candy bars
(c) A glass of juice
(d) Dinner with salad
3. How should the dinner be started ?
(a) With fruits
(b) With water
(c) With a salad
(d) With something sweets
4. Study the given visual input carefully and choose the option that correctly Matches column A with column B.

1. Green	A. for skin and stomach body detox
2. White	B. for the liver
3. Orange	C. for skin health and elasticity
4. Yellow	D. for the immune system

(a) 1-B; 2-D; 3-A; 4-C (b) 1-C; 2-D; 3-A; 4-B (c) 1-D; 2-A; 3-C; 4-B (d) 1-D; 2-B; 3-A; 4-C
5. The key to good health is:
(a) A variety of naturally coloured foods
(b) Sweets and candy bars
(c) A glass of juice
(d) Dinner with a salad
6. Which statement from the following is NOT TRUE, according to the passage ?
(a) The deeper the colour , the greater the benefits.
(b) Nutrition experts strongly recommend adding colours to your diet.
(c) The blue and purple group is rich in beta - carotene.
(d) Include at least two vegetables in your dinner...
7. Green vegetables are goods for the eyes as they have _____ properties.
(a) Antioxidant (b) Oxidant (c) Chemical (d) colourful
8. How can you balance your diet?
(a) By paying a little attention
(b) By drastically changing your current eating habits
(c) By adding colours to your diet
(d) By starting your lunch with a salad
9. The white group contains sulphur compounds, that protect the:
(a) Pineal glands (b) Circulatory system (c) Nervous system (d) DNA
10. Which word from paragraph 1 means the same as 'far reaching'?
(a) Drastically (b) Strongly (c) Naturally (d) generally

SECTION B: GRAMMAR**(10 Marks)****I Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.**

1. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete :-

The police _____-four thieves last night.

- (a) Catch
- (b) Caught
- (c) Catching
- (d) Will catch

2. Read the conversation between Reena and Arya. complete the sentence correctly.

Reena: I called you yesterday, where were you?

Arya: I went to visit my grandmother. Why did you call?

Reena told Arya that _____ and asked her where she had been. Arya told her that _____ grandmother and enquired why she had called.

3. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line ,

Good health comes _____ a nutritious diet and plenty of exercise.

- (a) On
- (b) After
- (c) From
- (d) at

4. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line,

The Landlord made the boys(1)/ to do the garden (2)/make over all over again.(3)/No error(4).

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

5. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blanks with correct option:

We read a story about a young boy, _____ young girl and _____ dashing car.

- (a) A, A
- (b) A, AN
- (c) The, A
- (d) A, The

6. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Father wolf dropped to the ground, (prepare) to leap at the predator.

7. Report the dialogue between a teacher & his student Sameer completing the sentence.

Bio Teacher: I instructed you to draw the diagram of bacteria. why did you submit a blank sheet?

Sameer : Sir, I had drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

8. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a line and supply the correction.

Many people attended the funeral of the great man. The shepherd took the cattle to the field.

9. Minal shared some information, with Mohini, about a holiday at Goa Beach. Report Mohini's question.

Did you enjoy Scuba diving in Beach? I

10. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Girl's Welfare.

Girl's education was not considered necessary because _____

- (a) It was thought to be a waste of money.
- (b) Girls were excellent cooks.
- (c) Girls weren't bold.
- (d) Girls were not loved.

11. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between son and mother.

Rosy : Did you see my new umbrella? Isn't it fine?

Tom : Yes, it is! Did you buy it from the mall?

Rosy : No, your father has brought it for me.

Mother asked her son Tom _____ and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one. Tom agreed and asked his mother _____ His mother replied in the negative and added that _____

12. Identify the error correction:

Error

Correction

Today the girls have broke the rule

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**(10 Marks)**

I. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

- A. You are Neelam / Nandu of Safdarjung, New Delhi. You are deeply saddened by the attacks on elderly persons who live alone. Write a letter to the editor of 'The New India News' making people aware of the authorities to guarantee that such attacks do not occur.

OR

- B. You are Jasveen / Jasbir, you recently visited a significant historical site. You were astounded to discover it in such a condition of disrepair. Using the clues from the unit 'Travel and Tourism,' as well as your own thoughts, compose a letter to the editor of a major newspaper noting the terrible condition of significant archaeological and historical sites. Highlight the lack of vital services, the poor condition of upkeep, and people's abuse of it. Make suggestions about how to improve the issue.

- II. A. Writing a Diary Entry/ Story on a given title in 100-120 words. You recently visited an 'Old Age Home' in Bangalore with your friends. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, make a diary writing entry of what you saw and experienced there.

OR

- B. A group of fifteen students from your class recently went to Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet the President. Write your joyous experience through a diary entry in 100-150 words.

SECTION C: LITERATURE**(40 Marks)**

V. Reference to context

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given

- 1.(A) Wind, come softly
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did - you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.

- 1.(B) You are very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

1. What does the Poet ask the wind to do?
 - (a) The poet asks the wind not to blow.
 - (b) The poet asks the wind to blow softly.
 - (c) The poet asks the wind to bring rain.
 - (d) None of the above.
2. Which things does the poet ask the wind not to do?
 - (a) The poet asks the wind not to damage shutters of the windows, scatter his papers and throw down the books.
 - (b) He asks the wind not to blow the roof of his house, tear up his clothes and damage his crops.
 - (c) He asks the wind not to damage his household goods.
 - (d) None of the above.
3. What does the wind actually do?
4. Can the wind be asked to do or not to do a particular thing? Why?
5. "You are very clever". Who is very clever?

OR

That trip to Florida with her father Yuri launched her on the path to success and stardom. But it also required a heart-wrenching two-year separation from her mother Yelena. Instead of letting that depress me, I became more quietly determined and mentally tough.

"Maria Sharapova"

1. Who does 'her' refer to in this extract?
2. From where did she make a trip to Florida and why?
3. What was the 'heart-wrenching' thing about the trip?
4. Why could her mother not accompany her?/
5. What does the extract reveal about the speaker's character?

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given

2.(A) Then the matter
Of scorching and choking
In sun and air,
Browning,hardening,
Twisting,withering,
And then it is done.

1. What should be done after pulling the root out of the earth?
2. What is the other name of the word "hardening and Twisting"?
3. What poet said about colour in this stanza?
4. How does a tree die ? or How is a tree killed?.
5. Identify and explain the Figure of Speech in the lines : Browning, hardening, Twisting, withering.

2.(B) No motion has she now,no force—
She neither her nor sees,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees.

1. What realisation dawns on the poet?
2. Which words from the poem describe death?
 - (a) 'No motion' , 'no force' and 'neither hears nor sees'.
 - (b) 'Rocks' , 'stones' and 'trees'.
 - (c) 'Rolled' , 'diurnal' and 'course'.
 - (d) None of the above
3. Correct the underline word:
Being now a part of the earth,the poet's loved one rotate with the earth as rocks,stones and trees do.
4. What is the other name of the word "diurnal"?
5. What does she do now?

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

1. How did Ausable befool Max about the balcony?
2. Richard Ebright displayed a well-rounded personality. Do you agree? Elucidate in the context of the given text.
3. For what unusual reasons was Bholi sent to school ?
4. What changes have taken place in the field of books since the twentieth century ?
5. At the end of the ten years, they had restored all". What had Matilda and her husband restored and at what cost?

VII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 40-50 words each.

1. The course of the Loiseles' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.
2. Name three extraordinary things that took place in the room where Griffin was staying.
3. What does she do to help him? Is she wise in this?
4. Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is 'a triumph of surgery'?
5. How did the visible man become invisible? What did he do then?

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

1. Horace Danby requested the lady to forget what she saw. Was Horace afraid of being caught? Did he lack the courage to accept his crime publicly? Explain the values one must imbibe to accept one's mistake.

OR

2. What fake story was made by Ausable in the hotel room ? What made it a convincing story ?

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

Have you ever lost something you liked very much? Write a paragraph describing how you felt then and saying whether—and how—you got over your loss.

OR

What metaphor has the poet used in the poem 'Fog'? Do you think it is appropriate?

Solution

SAMPLE PAPER-6

SECTION - A

I

1. (a)
2. (c)
3. (c)
4. (c)
5. (b)
6. (b)
7. (b)
8. (d)
9. sorts, sorts, sort, sort
10. D

II.

1. (c)
2. (a)
3. (c)
4. (a)
5. (a)
6. (c)
7. (a)
8. (c)
9. (c)
10. (d)

SECTION - (b)

I.

1. (b)
2. She called her yesterday., He had gone to visit his grandmother.
3. (c)
4. (b)
5. (a)
6. Prepared
7. The biology teacher had instructed Sameer to draw the diagram of a bacterial cell and asked him why he had submitted a blank sheet. Sameer respectfully answered that he had drawn the diagram but the teacher couldn't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.
8. People

9. Had you enjoyed Scuba diving in beach.

10. (a)

11. (a) if he had seen her new umbrella
(b) if she had brought it from the mall
(c) his father had brought it for her.

12. broke , broken

SECTION - C

I.

A. Safdarjung

New Delhi

12th June 2022

The Editor

The New India News

New Delhi

Subject: Issue of lack of security and attacks on old people

Sir/Madam

I am a resident of Safdarjung and through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I'd like to bring attention to the issue of elderly abuse. Physically, the elderly are often frail. As a result, they can't face the rogues who usually come to rob them.

Any opposition from the elderly can be dangerous to their wellbeing. Many incidences of robbery, pickpocketing, and severe attacks on the elderly have occurred in the Safdarjung Area. Recently, an old aged couple was hacked to death in broad daylight. This has created fear among the seniors.

It is the government's responsibility to safeguard the lives of senior residents. I suggest that the resident welfare associations should form small groups which visit the lonely couples a few times a day and keep a check on their wellbeing.

Unfortunately, there has been no action despite many inquiries and requests to the authorities.

Perhaps the words in your prestigious publication will do the needful.

Thank you

Yours truly

Neelam / Nandu

OR

Saket

New Delhi

20, October, 2022

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Poor Condition of Heritage Sites

Sir/Madam

I'm writing to express my concern about the egregious damage that is done to our country's priceless and irreplaceable historical sites. What astounds me the most is the city authorities' attitude to the provision and protection of these monuments.

These monuments are not only priceless icons of our civilization's past, but also a very lucrative source of revenue for both the local and national economies. These historic structures contribute to the development of dynamic, cultural downtowns that encourage tourism, art, events, and other activities that encourage businesses, income, and economic growth. These structures' damaged areas must be refurbished and restored. Tourists should be able to observe these buildings from a slight distance and so these should be surrounded by fencing. Installing CCTV cameras, keeping guards on duty, maintaining cleanliness, and giving some tourist amenities are all things that should be considered. The immediate surroundings of these establishments have become quite unsanitary due to the lack of washrooms.

I request to the appropriate Ministry and local authorities to investigate the situation and take appropriate action. This can be achieved if you highlight the problem through the columns of your renowned newspaper.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Jasveen / Jasbir.

B. 26th October 2022, Wednesday

9:30 PM

Dear Diary,

Today I visited an old home in Bangalore with my friends to celebrate my birthday. Nearly 90 people stayed in that old-aged home. Most senior citizens above 60 years stay there. The old age home is settled in peaceful surroundings and is enriched with magnificent paintings, trees, a good library, yoga, meditation auditorium, etc. The home was

very big and spacious. All the rooms and bathrooms were clean and hygienic. The authorities of old age homes collect funds to organise regular medical checkups for the senior citizens. We contributed some money for the same. The people there seemed to be very happy and comfortable. Overall I felt that people were in a home away from home.

OR

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Home, 11:05 p.m.

As a team member of the special invitees honoured with India's Bravery Award, the high point of our felicitations included a visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan and an audience with the President of India. As soon as we entered the premises, I was struck by the imperial and awe-inspiring facade of the building and its plush interiors. The President congratulated us. We then posed for a group photo with the dignitary and thereafter gorged ourselves on the delicious spread of eats.

Finally, I walked up to the President and requested him for his autograph. The evening ended with a guided tour of the Mughal Gardens, making the visit a memorable and enriching experience to be savoured for the rest of my life. That moment of honour to be with the President of India, the ever beautiful Mughal Gardens — the whole experience has changed me for the better as a person!

SECTION - D

1.(A)

1. (b)
2. (a)
3. The wind throws down the books, tears their pages and brings rain.
4. No, it can't be asked what to do or what not to do. It is a force of nature
5. The wind is very clever.

OR

1.(B)

1. 'Her' refers to the famous tennis player, Maria Sharapova.
2. She made a trip from Russia to Florida with the purpose of training in tennis.
3. The 'heart-wrenching' thing was that she had to part from her mother for two years.
4. Her mother could not accompany her because of visa restrictions.
5. The extract reveals that the speaker had the ability to encounter difficult situations boldly and to turn them to her advantage.

2.(A)

1. It should be left out in the sun and air.
2. to become hard, turn
3. It turns into a brownish colour.
4. After the tree is rooted out from the earth, it does not stand erectly anymore. It lies on the ground under the scorching sun. It takes days together in the drying process. In the scorching heat of the sun, it becomes brown and gets hardened. While drying it gets twisted and finally withers away.
5. The Figure of Speech in the lines: 'Browning, hardening, Twisting, withering' is the climax. Here, the entire drying process occurs in this ascending order, hence it is climax.

2.(B)

1. His loved one's body has no movement and no life.
2. A
3. rotates
4. day to day
5. Now she moves all around in this cosmos as the earth does.

VI

1. Ausable was a very intelligent spy agent. When he found Max waiting for him in his room, he immediately thought of the plan. He told Max that there is a balcony from where people enter his room that Max must have also entered from there. Max got convinced about the story and hence when someone knocked at the door, he ran towards the balcony to hide and died.
2. Richard's genius was obvious by the time he was in his second grade. He managed to collect all twenty-five species of butterflies around his hometown and classify them. He also loved to collect coins, fossils and rocks. Science was not his only passion. He was an active member of his school's oratory club and model United Nations club and was an effective debater and a public speaker. He loved photography as well.

He was an enthusiastic canoeist and an all-around outdoors person. Learning was easy for him. So he found it simple to devote time and energy to many other interests. He became a champion in whatever he did. He believed in the spirit of competition to win. But, he did not wish to defeat others just to win. He wanted to win to do his best. Thus, he displayed a well-rounded personality.

3. The Tehsildar Sahib put the responsibility of sending the girls of the village on Ramlal, the revenue official as he was the representative of the village. Ramlal

had not the courage to disobey him. He also felt that there was a little chance of Bholi getting married due to her ugly face and lack of sense.

4. Since the 20th century the book has changed its significance. The twentieth century was called the 'era of books'. In those days, there were books on every subject. These were from ant-eaters to Zulus. Books taught people 'how to' and 'when to' and 'where to' and 'why to'. The books were supposed to be a mine of knowledge and there were books on every topic. Then with the advent of computers and electronic media, books got completely wiped out. In future, they might be mistaken for even a sandwich or a strand. The lesson gives us a message that books are always important as they help to save us even from a Martian attack.
5. Matilda lost the necklace borrowed from her wealthy friend Mme Forestier. They desperately tried to find the necklace but in vain. Finally they decided to replace the necklace with a new one. M. Loisel spent his entire savings and even borrowed a loan to buy the necklace. To repay the debt, they cut down their expenses. They sent away the maid and reported some rooms in an attic. They cut down their expenses. M. Loisel worked evenings, putting the books of some merchants in order, and nights he often did copying at five sous a page. This life lasted for ten years. At the end of ten years, they had restored everything.

VII

1. The course of Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. After replacing the lost necklace with a new one, they had to repay all the money that they had borrowed to buy the new necklace. They sent away the maid and changed their lodgings. They rented some rooms in an attic. Matilda learnt the odd work of the kitchen. She washed the dishes, soiled linen, their clothes and dishcloths. She even took down the refuse to the street each morning and brought up the water, stopping at each landing to catch her breath. She went to the grocer's, the butcher's, and the fruiter's, with a basket on her arm, shopping, haggling to save her money. Loisel worked in the evenings, putting the books of some merchants in order. At night, he did copy work at five pages a page. This lasted for ten years, and at the end of the said period, they were finally able to repay their lenders.
2. Griffin was a scientist. He carried out an experiment which made the human body invisible. He tried it on himself and became invisible. Then he started doing extraordinary things which were extraordinary. The first extraordinary thing that took place was that there was no one in the room yet Mrs. Hall heard

a sniff close to her ear. The hat that was kept on the bedpost, went up and dashed into her face. After that, suddenly the chair rose up in the air and pushed both Mrs. Hall and her husband out of the room.

3. Mrs. Pumphrey thinks that Tricki's recovery is a triumph of surgery because his illness was very serious. She was of the opinion that there were very few chances of Tricki to improve and he needed immediate medical attention. Thus, his revival without any medicinal treatment was a great achievement, according to her.
4. Mrs. Pumphrey thinks that Tricki's recovery is a triumph of surgery because his illness was very serious. She was of the opinion that there were very few chances of Tricki to improve and he needed immediate medical attention. Thus, his revival without any medicinal treatment was a great achievement, according to her.
5. The invisible man got angry with Mrs Hall for asking an explanation for the mysterious happenings and threw off all he was wearing on his head so that he became a man without a head. Soon the constable Jaffers arrived to arrest him, but the invisible man threw off all his clothes to become invisible and, in the ensuing scuffle, knocked Jaffers unconscious and escaped.

VIII

1. Yes, Horace Danby was afraid of being caught. He lacked the courage to accept his crime publicly. He was not a professional criminal or thief. He was considered a good and honest man by everyone. He was about fifty years old and unmarried. His house was looked after by a housekeeper. He used to rob only one safe every year to pursue his habit of getting rare and expensive books to read. He used to rob only those who were rich. He had a good reputation in the society and hence did not want anyone to know about his crimes. Although he helped the lady but was caught by the police for the crime he did not commit. He learnt from his mistake.

OR

Ausable was a clever secret agent. One day when he entered his room, he found Max in his room who aimed at him with a pistol. Ausable did not lose his courage. He was a quick-witted man. He fabricated a story about a balcony which extended under his room window. He said that he had informed the management to block that window as anyone might enter his room using that window but till then they

hadn't. Just then there was a knocking at the door and Ausable said that he had called in the police to have extra protection as they were having an important paper with them. Max took the whole story as a gospel of truth. He retraced his steps, reached the window-sill and jumped down the balcony which never existed.

IX.

1. Last year, our beautiful dog Tommy was lost. All the family loved the dog very much, but I was very deeply attached to Tommy. I used to take full care of him and Tommy would accompany me wherever I allowed him to do so. I felt desperate and upset when Tommy was not traced at all the possible places, where we could find him. I did not feel like eating or going for a morning walk. Tommy always used to accompany me when I went for my morning walk. Gradually I reconciled with the situation and consoled myself. I totally engrossed myself in my studies though I did not feel like playing. I never stopped missing Tommy. Then, one day, when I went to another colony to meet a friend, I found Tommy tied up in somebody else's home. When I approached them, they said that the beautiful dog seemed to have lost his way and so they had been giving care to him. I thanked them and returned home happily with Tommy.

OR

2. In the poem 'Tog', Carl Sandburg has metaphorically compared the fog to a cat. The first strange thing about the metaphor is the comparison of a phenomenon with a living animal. Perhaps the poet wants to emphasise the silent nature and mysterious ways of the fog, so he has compared the fog to a cat. A cat does not make a sound when it walks. So also is the fog, but its presence is apparent. Its "silence" is very much like that of a cat moving on its little feet. Then the fog stays in its place looking over the harbour and city which creates a hazy atmosphere all around. The way it sits is very much like a cat sitting on its haunches, looking here and there before it makes a move. This is as if the fog remains a silent spectator of the happenings in the city. Whatever the purpose may be, both the fog as well as a cat make their impression and make their presence felt. The comparison of the fog to a cat seems very appropriate because, reading the poem, one feels that truly, the fog approaches stealthily, just like a cat.