

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 25
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

- 1** Read the passage given below. **10**
- 1** Self-discipline means self-control, which gives you inner strength and a way to control yourself, actions, and reactions. Self-discipline comes naturally to some people. And some people can achieve it with some effort. The effort made is worth it as it changes life for the better. A person who stays in control has the ability to take charge of his/her actions and reactions. The first step towards leading a disciplined life is to set goals. Goals give you a clear idea about what needs to be achieved. One must always set a timeline for your goals. This serves as a driving force and motivates you to work hard. It is a good idea to set both short term and long term goals and create a well thought out plan to achieve them
- 2** Meditation is one of the best ways to channel our energy in the right direction. It helps maintain focus, acquaints us with our inner self and furthers better self-control. It is the stepping stone for a disciplined life. Meditating for half an hour every day can help in inculcating self-discipline. Set a Routine, those who set a routine and follow it daily lead a more disciplined life. It is suggested to list all the tasks that you require accomplishing in a given day. Write them in the order of their priority, set a timeline for each and act accordingly. This is a good way to lead an organised and disciplined life.
- 3** In this technology-driven world, there are numerous things that can distract us and take charge of our lives. Our mobile phones, television, and chatting apps are some of the new age things that are a big hindrance in practising self-discipline. No matter how determined we are to study, work or sleep on time, we tend to get distracted at the beep of our phone. Social media platforms, chatting apps and web series are extremely addictive and hamper work. In order to practice self-discipline, it is important to stay away from these distractions. Put your phone on silent or keep it at a distance when you sit to study or work. Similarly, just put your phone away at bedtime and instead pick a book to read. Remember the lesser the social media - the greater the self discipline.
- 4** You can inculcate self-discipline only when you are well-rested. So, it is essential to sleep for eight hours each night. Maintaining a good sleep cycle is also essential. This means that you should try sleeping and waking up at the same time each day. Many people want to inculcate self-discipline but are unable to because they somehow believe that it is difficult to achieve. They feel that it is too much to ask for and that they shall not be able to practice it. This is the wrong approach. You can achieve anything in life if you stay positive and believe in yourself. So, you should stay positive. It is a prerequisite for inculcating self-discipline.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

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- I.** Why does the writer advise you to set a timeline for your goals ?
- (a) It gives you a sense of completion of your goals.
 - (b) It motivates you to work hard for your goals.
 - (c) It distracts you from your goals.
 - (d) It develops self control in you.
- ii.** Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:
'the lesser the social media - the greater the self discipline.'
- (a) The more you eat - the more weight you gain

- (b) The less you distracted - the more you focused
 (c) The more you study - the more marks you get
 (d) The more you meditate - the more you disciplined 1
- iii. Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following:
 No matter how determined we are to study, work or sleep on time, we tend to get distracted at the beep of our phone.
 (a) Doubt
 (b) Conviction
 (c) Denial
 (d) Caution 1
- iv. Based on your reading of the passage, list two reasons why self discipline is necessary ?
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 _____ 1
- v. According to the writer, why is maintaining a good sleep cycle essential ? 1
- vi. "Discipline is"
 (a) acting inappropriately
 (b) being organised and in control of one's actions
 (c) acting weirdly
 (d) being unruly 1
- vii. How many hours of sleep is essential each night to develop self control ?
 (a) 6
 (b) 7
 (c) 8
 (d) 5 1
- viii. Which of the following claims regarding self control is FALSE?
 (a) Self-control is greatly aided by willpower.
 (b) Our health is affected by self-control.
 (c) Your career could be lost if you lack self control.
 (d) Personal Relationships are unaffected by self-control. 1
- ix. How many minutes of meditation in a day can inculcate self-discipline?
 (a) 20 minutes
 (b) 30 minutes
 (c) 40 minutes
 (d) 60 minutes 1
- x. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
 (a) Enjoy what you do
 (b) To love others, you must first love yourself.
 (c) Be the best version of yourself and stay positive
 (d) Live Alone 1
- II. Read the passage given below. 10
- 1 Wearing a seatbelt, lifting large objects safely, or consciously avoiding any unsafe situations are all daily decisions that can either assure our safety or create potentially disastrous situations. We both need to decide how we are going to organise our lives. One of the most crucial things we can do is to practice self-control, and self-discipline, and to set boundaries and borders in our life. Without discipline, life is thoughtless and void of discipline.
 - 2 We may believe that living life on the edge is somewhat exciting. The idea of saying "Yeah! That is me! living dangerously! Woo-hoo!" It's become a common perspective on life. But as you can see, even highways have lines that act as safety buffers for us as we drive. We will fall into the ditch if we cross over to one side. We risk being killed if we cross the middle line. And since they keep us safe, we appreciate those lines. We occasionally fail to recognize how lines work to keep us secure.
 - 3 I don't take pride in the fact that I disregarded my limitations for the first 20 years of my working life. Most of the time, I experienced terrible bodily pain. My old mantra was, "I know I have boundaries and that I've hit them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get away with it." I rushed to the physicians, attempting to cure myself with medications, vitamins, natural remedies, and whatever else I could get my hands on. "It's simply stress," some of

the doctors would say. I became indignant over that. I mistakenly believed that stress indicated a lack of passion for or inability to manage daily life, whereas I actually enjoy what I do. However, I continued to push myself and travel.

- 4 I finally realised that I needed to change my mindset and way of life since I was leading an unsustainable life. You and I are not required to follow or be like everyone else. We don't have to apologise for who we are; every one of us needs to be exactly who we are. Since no two people are the same, we must each establish our own personal comfort zone where we may live our lives to the fullest without putting too much strain or stress on ourselves.
- i. Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context: "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." ?
1. negligent
 2. indecisive
 3. spontaneous
 4. reckless
 5. purposeless
 6. patient
- (a) 2 and 5
(b) 3 and 6
(c) 1 and 4
(d) 2 and 3
- ii. The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the
- a) constant need for something different.
 - b) the population is much younger.
 - c) exhausting effort to make changes.
 - d) a strong tendency to stay within our limits.
- iii. The phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refers to circumstances that can
- (a) certainly be dangerous.
 - (b) be fairly dangerous.
 - (c) be possibly dangerous.
 - (d) seldom be dangerous.
- iv. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'outlook', as used in the passage.
1. A person's evaluation of life
 2. A person's experiences in life
 3. A person's point of view towards life
 4. A person's regrets in life
 5. A person's general attitude to life
- (a) (1) and (4)
(b) (2) and (3)
(c) (3) and (5)
(d) (4) and (5)
- v. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.
1. It's all about the quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends.
 2. To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short.
 3. Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
 4. Balance is not something you find, it's something you create.
- (a) Option (1)
(b) Option (2)
(c) Option (3)
(d) Option (4)
- vi. The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of
- (a) road accidents.
 - (b) traffic rules.
 - (c) lines on the highway.
 - (d) safe driving.

- vii. The author attempts to _____ the readers through this write-up.
 (a) rebuke
 (b) question
 (c) offer aid to
 (d) offer advice to 1
- viii. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
 (a) Love what you do.
 (b) Love yourself to love others.
 (c) Be the best version of yourself.
 (d) Be yourself 1
- ix. Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
 (a) Much too soon
 (b) Enough is enough
 (c) How much is too much?
 (d) Have enough to do? 1
- x. The author uses colloquial words such as "yeah" and "Woo-hoo!". Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?
 (a) hooked
 (b) guy
 (c) stuff
 (d) stress 1

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

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- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.
 It is not worth _____ so much money for this content.
 (a) Pay
 (b) Paying
 (c) Paid
 (d) Will be paying 1
- ii. Change the following given Direct speech into Indirect Speech.
 Rahul asked me, "Did you see the T20 World Cup on television last night?"
 (a) Rahul asked me whether I had seen the T20 World Cup on television the earlier night.
 (b) Rahul asked me whether I saw the T20 World Cup on television the earlier night.
 (c) Rahul asked me if I saw the T20 World Cup on television last night.
 (d) Rahul asked me whether I had seen the T20 World Cup on television last night. 1
- iii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following
 The boy studied when his father came home from work.
 (a) Studied - was studying
 (b) Came - come
 (c) work - the work
 (d) Home - at home 1
- iv. He was a true patriot who _____ for his Nation.
 (a) Die
 (b) Will die
 (c) Would die
 (d) Has died 1
- v. Don't disturb him now. He _____ dinner
 (a) Shall be having
 (b) Would be having
 (c) Will be having
 (d) Must be having 1

- vi. This building is superior _____ that.
 (a) Than
 (b) To
 (c) Either could be used 1
- vii. She is the _____ women in this village
 (a) Oldest
 (b) Eldest
 (c) Either could be used 1
- viii. _____ had the hunter raise the gun, then the birds flew away.
 (a) As soon as
 (b) No sooner
 (c) Hardly 1
- ix. I told him that he was not working hard.
 (a) I said to him, "You are not working hard."
 (b) I told him, "You are not working hard."
 (c) I said, "You are not working hard."
 (d) I said to him, "He is not working hard." 1
- x. He said that his brother was getting married.
 (a) He said, "His brother is getting married."
 (b) He said, "His brother was getting married."
 (c) He said, "My brother is getting married."
 (d) He said, "My brother was getting married." 1
- xi. Which of the phrases given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in **bold** to make it grammatically correct?
 The small child does whatever his father **has done**.
 (a) Has done
 (b) Does
 (c) Did
 (d) Had done 1
- xii. I need not offer any explanation regarding this incident - my behaviour is speaking itself.
 (a) Will speak to itself
 (b) Speaks for itself
 (c) has been speaking
 (d) Speaks about itself 1

SECTION B –CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5
- (a) Write a letter to the editor of The Hindu, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and prevent climate change.
- OR
- (b) You are XYZ. You happened to take part in a medical camp organised by the Health Club of your school in a remote village. You are surprised to find that most of the people there have no awareness of basic health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen, you decide to take up their cause and organise camps to make the villagers aware of the importance of hygiene. Taking ideas from the given notes and the unit on 'Health and Medicine' along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of the Times of India, expressing your concern and encouraging youngsters to take part in such campaigns.
2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5
- (a) Write a short story with the help of the following outline:
 Tortoise and hare – good friends – tortoise – known for his slow speed – hare has fast speed – makes fun of tortoise – challenges him – referee selected – race starts – hare overconfident – takes a nap – tortoise wins.

OR

- (b) You are Jyoti/Jaydeep. Your younger brother was badly hurt on the evening of Diwali and had to be hospitalised. Narrate your experience in the form of a story, with an appropriate title.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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- V. Reference to the Context 10
I Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5
- I. A During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion, and guide, he used to come at least twice a day. Once, he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again, when he returned after emptying his huge basket. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him. Why was it so? Was it for the love of loaf? Not at all. The loaves were brought by some Paskine or Bastine, the maid-servant of the house! What we longed for were those bread bangles which we chose carefully. Sometimes it was sweet bread of special make.
- i. Baker was rude to children
(a) True
(b) False 1
- ii. Baker comes only once a day
(a) True
(b) False 1
- iii. How do children wake up to greet the baker? 1
- iv. What do children long for?
(a) Sweet loaf
(b) Bread bangles 1
- v. Who was Paskine or Bastine? 1

OR

- I. B Let us remember, whenever we are told
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.
Remember, we who take arms against each other
It is the human Earth that we defile.
Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence
Of air that is everywhere our own,
Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries are strange
- I. Whom do we condemn when we are told to hate our brothers?
(a) Our Country
(b) Ourselves 1
ii. What do you mean by defile? 1
iii. What is outraged with hells of fire and dust? 1
iv. What happens when we take arms against each other?
(a) We are happy
(b) We dirty the Earth 1
- v. What is the conclusion of the extract? 1
- 2 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5
2. A The trees inside are moving out into
the forest,
the forest that was empty all these
days
where no bird could sit
no insect hide
no sun bury its feet in shadow
the forest that was empty all these
nights

will be full of trees by morning.

(The Trees)

- I. Why was the forest empty? 1
- ii. From where are the trees moving out into the forest? Are these trees useful for birds and insects?
 - (a) The trees are moving out of the mind of the painter and coining on the canvas. No, these trees are not useful for birds and insects.
 - (b) The trees are moving out of the mind of the poet and are on the paper. No, these trees are not useful for birds and insects.
 - (c) These trees are moving out in the dreams of the poet. No, these trees are not useful for birds and insects.
 - (d) These trees are moving out in the mind of the musician and coining on the notes in a paper. No, these trees are not useful for birds and insects. 1
- iii. Why can't birds sit or insects hide in them?
 - (a) Birds can't sit or insects cannot hide in trees because all other animals are dwelling upon them leaving no space for the birds or the insects.
 - (b) Birds can't sit or insects can't hide in the trees because the trees are cut from the top providing no safe space to dwell or hide.
 - (c) These are not real trees. These are the trees in a picture or are decorative trees in a house. So, birds can't sit or insects cannot hide in them.
 - (d) Birds and insects can't sit or hide in these trees because these trees are almost burnt due to forest fire. 1
- iv. How do you think the forest would be full of trees the next morning?
 - (a) The forest would be full of trees the next morning because the poet is going to plant the trees in the forest tonight.
 - (b) The forest would be full of trees the next morning because the trees in the house are moving out of the house to the forest.
 - (c) The forest would be full of trees the next morning because the government was planning to plant trees in the forest tonight.
 - (d) The forest would be full of trees the next morning because the poet's parents are planning to sow new plants at night. 1
- v. Explain the lines. No sun buries its feet in shadow. 1

OR

2. B Never shall a young man,
Thrown into despair
By those great honey-colored
Ramparts at your ear,
Love you for yourself alone
And not your yellow hair."

(For Anne Gregory)

- I. Who is the speaker in this stanza? 1
- ii. Why is the young man in despair? 1
- iii. With what are her ears compared? 1
- iv. Name the poem and poet. 1
- v. What colour would she give her hair? 1
- VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. 4*3=12
 - i. What is the belief of people at Pashupatinath temple? 3
 - ii. Why couldn't Lushkoff go to Kaluga? 3
 - iii. What kind of teachers did Tommy and Margie have? 3
- iv. Why does the poet want to go to Innisfree? 3
- v. Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers." What kind of Father was Mr. Mac Donald and how was he different from Kezia's father? 3
- vi. 3
- VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2*3=6
 - i. Why does grandfather take Toto to Saharanpur and how? Why does the ticket collector insist on calling Toto a Dog? 3
 - ii. Why do Prashanth and other volunteers resist the plan to set up institutions for orphans and widows? What alternative do they consider? 3

iii. For whom does the prince send Sapphires and Why? 3

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 1*6=6

i. "Once you decide to change the system, such problems have to be confronted." What system is being referred to in the sentence from the chapter "My childhood"? What are such problems? 6

OR

ii. Write an appreciation of the poem 'On killing a tree?' 6

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 1*6=6

i. How can we help beggars abolish begging? 6

OR

ii. Discuss about the preparedness of the community for a natural disaster. 6

Solution

SAMPLE PAPER-9

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

MARKS

Read the passage given below.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

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- i. b
- ii. c
- iii. d
- iv. 1) To motivate you towards your goals.
2) To channel your energy in the right direction
- v. To maintain sleeping and waking time help to inculcate self-control which leads to self-discipline in person.
- vi. b
- vii. c
- viii. d
- ix. b
- x. c

II Read the passage given below.

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- i. c
- ii. a
- iii. c
- iv. c
- v. d
- vi. c
- vii. d
- viii. c
- ix. c
- x. d

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SECTION B –GRAMMAR.

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

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- i. b
- ii. d
- iii. a
- iv. c
- v. c
- vi. b
- vii. a
- viii. b
- ix. a
- x. c
- xi. b
- xii. b

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SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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A 147 Mayur Vihar
New Delhi
13 Oct 20xx
The Editor

The Hindu
New Delhi
Subject: Generating Awareness Towards Solar Energy
Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to make the people aware of the growing need and demands for solar power. We all know that our earth is showing signs of a patient in declining health and it is due to excessive pollution on our planet. Man has a desire to live a luxurious life and for that, he is overconsuming electricity. He doesn't realise that overuse would exhaust the treasure. We must conserve electricity which is the need of the hour.

But this conservation can only be done if we start using solar power systems. Various kinds of solar systems like solar cookers, solar lanterns, solar heating, and cooking systems, solar water heaters, etc., are available in the market. These solar systems are non-polluting. They are economical and are available in different sizes. So, I request you to publish this letter in your newspaper to make people aware of the need of conserving electricity and limiting electricity bills. The public must pay attention to the dire need of switching over to solar energy.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

XYZ

OR

B 47, Lakhanpur Road No. 6

Ramnagar

13 Oct 20xx

The editor

Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Generating awareness towards health and hygiene

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the youngsters towards the negligent attitude of people towards basic health and hygiene. The villagers are not paying any attention to sanitation and personal hygiene which is leading them to ill health. This hurdle can be overcome by organising Health Camps in these areas where we can make these villagers aware of the importance of a healthy lifestyle by means of discussions or health checkups by specialists. A small dispensary can also be set up there for their regular routine check-up. They must be taught that cleanliness is next to godliness. I invite youngsters through this letter of mine to volunteer their names so that we can put our plan into action. A little effort on our part will save these villagers from contracting serious diseases.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

XYZ

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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A Once there lived a tortoise and a hare in a forest. They were good friends. The tortoise was known for his slow speed. The hare was proud of his speed and he often made fun of the tortoise's slow speed.

One day the tortoise challenged the hare to a race. The hare agreed and a horse was selected as the referee. The race started and the overconfident hare ran fast and attained a lead in the initial stage. The hare now felt like taking a short nap as he believed that he could overtake the slow tortoise at any time and reach the target. The hare slept. When the hare woke up he realised that he had overslept.

He began to run fast to overtake the tortoise who slowly and steadily was reaching the target. The tortoise reached the target before the hare could do so and won the race. The moral of the story: 'Slow and steady wins the race.'

OR

B Diwali is a festival of lights. Diwali evening glitters the autumn with the delights of young children. It brings joy and happiness with the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi. Children burst crackers on this day. Elders also keep themselves busy decorating their houses for the Diwali celebration. My younger brother Jaydeep's joy knew no bounds on the evening of Diwali last October. Diwali is a festival of lights. Children burst crackers on this day. So, Jaydeep bought a lot of crackers. Many friends came to meet him. Everybody asked him to accompany them. He said, "I am waiting for Tiku and Monu. They will bring two baskets full of crackers. We will enjoy bursting crackers on Diwali in our parlour."

Tiku and Monu reached in time with two big baskets full of crackers. Some crazy boys were bursting chemical bomb-crackers. They started bursting bomb-crackers incessantly. The atmosphere got so smoky that nothing was visible. Suddenly, one cried loudly, "I can't see anything, I am almost blind. Who's there? Save me, save me," Tiku and Monu

found it's my brother was terribly injured. They informed me instantly. I took him by ambulance to the emergency department in the nearest hospital. The hospital authorities were very cooperative. They admitted my brother then and there. My brother's life was saved, but Jaydeep lost his one eye forever.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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1. A Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.

1*6=6

- i. b
- ii. b
- iii. The jingling thud of the baker's bamboo woke the children from sleep and they ran to greet the baker.
- iv. b
- v. The maidservant

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OR

1. B Ans. i b
- ii. Make dirty, Pollute
 - iii. Innocence of Air
 - iv. b
 - v. That no men are foreign and no country is strange.

- 2 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

1*4=4

- 2 A Ans. i Because the trees were imprisoned within the homes, the woodlands were deserted. In order to decorate their homes and provide artificial habitats for the trees to thrive in, people were uprooting and cutting down the trees.

- ii. a
- iii. c
- iv. b
- v. These words imply that because the forest lacks trees, there is nothing to protect it from the sun.

OR

2. B Ans. i The poet is the speaker, he is addressing Anne Gregory.
- ii. The Youngman is the lover of Anne. He is in despair because he has seen the white hair of his beloved.
 - iii. Her ears are composed of ramparts, which are high, wide walls around a castle or a fort.
 - iv. The poem "For Anne Gregory" is composed by "W. B. Yeats".
 - v. She would give her hair colour brown or black or carrot.

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

4*3=12

- i. The belief of the people at Pashupatinath temple is that when a small shrine merges fully on the river Bhagwati, the goddess inside will escape and the evil period of the Kalyug will end on the Earth.
- ii. Luskoff couldn't go to Kaluga because he had no money for the journey. He was ashamed of asking but due to adverse circumstances, he was forced to do so.
- iii. Margie and Tommy had Mechanical Teachers. They were taught on Television screens and Computers. They didn't have a person as their teacher who would teach them in the classroom.
- iv. The poet wants to go to Innisfree to enjoy its natural beauty. Its morning, noon and evening are different from that of the cities where high-rise buildings touch the sky. He can hear the pleasing sound of birds and gets peace of mind.
- v. In Kezia's opinion, her father was very harsh. He did not talk to her affectionately and always spoke to her stringently. She was afraid of him so she avoided him and never wanted to be in front of him. Also, her father never spent time with her.
- vi. The snake has a natural instinct for survival. He can smell and sense dangers and escape from them safely. The snake moves through the water in sudden moments and glides through the water to protect itself from the attack. It has a thin, long body.

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

2*3=6

- i. Toto was a mischievous Monkey. He kept disturbing all the other animals in his grandfather's private zoo. It was only Grandfather who could manage him so he took Toto to Saharanpur in a bag. The ticket collector called Toto a dog as Monkey did not qualify the category of a human being.

- ii. Prashanth and other volunteers resisted the plan as they felt that it would not be proper to set up separate institutions for orphans and widows. They were of the opinion that in these institutions, children would not be able to get love and widows would suffer from stigma and loneliness. The group decided to rehabilitate them in their own community. New families were made and childless widows took care of Orphans.
- iii. The playwright was very poor. He was incapable of buying food and firewood. The prince sent the Sapphires for the playwright so that he could finish a play for the director of the theatre in time. The princess sent his second Sapphire to a poor match girl. Her matches had fallen into the gutter. She was afraid that her father would beat her for this loss. So the prince helped her to send her the second Sapphire.

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

1*6=6

- i. The system that is referred to here is the one that is a system of discrimination on the basis of religion. The system includes the narrow-mindedness and effects of social inequality and communal intolerance. The Brahmins did not allow the Muslims to enter their kitchen. The science teacher who was a rebel by nature invited Kalam to his home and proved that if one is determined to face problems and change the system, he will definitely succeed. Though such differences come in everybody's life a person should have a broader outlook and have the will and courage to overcome obstacles.
- ii. The poem itself is modelled as a plant growing from a seed. The first line states 'It takes much time to kill a tree In the poem the process of growth of the tree is described. The seed develops the root. The root works its way through rocks and stones of the soil. The trees grow slowly by feeding upon the Earth's crust absorbing years of sunlight, air, and water. There is a fight during the development of a tree and this is described in the poem. The survival of the tree in spite of the efforts to kill it is shown by the lines and from close to the ground'.

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

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- i. The whole world is facing problems with begging and the number of beggars has increased day by day. Beggars can be seen in all public places. Some of the beggars have made it a business. It has become a serious problem. Our society and government should pass strict laws against begging. Beggars should be given an opportunity to work. Financial support should be provided to them in order to set up some work so that they can be turned into skilled labourers. The government should set up beggars' homes only for the handicapped. Begging is a bad practice and is an obstacle to the growth and progress of a nation. So begging and beggars should be discouraged.
- ii. We are part of the community. Natural calamities may occur anytime. Such natural calamities cause widespread devastation on their advent. The occurrence of such calamity is not in our control but it's always a wiser thing to be prepared for the same. These precautions taken timely can help reduce the consequences of such calamities. For the same we can adopt the following points:
 - Evacuation plans
 - Rehabilitation process
 - Permanent safe shelters
 - Warning systems
 - Relief efforts
 - Building material to withstand cyclone/flood/earthquake
 - People's organisation of their own rescue
 - The survival instinct etc