

**Class-X Session 2022-23**  
**Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)**  
**Sample Question Paper - 24**  
**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.**

**10**

- 1** Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she teaches us is to maintain an equilibrium in life. We learn to maintain composure through our joys, sorrows, and fears. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them.
- 2** With time, a sapling grows into a full-grown tree; something so tiny and delicate develops into a strong tree capable of supporting others. No matter how tall it grows, how much it may flourish, or how many animals and birds it may support, its roots are firmly buried from where it once rose. That's a lesson - to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots, and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are.
- 3** Then there is the message of peaceful coexistence. 'I am because we are.' Nature provides every creature a chance to exist. However, the existence of one creature or being depends on the existence of the other. The tiger eats the antelope; without the antelope, the tiger wouldn't survive. Likewise, without tigers, the overabundance of antelopes would cause them to starve to death.
- 4** I wonder if you have noticed that when birds or squirrels see a predator, they give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures, of the lurking danger. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Many animals, like the salmon, usually die after they spawn, but this doesn't stop them. One life extinguished for the betterment of others is a small price to pay.
- 5** The snow melts in the warmth of spring to give birth to fresh green leaves. In autumn these leaves age into shades of gold only to be buried in the cold grave of winter. Change is inevitable; the sooner we embrace this, the better it is for us. We must also understand that even in pain there is growth. If you cut a hole in the tree, it will grow around it. No matter what may come in its way, a river will continue to flow. Similarly, no matter what grief may break your heart, nature teaches us that life goes on.
- 6** Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live. Take a break-stop being a workaholic, smell the roses, do whatever makes you feel happy and most of all spend some time with nature to pick up invaluable lessons.

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

**1x10**

- I** From the given lines, which is the greatest lesson being taught by nature?
  - (a) Fear of unhappiness
  - (b) Unable to be joyful in life
  - (c) Balanced in our emotions
  - (d) Fear of losing short-lasting happiness.



- ii Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph II.  
 Sam: I've done my best in this exam. I'm the best they have. I can get admission to any institute. This is my moment!  
 Jerry: Congratulations! Just remember, we should .....
- To show that you are always the best.
  - To show your kindness to everyone.
  - be attached to your roots from where we have grown
  - To show off in front of everyone.
- 1
- iii Which statement refers to "everyone is dependent on each other".
- I am the best
  - We all are self-dependent
  - I am because we are not together
  - I am because we are
- 1
- iv The selfless assistance to help others is best displayed by the given example.
- Lion running behind the deer to kill him
  - Snakes eating the eggs of the birds
  - Birds and squirrels warn others of the possible danger
  - When one tries to protect himself by endangering the life of other
- 1
- v Select the option that is closest to the word inevitable (paragraph V).
- That cannot be avoided
  - Not invited
  - Something that is temporary
  - Avertable
- 1
- vi A Portmanteau word like smog (smoke + fog), is a blend of words in which parts of multiple words are combined into a new word. From the options given below, select a Portmanteau word that appears in the para VI.
- Coexistence
  - Workaholic
  - Full- grown
  - Flourish
- 1
- vii What are the qualities author wants us to imbibe from paragraph III  
 Being-
- Acceptive
  - Passionate
  - Emotional
  - Resilient
  - Perceptive
- 2,4 & 5
  - 1,3 & 4
  - 1,4 & 5
  - 3,4 & 5
- 1
- viii Which of the below options are shown by changing of seasons?
- The beauty of nature
  - Nature's creativity
  - All seasons are equal
  - Nothing lasts forever
- 1
- ix As per paragraph VI, what is the writing advising?
- Indulging in competition with others
  - Making priority lists
  - Taking life seriously
  - Have free time for ourselves
- 1



- x The central idea of the passage is expressed by which of the given options?  
 (a) Nature: She pardons no mistakes. Her yea is yea, and her nay, nay. –Ralph Waldo Emerson  
 (b) Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. –A. Einstein  
 (c) Nature never deceives us; it is we who deceive ourselves. – Jean Jacques Rousseau  
 (d) All the ugliness of the world can best be forgotten in the beauty of nature! – Mehmet Murat 1
- II Read the passage given below. 10
- 1 Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays. The report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV.  
 The research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better, because films can “Leverage the popularity” of well-known books through an existing audience. Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on. In terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts. Fourteen of the 35 high end series produced in the UK in the period between January and September 2017 were based on books, compared to seven based on true stories or historical events and five based on pre-existing films or TV stories.
- 2 In the case of the 2016 BBC broadcast of “The Night Manager”, research revealed that while the novel was in circulation for over 25 years, 82% of the copies it sold were in 2016 and 2017. Sales of the paperback edition remained strong in 2017 even after the series went off the air.
- 3 In conclusion, the report states that “there is a strong two-way relationship between publishing and the wider creative economy, wherein a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost to the sales of the original book.”
- Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. 1x10**
- i Study of the \_\_\_\_\_ was the main objective of the research undergone by the Publisher association. Choose the correct option.  
 (a) Variety in films and TV shows.  
 (b) Impact of films on books.  
 (c) Choice of books for film-making.  
 (d) Connect between books and films. 1
- ii Which options stand true for the below given statements.  
 1. The revenues generated at the box office have increased.  
 2. Majority of the top films in the UK are based on published material.  
 (a) (1) is the result of (2)  
 (b) (1) is the reason for (2)  
 (c) (1) is independent of (2)  
 (d) (1) Contradicts (2) 1
- iii Which of the given options states the correct meaning of the following statement.  
 “The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.”  
 (a) There were 23% higher sales in 2017 than previous years.  
 (b) A major chunk of sales happened in 2017.  
 (c) The sales were limited to 23% in 2017.  
 (d) There were very few books sold in the previous years. 1
- iv Why do films based on books have greater success as per the research?  
 (a) people like to see the characters from the books on screen  
 (b) The films get the advantage of the fame of the books  
 (c) It takes less effort for people to watch films than read books  
 (d) The films get a ready-made script from the books 1
- v From the given options which statement is best reference for  
 ‘Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.’  
 1. The plot and the storyline of such films are better.



2. The characters are likely to be more vivid.  
 3. The production of such films is meant for the rich and famous.  
 4. The settings and costumes are adapted from the book.  
 5. The making of such films require the author to write a sequel.  
 (a) (1), (3) and (4)  
 (b) (2), (3) and (5)  
 (c) (1), (2) and (5)  
 (d) (1), (2) and (4) 1
- vi Majority of the TV serials in the UK in the year 2017 were based on?  
 (a) Books.  
 (b) Historical stories.  
 (c) Original true stories.  
 (d) Previous films. 1
- vii As per the passage, TV dramas based on literary works have \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Select the correct option.  
 (a) increased the immediate sales of the book  
 (b) increased the sales of the book during the first screening  
 (c) had no immediate impact on the sales of the book  
 (d) had very little impact on the sales of the book 1
- viii Which is the correct option for the below statement.  
 According to paragraph V, 'there is a two-way relationship between books and the screen'.  
 This is so because both  
 (a) Revolve around the same stories.  
 (b) Cater to an audience with the same taste.  
 (c) Gain from each other's popularity.  
 (d) Belong to the creative field 1
- ix The novel "The Night Manager", was in circulation for over 25 years. The number of copies sold of this novel in 2016 and 2017 were:  
 (a) 82%  
 (b) 92%  
 (c) 88%  
 (d) 90% 1
- x According to the above given passage what type of relationship exists between the publishing and the wider creative economy:  
 (a) Three way  
 (b) No relationship  
 (c) Two-way relationship  
 (d) A relationship where there is a loss only 1

## SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

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- i You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in the hospital is clearly mentioned in the hospital board as it is a health hazard for all.  
 (a) Cannot  
 (b) must not  
 (c) need not  
 (d) might not 1
- ii Once Rahul uses the car, there's never \_\_\_\_\_ petrol left.  
 (a) Much  
 (b) Little  
 (c) Many  
 (d) A little 1

- iii Since I am taking driving lessons now. Hopefully, by November I \_\_\_\_\_ my driving test.  
 (a) Will take  
 (b) Would pass  
 (c) Will have taken  
 (d) Will be taking 1
- iv From the given options which is correct for the given sentence in reference to reported speech.  
 Meena asked Satyam, "How much is the rent for your flat?"  
 (a) Meena asked Satyam how much was his rent for the flat.  
 (b) Meena asked Satyam how much the rent for his flat was.  
 (c) Meena enquires from Sathyam how much rent he pays.  
 (d) Meena told Satyam how much the rent for his flat was. 1
- v Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?  
 She said, "I told Rohit to send you an email three days ago."  
 (a) She told me that Rohit had mailed you three days then.  
 (b) She informed me that Rohit had mailed me three days before.  
 (c) She says that she has told Rohit to send me an e-mail three days then.  
 (d) She said that she had told Rohit to send an email to me three days before. 1
- vi Mice \_\_\_\_\_ under the stool before the cat came.  
 (a) has been hiding  
 (b) was hid  
 (c) have hid  
 (d) had hidden 1
- vii For this letter which option would have been most suitable for Debashree?  
 1. The newspaper's name  
 2. Attached proof of the newspaper subscription  
 3. Debashree's address  
 4. Formal tone  
 5. Expected date of the letter's receipt  
 (a) (1) and (5)  
 (b) (2), (3) and (4)  
 (c) (3) and (5)  
 (d) (1), (3) and (4) 1
- viii Choose the suitable subject for the letter that is written.  
 (a) Drawing attention towards differently-abled people  
 (b) The Differently-abled: Neglected or Misunderstood?  
 (c) Tourist places are an inconvenience to differently-abled people  
 (d) Inconvenience Faced by the Differently-abled at Tourist Spots 1
- ix The differently abled faced many difficulties. Which option Debashree should select to elaborate their problems.  
 (a) Absence of ramps for wheelchairs  
 Unclean Toilets  
 High ticket- Prices  
 (b) Unsuitable visiting timings  
 Tourist guides untrained in sign language  
 Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets  
 (c) Absence of ramps for wheelchairs  
 Tourist guides untrained in sign language  
 Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets  
 (d) Unclean toilets  
 High ticket-prices  
 Unsuitable visiting timings 1



- x The ideas or suggestions shared by Debashree to address the problems are \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) (i) beliefs and traditions (ii) composing songs  
 (b) (i) perceptions and attitudes (ii) cautioning the authorities  
 (c) (i) preferences (ii) protesting  
 (d) (i) interactions (ii) keeping minimum interference 1
- xi From the two given options which will be the most suitable to fill as the concluding part of the letter.  
 1. I expect the authorities to take action on this issue. Please post my thoughts in your newspaper.  
 2. I hope my views get published in the columns of your newspapers so that this issue may garner more public support and awareness.  
 (a) Yes, to Option (1) because of the authoritative tone.  
 (b) No, to Option (1) because of the informal tone.  
 (c) Yes, to Option (2) because of the tone of polite expectation.  
 (d) No, to Option (2) because of the certainty in the tone.
- xii In the concluding lines which option will be the best fit?  
 I hope that my letter will \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) Help spread awareness about the issue.  
 (b) Lead to action against all authorities responsible, at tourist spots.  
 (c) Improve circulation of the national daily.  
 (d) Result in positive reviews by the readers.

## SECTION C - LITERATURE

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- V Reference to the Context 10
- I Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5
- I.A But the decades of oppression and brutality had another unintended effect, and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our times — men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds. It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage.  
 Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea.  
 (Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)
- i. Choose the correct option for the unintended effect of the long oppression?  
 (a) It made the people indifferent to injustice.  
 (b) It made the people reject oppression.  
 (c) It influenced a generation to fight against injustice.  
 (d) It made people accept their oppression. 1
- ii. Men of such extraordinary courage refers to the people who \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) Liberated and abolished the Apartheid system.  
 (b) Used their resources to spread awareness.  
 (c) Fought for their country's freedom.  
 (d) Demonstrated utmost strength to oppose the system. 1
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ is compared with diamond by Nelson Mandela.  
 (a) His countrymen  
 (b) Patriots  
 (c) Wise men  
 (d) The oppressed 1
- iv. Select the correct word from the extract to complete the following:  
 Depths: Heights :: Compassion : .  
 (a) Wisdom  
 (b) Oppression  
 (c) Struggle  
 (d) Courage 1



- v. 1
- OR
- 1.B Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things.  
(From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- i. Why does Anne feel the following?  
...no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world.
- (1) People knew she had a family.
  - (2) People rejected the idea of loneliness.
  - (3) She had several friends.
  - (4) She had a cheerful personality.
  - (5) Her life was comfortable.
- Choose the correct option from the following:
- (a) (1) and (5)
  - (b) (1), (3) and (4)
  - (c) (2) and (3)
  - (d) (2), (4) and (5) 1
- ii. Select the most appropriate option for (1) and (2).
- (1) ...on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend.
  - (2) Anne doesn't truly connect with anyone.
- (a) (1) is true and (2) is false
  - (b) (2) Is the opposite of (1)
  - (c) (1) furthers the meaning of (2)
  - (d) Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract 1
- iii. Choose the best option & identify Anne's tone from the extract.
- (a) restless
  - (b) dissatisfied
  - (c) scared
  - (d) hurt 1
- iv. Select the option which displays an example of 'having a good time'.
- (a) He is out for a picnic with his friends and they are laughing and singing together.
  - (b) He is studying hard for the periodic test the following day to improve his scores.
  - (c) He is trying to convince his father to purchase the latest video games for him.
  - (d) He just rescued an injured puppy and is tending to its wounds. 1
- v. Which of the following characteristics can most appropriately be associated with Anne from the following?  
I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things  
Choose one from the following to answer:
- (a) She is proud of her ways.
  - (b) She is struggling to strike conversations.
  - (c) She is unsure of her own thoughts.
  - (d) She is unable to have a satisfying conversation. 1
- 2 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5
2. A Money is external.  
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
Knowing what every man must one day know  
And most know many days, how to stand up  
(The Ball Poem)

- i. What does the poet mean by 'Money is external'?
- Money helps us purchase materials that make life worth living.
  - Money promotes materialism and hunger for power among youngsters.
  - Money only impacts a person's external environment.
  - Money buys materialistic things and can be earned again, when lost.
- 1
- ii. What does the boy learn by losing the ball, according to the extract?
- Loss is the unavoidable truth of life.
  - Material objects can be replaced.
  - Money buys happiness.
  - Losses in life can be prevented with care.
  - Life continues despite losses.
- (1), (2) and (5)
  - (2) and (4)
  - Only (1)
  - (3) and (5)
- 1
- iii. The boy is learning how to stand up...  
This means that he is learning to be in the face of difficulties.
- patient
  - resilient
  - defensive
  - judgemental
- 1
- iv. Which option lists who is speaking these lines?
- An observer.
  - The boy's parents.
  - The ball salesman.
  - A friend
- (d) 1
- v. According to the poet, from whom do us mostly learn about loss?
- Elders.
  - Experiences.
  - Books.
  - Teachers.
- 1
- 2.B I followed casually.  
"Hello again," he said.  
I gave him my most appealing smile. "I want to work for you," I said.  
"But I can't pay you."  
I thought that over for a minute. Perhaps I had misjudged my man. I asked, "Can you feed me?"  
"Can you cook?"  
"I can cook," I lied again.  
"If you can cook, then maybe I can feed you."  
He took me to his room over the Jumna Sweet Shop and told me I could sleep on the balcony.  
But the meal I cooked that night must have been terrible because Anil gave it to a stray dog and told me to be off. But I just hung around, smiling in my most appealing way, and he couldn't help laughing.  
(The Thief's Story)
- i. Even though Hari Singh followed Anil casually, it was a/an \_\_\_\_\_
- Careless action.
  - Staged move.
  - Unusual decision.
  - Bold step.
- 1



- ii. From the following options, identify Hari Singh's intention behind the appealing smile.
- Deceit
  - Harm
  - Hatred
  - Jealousy
- 1
- iii. Which of the following characteristics are/is most appropriate for Anil?
- unassuming
  - kind
  - determined
  - naïve
  - humorous
- (2) and (3)
  - Only (5)
  - (1), (2) and (4)
  - Only (2)
- 1
- iv. Select the most appropriate option based on (1) and (2).
- Anil gave his meal to a stray dog.
  - Hari Singh did not know how to cook.
- (2) is true and (1) is false.
  - (2) is the result for (1).
  - (2) is the cause for (1).
  - (2) is false and (1) is true.
- 1
- v. The phrase hung around suggests that Hari Singh continued to \_\_\_\_\_
- Smile.
  - Cook.
  - Appeal.
  - Linger.
- 1
- VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. 4\*3=12
- Why is 10th May 1994 important For South Africa? 3
  - Which two issues convinced Lomov of his decision to get married? 3
  - What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter? 3
  - What do you think about the changed attitude of the other animals and that of Belinda towards the dragon? 3
  - What shocked the narrator after landing safely? 3
- VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2\*3=6
- Why is 10 th May 1994 important for South Africa? 3
  - After the narrator landed safely, what shocked him? 3
  - Which two issues about himself convinced Lomov of his decision to get married? 3
- VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 1\*6=6
- what do you think about the changed attitude of the other animals and that of Belinda towards the dragon? 6
- OR
- What do you know about Bishambhar Nath? Why did Bholi refuse to marry him 6
- IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. 1\*6=6
- How can you say that Mr. Loisel was a simple man and loved his wife very much? 6
- OR
- "the life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain....." with this statement of the Buddha, find out the moral value that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child. 6



# Solution

## SAMPLE PAPER-3

- I. Qi. C. balanced in our emotions.  
Qii. C. respect the origins from where we have grown.  
Qiii. D. Everyone is dependent on each other  
Qiv. (c) Selfless assistance to help others.  
Qv. (A) That can't be avoided  
Qvi. (b) workaholic (work alcoholic)  
Qvii (c) (1), (4) and (5)  
Qviii. (d) Nothing lasts forever.  
Qix. (d) Having free time for ourselves.  
Qx. (b) Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. - A. Einstein
- II. Qi. (d) connect between books and films.  
Qii. (a) (1) is the result of (2).  
Qiii. (b) A major chunk of sales took place in the year 2017.  
Qiv. (b) the films take advantage of the fame of books.  
Qv. (d) (1), (2) and (4)  
Qvi. (a) books.  
Qvii. (a) increased the immediate sales of the book.  
Qviii. (c) gain from each other's popularity.  
Qix. (a) 82%  
Qx. (c) Two-way relationship
- III. Qi. (B) Must not  
Qii. (A) much  
Qiii. (C) Will have taken  
Qiv. (B) Meena asked Satyam how much the rent for his flat was.  
Qv. (D) She said that she had told Damanjit to send an email to me three days before.  
Qvi. (D) Had hidden  
Qvii. (d) (1), (3) and (4)  
Qviii. (d) Inconvenience Faced by the Differently-abled at Tourist Spots  
Qix. C – Absence of ramps for wheelchairs  
– Tourist guides untrained in sign language  
– Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets  
Qx. (b) (i) perceptions and attitudes (ii) cautioning the authorities.  
Qxi. (c) Yes, to Option (2) because of the tone of polite expectation.  
Qxii. (a) help spread awareness about the issues.
- V. 1.A  
Qi. (C) It influenced a generation to fight against injustice.  
Qii. (D) Demonstrated utmost strength to oppose the system.  
Qiii. (A) His countrymen  
Qiv. (B) Oppression  
Qv. a brutality
- 1.B Qi. (B) (1), (3) and (4)  
Qii. (C) (1) furthers the meaning of (2)  
Qiii. (B) Dissatisfied  
Qiv. (A) He is out for a picnic with his friends and they are laughing and singing together.  
Qv. (D) She is unable to have a satisfying conversation.
- 2.A Qi. (D) Money can only buy materialistic things and can be earned again, when lost.



- Qii. (A) (1), (2) and (5)  
 Qiii. (B) Resilient  
 Qiv. (A) An Observer.  
 Qv. (B) Our experiences.
- 2.B** Qi. (B) Staged move  
 Qii. (A) Deceit  
 Qiii. (C) (1), (2) and (4)  
 Qiv. (C) (2) is the cause for (1)  
 Qv. (D) Linger
- VI** Qi For South Africa 10 th May 1994 is important as the inaugural oath-taking ceremony of NelsonMandela and his colleagues took place on that day. Nelson Mandela became the first Black president of South Africa after three centuries of white rule  
 Qii. Lomov was quite convinced that he ought to lead a quiet settled and regular life at the critical age of 35. Moreover, he needed a partner as he suffered from palpitations and was always getting upset. As a result, he decided to get married.  
 Qiii. In the beginning, Lencho was very happy and satisfied to receive the letter. But when he counted the money and found it less, he became very angry. He wrote another letter to God, demanding 30 more pesos.  
 Qiv. The dragon, Custard, initially commanded no amount of respect from Belinda and the other pets, on account of its cowardice; but when the house was attacked by an armed pirate and all others panicked and ran for shelter, the dragon savagely attacked the pirate and ate it up. Thus, the other animals realised his worth and came to respect him genuinely.  
 Qv. The narrator was shocked to land safely after struggling against the black storm. Besides, he wanted to thank the pilot who showed him the way, but he was nowhere to be seen. It was a sort of secret help, of which no one was aware.
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- VIII** Qi. The dragon, Custard, initially commanded no amount of respect from Belinda and the other pets, on account of its cowardice; but when the house was attacked by an armed pirate and all others panicked and ran for shelter, the dragon savagely attacked the pirate and ate it up. Thus, the other animals realised his worth and came to respect him genuinely.  
 Qii. Bishambhar Nath was a well-to-do grocer from the neighbouring village where Bholi lived.  
 He was a lame 50-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 pockmarked face and lack of sense. That is why she did not want to disappoint them and allowed them to decide for her. The day of her marriage came and Bishambhar arrived with the big Barat. He was pleased with the arrangements but when Bholi's veil was removed, he was shocked to see her pock-marked face.  
 He refused to marry the girl and said that the marriage would go through only if an additional 5000 rupees were given to him. Ramlal brought the money. When Bishambhar was about to garland her, Bholi flung the garland in the fire. She very clearly told her father that she would not marry that man who was not 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 for parents in their old age.
- IX** Qi. Mr. Loisel was a petty clerk in the office of the Board of Education. He was neither rich nor distinguished. He was very simple. He did not have a showy nature. He loved simple living, i.e. he loved the simple home food served in ordinary utensils and lived in a simple house whose walls were shabby and chairs had worn out. But he did not have any complaints. He was a loving husband and beyond any doubt he was aware of his wife's aspirations and so he thought that the invitation to the ball would please her. For that party, he offered his savings to buy her an outfit, suited for the occasion.



When she had lost the necklace at the party without being aggressive, he sacrificed the huge amount of eighteen thousand francs, which his father had saved for him without any complaints and cooperated with her at every step to make up for the loss and arranged loans from money lenders. He arranged for 36000 friends to replace the Diamond Necklace. Moreover, he worked and overworked evenings and nights for 10 long years after his regular job to repay the amount. And also he made necessary compromises in his life without any complaints.

Qii. When Kisa's only son died, she went to the Buddha. Being plunged into deep grief first she went to every neighbour asking for medicine for a dead son. She had lost all her senses and forgot that no medicine could bring back the dead. Then she went to Buddha to make his son alive. Buddha asked her to bring some mustard seeds from a house where no death had occurred. But she could not find such a house. Buddha made her realise that death is common to all. One must accept the truth and should have farsightedness. Weeping and grieving over the death of near and dear ones cannot bring peace of mind. Blessed is the person who remains composed after the death of his kinsmen and obtains peace of mind.