

Class X Session 2023-24
Subject - English (Lan & Lit)
Sample Question Paper - 10

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION-A
READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

1. Read the following text.

(1) Globalisation is the way to open businesses, improve technological growth, economy, etc. at the international level for all countries. It is the way in which manufacturers and producers of the products or goods sell their products globally without any restriction. It provides huge profits to the businessmen as they get low cost labour in poor countries easily. It provides a big opportunity to the companies to deal with the worldwide market.

(2) Globalisation helps to consider the whole world as a single market. Traders are extending their areas of business by treating the world as a global village. Earlier till the 1990s, there was a restriction on importing certain products which were already manufactured in India like agricultural products, engineering goods, food items and toiletries. However, during the 1990s there was a pressure from the rich countries on the poor and developing countries to allow them to spread their businesses by opening their markets. In India, the globalisation and liberalisation process was started in 1991.

(3) After many years, globalisation brought about a major revolution in the Indian market when multinational brands came to India and started delivering a wide range of quality products at cheap prices. Prices of good quality products came down because of the cut-throat competition in the market.

(4) Globalisation and liberalisation of the businesses in India have flooded the market with quality foreign product but has affected the local Indian industries adversely to a great extent resulting in the job loss to poor and uneducated workers. Globalisation has been a bonanza for the consumers, however, a loss to the small-scale Indian producers.

(5) Globalisation has had some very positive effects on the Indian consumer in all sectors of

society. It has affected the Indian students and education sector to a great extent by making study books and a lot of information available over the internet. Collaboration of foreign universities with the Indian universities has brought about a huge change in the field of education.

(6) Globalisation of trade in the agricultural sector has brought varieties of quality seeds which have disease resistance property. However, it is not good for the poor Indian farmers because the seeds and agricultural technologies are costly.

(7) It has brought about a huge revolution in the employment sector by the spread of businesses like cottage, handloom, carpet, artisan carving, ceramic, jewellery and glassware, etc.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage.

i. How can you justify that globalisation helps to consider the whole world as a single market.

ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. Globalisation is the way to

iii. Earlier in 1990s there was a ban on

A. exporting certain products

B. buying certain products

C. importing certain products

D. selling certain products

iv. Arrange the given events in correct order according to the passage.

(a) Globalisation and liberalisation process was started in India in 1991.

(b) Globalisation brought job loss to poor and illiterate workers.

(c) Globalisation provides a big opportunity to deal with worldwide market.

(d) In agriculture sector, globalisation brought quality seeds.

A. (a), (b), (c) and (d)

B. (d), (b), (a) and (c)

C. (c), (d), (a) and (b)

D. (c), (a), (b) and (d)

V. Complete the sentence appropriately.

Multinational brands made a huge range of goods available at _____ in India.

vi. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other from the set (A) - (D) below, identify a set of antonyms.

A. Adverse Positive

C. Liberalisation - Freedom

B. Labourer-Workers

D. Extent - Huge

vii. How has globalisation brought an impact on education in India?

viii. Complete the sentence appropriately.

Before 1990, the products that were already manufactured in India were _____

2. Read the following text.

(1) The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates.

(2) Rowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne. "The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit." Rowling said in an interview. "He got the measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so.

(3) However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage or secure a pension."

(4) A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was stuck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully formed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life.

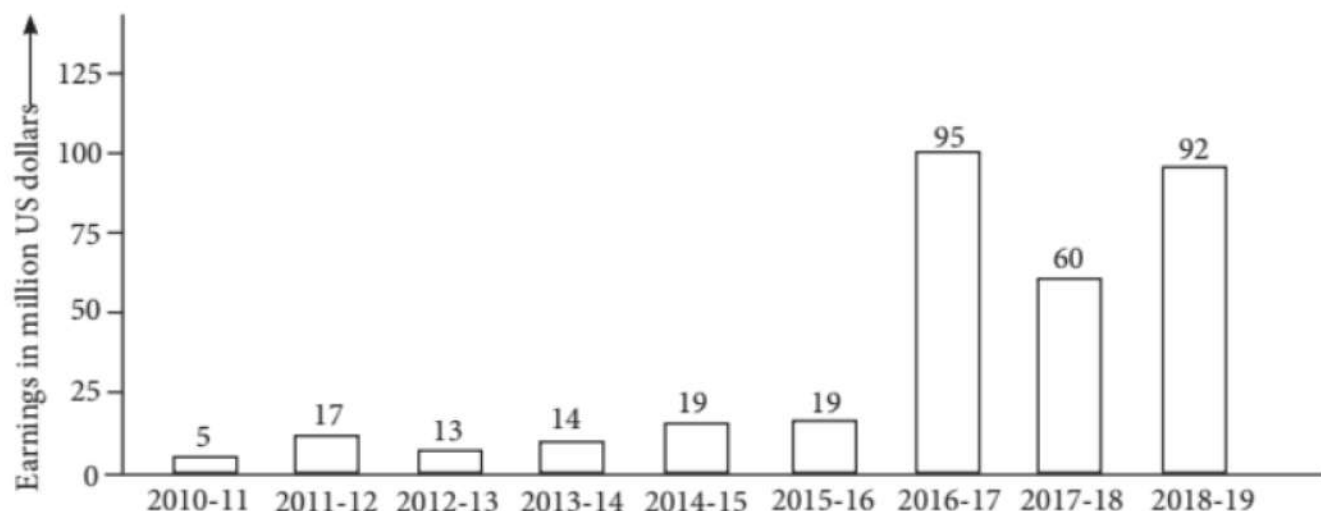
(5) Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English.

(6) At first, nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told the plot was too complex. Refusing to compromise, she found a publisher.

(7) In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had sky-rocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of zeroes appeared on the author's bank balance and her life was turned upside down. Day and night, she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.

(8) Rowling's quality control has become legendary as her obsession with accuracy. She's thrilled with Stephen Fry's taped version of the books and outraged that an Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses. "Don't they understand that the glasses are the clue to his vulnerability."

Annual earnings of J.K. Rowling from 2010 to 2019.



Answer the following questions, based on the passage.

i. Explain J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame' in about 40 words.

ii. Complete the sentence appropriately.

The publishers' reason for rejecting Rowling's book was that.

iii. What was the drawback of achieving fame?

iv. Why was Rowling outraged with the Italian dust jacket?

V. Find a word in the last para that means the same as 'insecure/helpless'.

A. Accuracy

B. Obsession

C. Version

D. Vulnerability

vi. According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful?

A. 9 years

B. 10 years

C. 8 years

D. 11 years

vii. How did Rowling's life turn upside down?

viii. At what age did she start writing her first novel?

SECTION-B

WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.

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

It's a matter of time before he. _____ the project with his temper.

- A. ruins
- B. ruin
- C. is ruining
- D. ruined

ii. Read the conversation between two individuals over the phone and fill in the blank. Seth:
May I speak to Harry?

A woman: May I know who's calling?

Seth called and asked _____

iii. Choose the correct option to complete the given sentences.

Claire _____ the prettiest cakes in town. No one can match her level.

- A. bake
- B. is baking
- C. baked
- D. bakes

iv. Fill in the blank using correct option.

_____ can tell apart the twins. They are not identical.

- A. Anyone
- B. Each
- C. None
- D. Few

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

The date of the Chinese new year is determined with the lunar calendar.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A.	with	by
B.	is	was
C.	the	a
D.	with	of

vi. Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence. Gagan: Can you please help me?

Varun: What will you give me if I help you?

Varun replied to Gagan's question by. _____

vii. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

This singer, along with a few others, _____ the harmonica on stage.

- A. is played
- B. play
- C. have played
- D. plays

viii. Identify the error and supply its correction for the given sentence.

There are the few health myths that need to be broken.

Error	Correction

ix. Fill in the blank by selecting the appropriate option for the given sentence.

No one. _____ to go near the abandoned house.

- A. dares
- B. may
- C. should
- D. will

X. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

Your father. _____ - so proud of your achievements today if he was here with us.

- A. will be
- B. was
- C. would have been
- D. should have been

xi. Fill in the blank to complete the given narration.

Boss: I'm collecting money for Mary's going away party.

Susan: I already gave.

The boss met Susan and told her _____. Susan informed that she had already given.

xii. Fill in the blank to complete the sentence.

Sully _____ out to buy some ice cream and hasn't returned yet.

- A. is going
- B. goes
- C. went
- D. go

WRITING

4. A. Write a letter to the manager, Chand Book Emporium, Jaipur, to place an order for stationery item for your school. You are Jagdish K, staff at Modern School, Jaipur.

OR

4. B. You are Sunidhi Prakash, the Vice Captain of Brilliant Vidyalaya, Barra, Kanpur. You have recently noticed several posters around your school premises conveying a hazardous message.

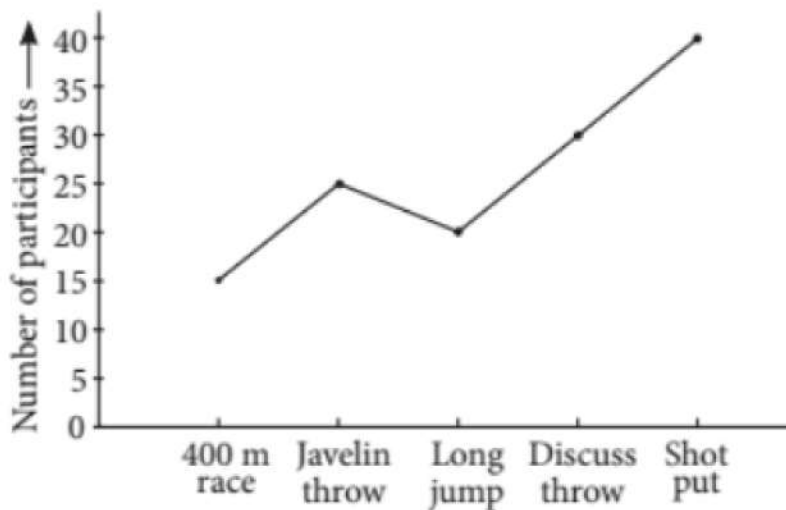
Lose weight in just a month!

“A WONDER DIET comes to your rescue ...

A privilege available for only a few!”

Write a letter to the Editor of The DWA, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by such advertising. Propose the implementation of 'Wholesome Lunch Month' in schools as an idea to address such practices, mention the advantages and share suggestions to foster healthy eating routines and develop positive body image among youngsters.

5. A. The given line graph shows the number of athletes participating in different types of games. Study the graph carefully and write an analytical paragraph about it in about 100-120 words.



OR

5. B. Write a short analytical paragraph on the safety of women in India in about 100-120 words.

SECTION-C
LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT(40 MARKS)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

A. LOMOV: Never mind about my people! The Lomovs have all been honourable people, and not one has ever been tried for embezzlement, like your grandfather!

CHUBUKOV: You Lomovs have had lunacy in your family, all of you!

NATALYA: All, all, all!

CHUBUKOV: Your grandfather was a drunkard, and your younger aunt, Nastasya Mihailovna, ran away with an architect, and so on...

LOMOV: And your mother was hump-backed. [Clutches at his heart]
Something pulling in my side... My head.... Help! Water!

CHUBUKOV: Your father was a guzzling gambler!

i. The playwright's intention in the given extract is to

ii. If according to Chubukov and Natalya, Lomovs are not "honourable people", why do they still consider Lomov's proposal?

iii. Throw a light on the character of Natalya after reading the above extract.

iv. Which of the following options comes closest to the meaning of 'tried' as used in the extract?

A. She mastered the game through a process of trial and error.

B. He followed the trial closely and was seen in court every day.

C. This had been a tried and tested formula for the organisation.

D. They tried with all their might to repeat their earlier successes.

B. "Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjol.

"We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep." "Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact, words such as tea, chai and chini are from the Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage."

i. Pick the option that includes the tea label information that corresponds to the given sentence.

"The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep."

1. Its calming effects may be attributed to an antioxidant called apigenin, which is found in abundance in chamomile tea. Apigenin binds to specific receptors in your brain that may decrease anxiety and initiate sleep.

2. It increases levels of a neurotransmitter called gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) and improves overall sleep quality by shortening the time it takes to fall asleep and decreasing night

time awakenings.

3. It interferes with REM sleep, has some unwanted side effects, keeps sleep away and allows the possibility of inducing hours of sleeplessness and increased night-time awakenings. 4. It alleviates anxious thoughts and soothes the spirit before bedtime. It improves energy levels and helps banish stress and results in a better night's sleep, naturally.

A. Option 1

B. Option 2

C. Option 3

D. Option 4

ii. Based on the inference from the extract, which of these is NOT TRUE about tea drinking in the sixteenth century Europe? Dr. Smith is a doctor of sixteenth century Europe.

A. Dr. Smith encouraged drinking of green tea whenever available, to reduce chances of tooth loss.

B. Dr. Smith prescribed regular tea drinking to all his patients with a weak heart.

C. Dr. Smith always served tea as refreshment when he has guests, as they all enjoyed this beverage.

D. Dr. Smith usually recommended black tea to reduce inflammation in the body.

iii. In the light of the last line in the above extract, how can you differentiate between medicine and a beverage? When and where was tea drunk as beverage?

iv. Why do you think Pranjol 'scoffed'?

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

A. He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

i. Which fact DOES NOT connect with the significance of the water hole for the tiger?

A. Many tigers chase prey into the water and holds the victim's head under water until it drowns.

B. Prey feed in the water on water-lilies, and often wander into the middle of the water hole, where they are vulnerable and easy for the tiger to kill.

C. Prey that has quenched its thirst ensures consumption of hydrated meat for the tiger.

D. Chasing the panicked prey from shallow to deep water where the tiger grabs it.

ii. Pick the option that DOES NOT use 'lurking' correctly to fill in the blank.

A. The thug was _____ in the alley late evening, for unsuspecting passers by.

B. The hyena was _____ in its den after a good meal.

- C. The detective cautioned her team about the _____ dangers likely to impact the case.
D. The prejudices _____ beneath the surface create misunderstandings.

iii. What does the poet wish for the tiger, according to the extract?

iv. Complete the following sentence:

The phrase _____ does not suggest that the forest in the extract is lush.

OR

B. Belinda giggled till she shook the house,
And Blink said Weeek! which is giggling for a mouse,
Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age,
When Custard cried for a nice safe cage.
Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.

i. What can you infer from the repetition 'suddenly, suddenly' in the above extract?

ii. A cage means captivity. Why is Custard inclined to remain in a cage despite what it symbolises?

This is so because he viewed it as a _____

iii. What do you understand by the literary device 'hyperbole'? In which line this device has been used in the extract?

iv. Which belief about dragons is in contrast to Custard's behaviour in the extract.

- A. Dragons are brave and feared.
B. Dragons can grant wishes.
C. Dragons can become invisible at will.
D. Dragons are soft-hearted and kind.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.

i. What made Mr. Keesing allow Anne to talk in class?

ii. Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter?

iii. Why did prince Siddhartha leave the palace and became a beggar?

iv. How can a baker be recognised?

V. Mijbil had developed some compulsive habits. What were they?

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

i. What guesses are made by Think-Tank about the books found on Earth?

ii. How did Mme. Loisel know the life of necessity?

iii. Mention any two contributions of Richard Ebright to the world of science.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

A. A Letter to God' illustrates the belief that faith in God is always rewarded. Lencho has a firm faith in God and He, through the post office officials, helps His devotees. Write a brief paragraph on the value involved in it.

OR

B. How did Siddhartha Gautam become the Buddha?

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

A. A calm mind can help you tackle the most difficult situations. Elucidate. (The Midnight Visitor)

OR

B. No one is always foolish. Time and circumstances give us intelligence and change our personality. Explain with reference to 'Bholi'.

1. i. Globalisation helps opening businesses and improves technological growth at the international level for all countries. Now, traders are extending their areas of business by treating the world as a global village. Globalisation has an impact on each sector whether it is agricultural, employment or education.

ii. open businesses, improve economy and technological growth

iii C. importing certain products

iv. D. (c), (a), (b) and (d)

V. cheap prices

vi. A. Adverse - Positive

vii. It has affected the Indian students and education sector to a great extent by making study books and a lot of information available over the internet. Even the collaboration of foreign universities with the Indian universities has brought about a change in the field of education.

viii. food items, toiletries, engineering goods, etc.

2. i. J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame' refers to how an impoverished Rowling become a world-famous and rich author through her works on the Harry Potter series.

ii. the plot was too complex

iii. Fame resulted in her privacy being invaded, with journalists constantly knocking on her door.

iv. Rowling was outraged with the Italian dust jacket because it showed Harry without his glasses.

V. D. Vulnerability

vi. B. 10 years

vii. Rowling wrote her first book Harry Potter. But nobody wanted to publish her book at first. But in 1997, she received her first cheque and went to the top of the publishing world. Every day and night she was surrounded by journalists. Her bank balance increased. This turned her life upside down.

viii. At the age of 6.

3. i. A. ruins

ii. if he might speak to Harry.

iii. D. bakes

iv. A. Anyone

v.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A.	with	by

vi. asking what he would give him if he helped him.

vii. D. plays

viii.

Error	Correction
the	a

ix. A. dares

x. C. would have been

xi. that he was collecting money for Mary's going away party.

xii. C. went

4. A.

Modern School

Jaipur

12 October, 20xx

The Manager

Chand Book Emporium

Jaipur

Respected Sir

Subject : Placing an order for stationery items for the school.

I visited the Chand Book Emporium some time ago and bought a few items. I am very impressed by the good quality of your products. I am in-charge of the school's stationery store. I would like to get such good quality items for all the students and teachers of my school.

The list is as follows:

1. 100 interleaved notebooks
2. 50 chart papers
3. 10 staplers
4. 100 plain white long sheets of paper
5. 30 registers

6. 20 long notebooks
7. 20 hard bound books
8. 2 boxes of paper clips
9. 30 fountain pens
10. 25 marker pens

Please let me know the amount to be paid and the mode of payment. Also, let us know about the discount permissible for school. Kindly send them at your earliest convenience to the Modern School. Once the items are received and checked for quality, the payment will be made immediately.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Jagdish K.

OR

4. B.

Brilliant Vidyalaya, Barra
Kanpur
16 August 20xx
The Editor
The DWA
K-21, Anjana Pura
Kanpur

Sub: Need for Promoting Healthy Eating Routines

Dear Sir/Madam

This is with reference to the posters-bearing the message of 'crash diet' that are being posted around our school premises. Such posters impact the youngsters negatively and can be hazardous for their self-esteem and compel them to go on diets just to become thinner.

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to propose the idea of implementing "Wholesome Lunch Month" for all school students to counter the implications of such misleading advertisements. This initiative is sure to encourage all students to bring nutritious and healthy lunch every day and develop healthy eating routines. To ensure that this project gains strength, schools may organize puppet shows, street plays, Ted Talks (by Nutritionist/ Psychologist), encompassing the theme, to foster healthy eating routines and a positive body image. I hope that the publishing of my letter in the columns of your renowned daily, helps spread awareness and promotes a healthy lifestyle among students.

Yours truly
Sunidhi Prakash
(Vice-Captain)

5. A. The given line graph shows the number of athletes who participated in different types of games. The number of participants is in hundreds and their participation in five different games. The athletes who participated the least are in 400 m race, where only 1500 people chose it. Next preferred game is long jump where the number of participants went slightly higher taking the count to 2000. The participants of javelin throw comes next levelling off with 2500 participants. Two most preferred games are discus throw and shot put. Discus throw shows a hike of 1000 participants and levelling off at 3000 athletes playing it. Shot put is the most preferred game with most number of participants which is 4000. The given data which showcased the interest of athletes in different games, shows us that the most preferred game is shot put and the least preferred is 400 m race. Rest of the three games have an average difference of 500 participants.

To conclude, the given graph has helped us in understanding the games preference of around 4000 athletes in five different games.

OR

5. B. India is known to be one of the most unsafe places for a woman to live in. The statistics alone is staggering. Crime against women especially sexual violence is quite high and frequent. Concerns about safety restrict the mobility and activity of women and leave them with no choice but to strategise everything from timings to travel, how to walk, how to dress or commute. When we talk about women's safety, the biggest question is how do we keep our mothers, sisters and daughters safe against violence outside the house. Women are often stared at, molested and discriminated against. Not only outside the house, they are even discriminated against at the workplace and in their homes. It is surely the responsibility of the government and each one of us to strive for a safer world for women. Effective implementation of strict laws protecting women's rights is the need of the hour. Offenders must be socially boycotted and severely punished to deter future crimes against women. Another imperative step is teaching self- defense techniques to women and girls at schools, colleges, offices and residential colonies. As long as the mindset of people will not change, women can never be safe. All we need to do is to be alert and considerate.

We have to develop basic morality and nurture a value system that teaches respect for women. Women are not safe anywhere in the globe until the thinking towards women changes. So the actual need of the hour is a revolutionary change in the mindsets and conscience of men so that they view women with regard and respect.

6. A. i. satirise the superficiality of the upper class in Russian society
ii. Because Lomov's status in society supersedes everything.
iii. Natalya is the twenty-five years old daughter of Chubukov. She is well educated, good looking, yet unmarried. She is an excellent housekeeper and estate manager. However, she is extremely quarrelsome, fussy and proud. She engages on an argument of owning Oxen Meadows and in the another argument over whose dog is superior than the other.
iv. B. He followed the trial closely and was seen in court everyday.

OR

- B. i. C. Option 3
ii. C. Dr. Smith always served tea as a refreshment when he has guests, as they all enjoyed this beverage.
iii. Medicine is used for treating diseases whereas beverage is used for drinking purpose. Tea

was drunk first in China only in the sixteenth century.

iv. He was amused and tickled at what Rajvir shared.

7. A. i. C. Prey that has quenched its thirst ensures consumption of hydrated meat for the tiger.

ii. B. The hyena was _____ in its den after a good meal.

iii. The poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.

iv. the water hole.

OR

B. i. It emphasises that an unexpected noise was heard.

ii. sanctuary and refuge

iii. A hyperbole is a literary device where the poet/speaker purposely exaggerates to an extreme. In the line, "Belinda giggled till she shook the house", there is hyperbole.

iv. A. Dragons are brave and feared.

8. i. Mr Keesing thrice gave Anne a writing job on her talkative nature. On all the three occasions she came out successful. In the third attempt the ball fell on the teacher and he became her victim. Finding himself unsuccessful, he allowed Anne to talk in the class.

ii. The postmaster could raise only 70 pesos which he sent to Lencho, supposedly from God. Lencho was angry to find 30 pesos less than the amount he asked for. He was angry because he thought the post office employees had kept 30 pesos sent to him by God.

iii. Before he had come across the sick man, the aged man, the funeral procession and the monk begging for alms, during his hunting expedition, Prince Siddhartha Gautama lived a life of comfort, unaware of the sufferings of the world. After he chanced upon those sufferings, Siddhartha Gautama left his comfortable life at the palace and wandered off into the world seeking enlightenment, concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

iv. There are many ways to recognise a baker. A traditional baker always carries a bamboo staff, which he.... bangs on the road, thus creating a thud and jingle sound. It is the way he announces his arrival. They can also be recognised by their traditional attire called Kabai. It is a single piece long frock, which reaches down to their knees.

V. While they were in London, Mijbil developed some compulsive habits. Like children on their way to school, Mijbil would place his feet squarely on the centre of each pair of block or touch the iron railing or lamp post. Especially while coming back home, Mijbil would tug his owner to the wall of a primary school, jump on to it, and gallop the full length of its thirty yards.

9. i. The first guess made by Think-Tank about the books found on Earth is that they are sandwiches meant to be eaten. Next, he says that the books are communication sandwiches, which the humans listen to and not eat. At last, Think-Tank says the communication sandwiches (the books) are not meant for ears but for eyes.

ii. Matilda had lost the precious diamond necklace she had borrowed from her friend. Since the necklace could not be retrieved, it had to be replaced with another equally expensive necklace. Her husband had to borrow a huge amount of money apart from using up his entire life's saving to buy the necklace. In order to pay off the debt money, Matilda had to change her lifestyle.

iii. Richard Ebright discovered an unknown insect hormone, which indirectly also led to his new theory on the life of cells. Another significant contribution Richard Ebright made to the world of Science is when he discovered the chemical composition of cells and how the cell reads the blueprint of DNA. The theory might lead to new ideas for preventing some types of cancer, etc.

10. A. Title: Long Live Humanity In 'A Letter to God,' firm faith in God of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the Post office employees are aptly depicted. In today's world, where people mock religion and religious beliefs, where people have lost their faith in God, where people don't believe in the existence of the Almighty, Lencho's firm faith in God comes as quite an encouragement. To think and believe that even when all hope is lost, we can still turn to God for help, it gives us hope and strength to carry on in adverse situations. This is what happened with Lencho. He was absolutely sure that only God could help him get through his difficult times and that is why Lencho dared to ask God to send him money. The other aspect of the story 'A Letter to God' is the random act of kindness shown by the postmaster and post office employees towards Lencho. The postmaster didn't want Lencho's firm faith in God to be shaken. So, he decided to not only reply to his letter as God but also raise the money for Lencho with the help of others. The friends of the postmaster and the employees of the post office didn't know Lencho personally. Yet, they readily contributed to his cause. This is proof that humanity still exists and not all are inhuman and selfish. One feels motivated by this to help others in need and expect nothing in return.

OR

B. Sidhartha Gautama was born in a royal family. At an appropriate age, after he had completed his education, prince Siddhartha married a princess and they had a son. For twenty-five years, the prince lived a charmed life as befitted royalty. During this time, he was completely unaware of the sufferings of the world. One day, while he was out for hunting, the prince came across, by chance, first a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession and finally a monk begging for alms. Extremely moved by what he saw, prince Siddhartha gave up

his comfortable life and went out into the real world. He sought enlightenment related to the sorrows he had witnessed. After wandering for seven years, prince Siddhartha sat down under a peepal tree. He made a promise to himself to sit under the same tree until he was enlightened. Seven days later, when he gained the high spiritual knowledge, he renamed the tree Bodhi Tree. He began to teach and share his newly acquired wisdom and understandings. At that point, he came to be known as the Buddha or the Enlightened One.

11. A. Certainly, a calm mind can help us to tackle the most difficult situations. If Ausable had panicked and did something fishy and dicey, then Max probably would have killed him. But Ausable kept his cool. With his calm mind, he fabricated a believable story of a balcony outside his room. He used the knock made by room service in his favour by telling Max that he had called police for protection of the documents. Ausable dealt with the situation using alertness of mind and acting promptly and smartly. In real life too we should always focus and keep calm in difficult and unexpected situations and not panic because such actions can hamper our thinking. If we keep our mind cool and focused, then only can we find ways to get out of crunch situations.

OR

B. "Put the fear out of your heart and you will be able to speak to anyone else." The words of encouragement from the teacher highlight that change of social attitude and encouragement can help a child like Bholi to become confident and face the world bravely. However, this was not always the case with Bholi. Throughout her childhood, Bholi had to face many difficulties. She was considered a 'dumb cow' by everybody including her family members. Bholi had remained a backward child ever since she was just ten months old. She had fallen on her head and a part of her brain got damaged. An attack of small pox had left deep black pock marks on Bholi's entire body except eyes, when she was only two years old. The pock marks remained with her all her life. To add to the little girl's misery, Bholi learned to speak at the age of five. But her speech was not clear as she stammered. She became the laughing stock for other children. As a result, she kept quiet most of the time. When the utterly neglected Bholi was sent to school, her teacher changed the course of Bholi's life, she changed the quality of Bholi's life by encouraging, inspiring and showering Bholi with much deserved love and compassion. To help children who are mentally/physically challenged they should be treated with love, care and sympathy as doing so can really work wonders. Kind words, demonstration of love and affection, a sympathetic pat help them gain confidence, enable them to believe in themselves and compete with others, and ultimately help them become socially acceptable. Such children need social, parental attention and encouragement so that they come out of their complex.