

Class-XII Session 2022-23
Subject - English Core (301)
Sample Question Paper - 12
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 comprehension through Unseen Passage

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

(10 Marks)

1. got posted in Srinagar in the 1980s. Its rugged mountains, gushing rivers and vast meadows reminded me of the landscapes of my native place – the Jibhi Valley in Himachal Pradesh. Unlike Srinagar that saw numerous tourists, Jibhi Valley remained clouded in anonymity. That's when the seed of starting tourism in Jibhi was planted. I decided to leave my service in the Indian Army and follow the urge to return home.
2. We had two houses – a family house and a traditional house, which we often rented out. I pleaded with my father to ask the tenant to vacate the house so that I could convert it into a guesthouse. When my family finally relented, I renovated the house keeping its originality intact, just adding windows for sunlight.
3. I still remember the summer of 1992 when I put a signboard outside my first guesthouse in Jibhi Valley! The village residents, however, were sceptical about my success. My business kept growing but it took years for tourism to take off in Jibhi Valley. Things changed significantly after 2008 when the government launched a homestay scheme. People built homestays and with rapid tourism growth, the region changed rapidly. Villages turned into towns with many concrete buildings. Local businesses and tourists continued putting a burden on nature.
4. Then, with the 2020-21 pandemic and lockdown, tourism came to a complete standstill in Jibhi Valley. Local people, who were employed at over a hundred homestays and guesthouses, returned to their villages. Some went back to farming; some took up pottery and some got involved in government work schemes. Now, all ardently hope that normalcy and tourism will return to the valley soon. In a way, the pandemic has given us an opportunity to introspect, go back to our roots and look for sustainable solutions.
5. For me, tourism has been my greatest teacher. It brought people from many countries and all states of India to my guesthouse. It gave me exposure to different cultures and countless opportunities to learn new things. Most people who stayed at my guesthouse became my repeat clients and good friends. When I look back, I feel proud, yet humbled at the thought that I was not only able to fulfil my dream despite all the challenges, but also to play a role in establishing tourism in the beautiful valley that I call home.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option

1. The scenic beauty of Srinagar makes the writer feel
 - (a) awestruck
 - (b) nostalgic
 - (c) cheerful
 - (d) confused
2. A collocation is a group of words that often occur together. The writer says that Jibhi valley remained clouded in anonymity. Select the word from the options that correctly collocates with clouded in.
 - (a) disgust
 - (b) anger
 - (c) doubt
 - (d) terror

3. Select the option that suitably completes the given dialogue as per the context in paragraph II. Father: Are you sure that your plan would work? Writer: I can't say
 - (1) Father: That's a lot of uncertainty, isn't it? Writer:
 - (2) , father. Please let's do this.
 - (a) (1) that I would be able to deal with the funding
 - (2) Well begun is half done
 - (b) (1) anything along those lines, as the competition is tough (2) Think before you leap
 - (c) (1) that, because it's a question of profit and loss (2) All's well that ends well
 - (d) (1) I'm sure, but I can say that I believe in myself (2) Nothing venture nothing win
4. Which signboard would the writer have chosen for his 1992 undertaking, in Jibhi Valley?
 - (a) Happy stay in jibhi valley
 - (b) Guaranteed comfort at this jibhi hotel
 - (c) Welcome to jibhi valley
 - (d) Welcome to jibhi first tourist home
5. Select the option that clearly indicates the situation before and after 2008, in Jibhi Valley.
 - (a) Before 2008 picturesque landscapes After 2008 construction sites and commerce
 - (b) Before 2008 zero tourism in the valley After 2008 sceptical villagers
 - (c) Before 2008 buildings and hotels After 2008 profitable ventures
 - (d) Before 2008 scenic surroundings After 2008 zero tourism in the valley
6. What is the relationship between (1) and (2)?
 - (1) ...tourism came to a complete standstill in Jibhi Valley.
 - (2) ... tourism has been my greatest teacher.
 - (a) (2) is the cause for (1).
 - (b) (1) repeats the situation described in (2).
 - (c) (2) elaborates the problem described in (1).
 - (d) (1) sets the stage for (2).
7. The writer mentions looking for sustainable solutions. He refers to the need for sustainable solutions because he realises that
 - (a) Even though all natural ecosystems are essential pillars of resilience, we need to focus on using their resources to address the economic needs of mankind, as a priority.
 - (b) the exposures to pandemics are a reality and a big threat to countries across the world.
 - (c) for an economic recovery to be durable and resilient, a return to 'business as usual' and environmentally destructive investment patterns and activities must be avoided.
 - (d) There is an increasing urgency in the climate movement and the need for collaborative action for the future.
8. Select the option that lists the customer review for the writer's project.
 - (a) Beautiful accommodation in the lap of nature. Luxurious cottage with indoor pool and garden.
 - (b) Comfortable and peaceful. Neat room with ample sunlight. Pleasant and warm host
 - (c) Enjoyed the sprawling suite on the fifth floor. Great view. Professional service.
 - (d) Remote locale, good food and clean room. Would have loved more natural light, though.
9. Which quote summarises the writer's feelings about the pace of growth of tourism in JibhiValley?
 - (a) We kill all the caterpillars, then complain there are no butterflies. - John Marsden
 - (b) Nature will give you the best example of life lessons, just open your eyes and see. - Kate Smith 4
 - (c) We do not see nature with our eyes, but with our understanding and our hearts. - William Hazlett
 - (d) I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God than in church thinking of the mountains. - John Muir
10. Select the option that lists what we can conclude from the text.
 - (1) people of Jibhi Valley practised sustainable tourism.
 - (2) the people of Jibhi valley gradually embraced tourism.
 - (3) tourists never revisited Jibhi Valley.
 - (4) the writer was an enterprising person.

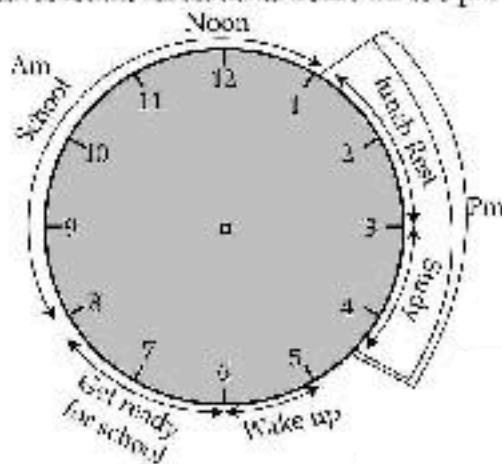
- (a) (1) and (2) are true. (b) (2), (3) and (4) are true.
 (c) (2) and (4) are true. (d) (1), (3) and (4) are true.

II. Read the following passage the following carefully:

(10 Marks)

- 1 Keep your watch accurate. for some people ,moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. for others they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether. it may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten .
- 2 Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. one of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realising that the time is passing as quickly as it is.
- 3 Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. if you have a dinner appointment at 7:30p.m., don't think you can work till 7p.m., then take a bath ,dress and reach on time. Realistically ,calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job done in time.
- 4 Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. May be you can try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. if you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed; that way, you will have to get up to turn it off. commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything .if you have to reach your place of work at 8:00, don't even tell yourself (and everyone else who listens —but don't annoy them think that they are late or early!) “ i have to be at work at 7:45.” If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. you will be on time even with a traffic jam.

Ideal schedule for students from 5 am to 5 pm



Question 2

1. Keep a _____ in each room.
 (a) Clock (b) Phone
 (c) Computer (d) Any one
2. It is good to commit yourself _____ for everything
 (a) To be late (b) To delay
 (c) To being 15 minutes early (d) To search to the last moment
3. To be punctual we should _____
 (a) Hit the snooze button of the alarm clock (b) Get up at the right time
 (c) Start watching TV in the morning (d) Keep on lying in bed
4. It is a good habit to _____
 (a) Reach your work place in time (b) Calculate the time before starting any work.
 (c) Keep lying in bed after the alarm clock buzzes (d) Both A & B
5. According to the passage the watch should be set _____ ahead.
 (a) 5 min (b) 10 min
 (c) 2 min (d) 15 min
6. The writer suggest to keep the watch _____
 (a) Ahead of time (b) Accurate
 (c) Inaccurate (d) None of the above

7. The given charts shows that students should get up _____.
 (a) Before 5 a.m. (b) After 5 a.m.
 (c) Between 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. (d) At 7 a.m.
8. A student spends maximum time in _____ during the day time.
 (a) Taking meals (b) Taking rest (c) School (d) Sleeping
9. A student _____ devote time to studying on his own
 (a) Can (b) Should not (c) Should (d) Will
10. Proper time _____ helps everyone lead a stress free life.
 (a) Organisation (b) Management
 (c) Planner (d) Devotion
11. Which one of the following is NOT a time management tip?
 (a) Prioritise your work. (b) Set a time limit.
 (c) Remove important tasks from the 'to-do' list. (d) Plan ahead.
12. The word which means the same as 'correct in all details' in para 1 is _____.
 (a) watch (b) disregard (c) ahead (d) accurate

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

1. Attempt any one of the following:

- A. On the occasion of world book day, the school has decided to organise a Book Fair. Sahiba/Sohan, the secretary of the book club, wants to call meeting of the office bearers of the club to discuss the arrangements for the fair. Write a notice in not more than 50 words.

OR

- B. Yesterday, during lunch break you misplaced your notes on chemistry lectures. You want to get them back. Write a notice in about 50 words for the school noticeboard. You are Karuna/Karan, a student of class XII A.

2. Attempt any one of the following:

- A. You are a student of Newton Public School, Nagpur. The school is holding its annual function on Saturday, the 25th October, 2022 at 11 a.m. The HRD Minister Dr M.M. Joshi has consented to be the chief guest. Design an invitation card to be sent to the parents and other invitees. Do not exceed 50 words.

OR

- B. You are Sourab Bansal, the Head Boy of Vidya Public School, Delhi. Your school is holding an inter-school T-20 cricket championship from 20 Oct. to 30 Oct., 2022. Write a formal invitation to Sh. B.S. Bedi, the legendary cricketer, to inaugurate the championship on 20 Oct. 2022 at 10 a.m. at your school grounds.

3. Attempt any one of the following:

- A. You are Indu, a student of Class XII living at 131, Hans Apartments, Agra. You are interested in pursuing a course in journalism. Write a letter in response to an advertisement issued by the Asian Institute of journalism, Delhi in a national daily, seeking information about suitable courses, eligibility, fee structure and placement opportunities. .

OR

- B. You are Anand/Arti of 14, Model Town, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of Chief Chef in a 5-Star Hotel. Apply for the job with complete biodata. Write in 125-150 words.

4. Attempt any one of the following:

- A. Make in India' an initiative by the government of India. It intends to create employment for the youth of India and help bring best practices to Indian business. Write an article in about 150-200 words for a business magazine on its impact to create employment for the youth of India. You are Neha.

OR

- B. Education doesn't mean only providing a degree. Schools play an important role to inculcate moral values in students. Using the following verbal inputs write an article in 150-200 words on the topic "Value Education in School." You are Mohit/Monika.

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

Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.

(i) Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

1. Name of the poem
2. Name of the poet
3. What is the beautiful scene that one sees in the middle of the forest?
4. Explain "immortal drink"
5. Who are the 'mighty dead' referred to here?
6. What is the endless fountain of immortal drink?

OR

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces,
Like rootless weeds the hair torn round their pallor:
The tall girl with her weighed-down head. The paper-
seeming boy, with rat's eyes. The stunted, unlucky heir
Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,
His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim class
One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,
Of squirrel's game, in a tree room, other than this.

1. Who are these children?
2. What does the poet mean by 'gusty waves'?
3. What has possibly weighed down the tall girl's head?
4. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines.
5. Who is the 'Unlucky heir'?
6. What has he inherited?

(ii) Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

1. What is Aunt Jennifer doing with her wool?
2. Why does she find it difficult to pull her ivory needle?
3. What does —wedding band stand for?
4. Describe the irony in the third line.

OR

It would be an exotic moment
Without rush, without engines,
We would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.
Fishermen in the cold sea
would not harm whales
and the man gathering salt would look
at his hurt hands.

- (a) When would the fishermen stop harming whales according to the poet?
- (b) What will happen if people keep quiet for some time?
- (c) What is the man gathering salt losing in pursuit of money?
- (d) Which poetic device has been in 'Hurt Hands'?

(iii) Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(6*1=6 Marks)

Stephen spender! Suddenly the book assumed tremendous significance from Stephen spender, the poet who had visited gemini studios ! In a moment I felt a dark chamber of my mind lit up by a hazy illumination. The reaction to stephen spender at Gemini Studios was no longer a mystery. The Boss of the Gemini Studios may not have much to do with spender's poetry. But not with his god that failed.

- (a) Who was Stephen spender?
- (b) Which book is referred to in the given passage?
- (c) Which English poet had visited the Gemini studios when the writer worked there?
- (d) The boss of the Gemini studios was also the editor of...
- (e) What was it that had regenerated the interest in Stephen spender?
- (f) What did the poet suddenly assume?

OR

She wished she could be admitted more deeply into her brother's affections and that someday he might take her with him. Though their father forbade it and Geoff had never expressed an opinion, she knew he thought her too young. And she was impatient. She was conscious of a vast world out there waiting for her and she knew instinctively that she would feel as at home there as in the city which has always been her home.

- (a) To whom does the word 'she' refer to in the above extract?
- (b) Which can be inferred through the above extract?
- (c) A phrase 'feel at home' has been used in the extract. Which is the correct meaning of this phrase?
- (d) Which literary device has been used in the part of the sentence 'as at home there as in the city'?
- (e) Who was impatient?
- (f) Based on the extract please select the most appropriate option in reference to the two statements given below:
Statement 1: Geoff thought her sister was too young
Statement 2: Her father forbade it

(iv) Answer any five of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each (5*2=10 Marks)

- (a) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.
- (b) What kind of a person is William Douglas ?
- (c) Why was the legal adviser referred to as the opposite by others?
- (d) Why did Edla still entertain the peddler even after she knew the truth about him?

OR

Why did Edla plead with her father not to send the Vagabond away?

- (e) What is the message of the poem, 'Thing of Beauty'?
- (f) Do you sympathise with Aunt Jennifer? What is the attitude of the speaker towards Aunt Jennifer?

(v) Answer any two out of three of the following questions in 40 – 50 words each.

How does Evans escape from the jail?

What clues had been left behind on the question paper?

How did the author feel when she first set foot on the Antarctic continent?

(vi) Answer any one out of two of the following questions in 120 – 150 words each.

What is it that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb in spite of himself?

The peddler comes out as a person with a subtle sense of humour. How does this serve in highlighting the seriousness of the theme of the story and also end him to us?

(vi) Answer any one out of two of the following questions in 120 – 150 words each.

How does Jo want the story to end? Why? What light does it throw on Jo's character?

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future?

Solutions

SAMPLE PAPER-7

SECTION - A

Answers: (1)

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| 1. B | 2. C |
| 3. D | 4. D |
| 5. A | 6. D |
| 7. C | 8. B |
| 9. A | 10. C |

Answers: (2)

- any one of the above
- to being 15 minutes early
- get up at the right time
- both 1. and 2.
- two minutes
- accurate
- between 5 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- school
- should
- management
- Remove important tasks from the 'to-do' list.
- Accurate

SECTION - B

- (i) (a) All the students of NTPC School are hereby notified that our school has decided to organise a book fair from 23rd oct. to 30th oct, 2022, on the occasion of World Book Day. The book fair will be held at our school library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the above mentioned days. Interested parents can also visit the book fair after 3 p.m. There will be various publications and a huge stock of both educational and story books. Students are requested to buy at least one book from the fair. Students who will purchase the books of highest amount, will be given a special reward. Discipline should be maintained during the book fair. For further details contact the undersigned.

Akhil kumar
(School Captain)

OR

- (b) A notebook with chemistry notes was lost in the school library during yesterday's lunch break. It is a Classmate notebook with a green cover with a

name and class mentioned on the cover. Whoever finds the notes is requested to hand them over to the principal's office or the undersigned.

Kavita
XII A

- (ii) (a) Newton Public School, Jamshedpur

Teachers, Students and the Management of Newton Public School, Jamshedpur seek your presence. On the occasion of celebrations of Annual Day to mark its anniversary on October 25, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the school auditorium.

Honourable HRD minister dr.MM Joshi has consented to be the chief guest of the annual day.

R.S.V.P
Principal

OR

- (b) Vidya public school

15-10-2022
Mr. MM. Bedi
2/29 NFC
New Delhi
Sir

Sub: Inauguration of Cricket Championship

I would like to inform you that as you know our is performing T -20 cricket league but there is a problem that in our school inspection is going to be started and we can't go now but there is a solution also that if your students came at 10:00 pm on 2 October 2019 at our school inspection is going to be end and we are able to play hope you don't mind and take some action in to this .

THANKYOU

Yours faithfully

Sourab Bansal

Head Boy

- (iii) (a) 131, Hans Apartment

Agra
14th April, 20xx
The administrative Officer
Asian Institute of journalism
Delhi

Subject: Seeking information about Course in journalism

Sir

This is in reference to your advertisement in 'The Dainik Bhaskar' dated 12th April, 20xx. I have just appeared for my Class XII examination and am now interested in pursuing course journalism from your reputed institute. I would like to get complete information about the Degree Courses journalism, especially including the following details:

1. Procedure for Admission
2. Duration of Course
3. Criteria for Admission
4. Fee structure (instalment for each term)
5. Placement opportunities available after course completion

I am very keen to pursue the journalism Course from your esteemed institute and would be obliged if you could mail a prospectus in the self-addressed stamped envelope that I have enclosed along with this letter.

Awaiting an early response from your end.

Yours sincerely

Indu

OR

- (b) 14, Model Town
New Delhi
3rd March, 2014
The General Manager
JW Marriott
New Delhi

Subject: Job application for the position of Chief Chef

Sir/Madam,

Having seen your advertisement for an experienced Chef, I wish to apply for the same in your reputed organisation. I came to know about the vacancy through the newspaper The Hindu dated March 15, 2014. Please find attached my bio-data for the purpose.

I have been working with organisations of international repute for the last seven years. At present, I am working with Radisson Hotels, Gurgaon as a Senior Chef. I believe that I have the skills, creativity and qualifications to excel in the role and would like to bring my enthusiasm for creating new dishes to your hotel.

I would appreciate the chance to discuss my abilities and your menus and explain how I could contribute to your restaurant's success.

I thank you in anticipation of an early response.

Yours Truly,

Arti

- (iv) (a) Make In India

India direly needed a Make in India like campaign to give impetus to its sluggishly growing economy. The Indian economy is one of the largest economies of the world, so there is immense potential in its growth; since it is a growing economy, it has not reached its climax yet. If more employment is to be generated for Indian youth, Make in India is the most ideal way to do that.

There is immense demand for every article conceivable. There are many commodities that India does not have the basic infrastructure to manufacture! For example defence industry, hardware manufacturing of IT sector, such as computer chips, circuits, etc. By creating a basic infrastructure for manufacturing in defence and IT hardware sectors, the Indian economy will run like a bullet train on the track of growth and development.

China, our neighbouring country, is an excellent example of this. Just a few decades ago, the communist country was about to collapse economically, when strict economic reformative measures were taken. China invited all the MultiNational Corporations to set up companies. It provided them easy and convenient work conditions, and as a result the economy improved. Throughout the world, Chinese goods have become quite popular. This has improved the Chinese economy a lot. Similarly India too can achieve the same success.

The Modi led government is taking huge initiatives in this regard. Recently, Indian fighter jet manufacturer, HAL was given the order for making 83 fighter jets in India. This will lead to a huge employment generation.

OR

- (b) Education plays an important role in student life. As it will be a major source for a good career. Our education starts from school. school plays an important role to inculcate moral values in students. Schools build the base for a student's future. This is why it is said that schools play a significant role in providing value education or moral education. Schools provide a learning environment that other platforms can never provide. In schools, students wore uniforms symbolising equality. The sole

purpose of this is the development of the personality of a student. This helps students in all dimensions so that they can serve their country more democratic, cohesive, socially, and responsibly. To put it together, value education means:--The full development of children's personality in its physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects. Development of good manners and responsibility towards citizenship.

SECTION - C

(i)(a)(1) A Thing of Beauty

- (2) John Keats
- (3) Bushes sprinkled with beautiful flowers that have a lovely, heady scent.
- (4) The poet uses the image of an 'endless fountain', which showers bounties on Earth. He calls this an 'immortal drink' from heaven.
- (5) The 'mighty dead' referred to here are our ancestors, the great people of the world who are worthy of respect.
- (6) The poet gives the description of the beautiful things on earth and states that all these beautiful things are God's gift to us which is pouring from heaven.

OR

- (1) These children are the poor children who live in the slum.
- (2) By 'Gusty waves' the poet means the beautiful sights of nature which are not visible in the slum.
- (3) The tall girl's head has possibly been weighed down by being burdened with sad thoughts of her misfortune.
- (4) Simile is used in these lines – Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;
- (5) The boy who has a stunted growth with twisted bones, sitting in the slum school classroom, is the 'unlucky heir'.
- (6) He has inherited the arthritis of his father; as a result his growth remains stunted.

- (ii)(a)(1) Aunt Jennifer is embroidering some tigers with her wool.
- (2) She finds it difficult to pull her ivory needle as she is burdened by the massive weight of uncle's wedding band this means she is fearful of her husband.
 - (3) Uncle's wedding band symbolises all the duties and constraints that have been put heavy on her after her marriage.

- (4) The irony lies in the fact that although Aunt Jennifer is trying to knit tigers symbolising freedom, her life has been a continuous tale of slavery endowed to her marriage.

OR

- (ii)(b)(1) According to the poet, fishermen will also stop and not harm whales in the sea by the exotic moment of silence and introspection.
- (2) If they keep quiet, they may not indulge in reasoning, disputes and quarrels. So, let them keep quiet and not speak in any language. This will ensure peace and prosperity.
 - (3) The fisherman and the man gathering salt symbolise human beings busy earning bread and butter. On one hand, we have a fisherman who is killing the animals for the sake of money and on the other hand, we have a man gathering salt who is hurting his hands for the sake of money.
 - (4) It is the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words. e.g. "we will count", "sudden strangeness", "stop for one second", "his hurt hands", "clean clothes".

- (iii)(a)(1) He was an English poet, editor, and a one-time communist who gave a speech about Communism. He gave a long lecture on communism and also explained his tough times when he wished to establish it here.
- (2) The story "Poets and Pancakes" is a passage from Asokamitran's book "My Years with Boss".
 - (3) The Englishman who visited the studios was Stephen Spender.
 - (4) Ananda Vikatan.
 - (5) After the war, Spender was a member of the Allied Control Commission, restoring civil authority in Germany.
 - (6) Gemini Studios.

OR

- (b)(a) Sophie
- (b) She longed for more affection from his brother
 - (c) Confident
 - (d) Simile
 - (e) Sophie
 - (f) Both statements are true and had the same impact.
- (iv)(a)(a) Glass blowing, welding and soldering pieces of glass are all health hazards. Even the dust from polishing the glass of bangles adversely affects the eyes and even adults go blind. Thus, the surroundings, prevailing conditions and the type of job involved-all prove risky to the health of the workers

- (b) William Douglas was a high spirited young man. Even though he feared the water, he made it his sole purpose to learn the art of swimming and was determined to get over his fear at any cost. When life tosses many challenges and trials at him, he stands firm and in the end does eventually learn to control his fear.
- (c) The lawyer was in the Story Department. He was officially known as the legal adviser. However, his actions did nobody any good. He had unknowingly brought to an end the career of a promising young actress. Hence he was referred to as the opposite by others. Justify the title of the poem, "My Mother at sixty-six"
- (d) Edla was a trusting and compassionate person. She wanted the peddler to enjoy himself and remain at peace. As it was Christmas Eve, she did not want to turn away the guest. She reasoned that they had insisted upon the man to visit their home for Christmas Eve. It was her kind gesture that reformed the peddler.
- (e) The message of the poem is that a beautiful object is treasured in our minds because it provides us eternal and everlasting joy. Therefore, let us keep the natural beauty intact. Let us not destroy it.
- (f) Yes, the character of Aunt Jennifer wins our sympathy as a reader. Her ordeals and sufferings move the reader. Even the speaker in the poem shows sympathy and pity towards her. The speaker says that even after Aunt Jennifer's death she will be terrified of her husband and the ordeals of her marriage.
- (v) (a) Evans decided to appear for the O-level Examination in German. For the same, the Governor sought permission from the Board. McCleery the parson from St. Mary Mags came to invigilate. In reality, he was an accomplice of Evans and had imprisoned the real person. In the cell, the two exchange places. This was made possible because Evans had covered himself in a blanket. At the end of the exam, Evans walks out a free man disguised as the person.
- (b) Evans escaped from the prison with the help of a clever, infallible plan. Certain clues were left behind by the shrewd fugitive which was a "careless" act according to the Governor. There was a superimposed question paper with directions to the supposed plan. However, it was soon seen that all of it was fake and part of the plan to misguide the officials.
- (c) The writer's first emotion on reaching Antarctica was that of relief. He felt relieved to have set foot on the Antarctic continent after over 100 hours. Then he experienced a sense of amazement on seeing its vastness and immense white landscape which dazzled his eyes.
- (vi) (a) Mr. Lamb spoke words of encouragement, hope and zest for life, which no one had ever spoken to him. He makes the boy aware of his physical strength and explains the importance of emotional well-being. This realisation draws him closer to the old man.
- (b) The peddler doesn't come across as a humorous person, although one can locate a subtle sense of humour in the way he thinks about the world as being a giant rattrap. He is singularly pleased by this thought of his because it provides him with the opportunity of thinking 'ill' of the world that is not kind to him. It is clearly visible that whenever he gets caught unaware, in the web of deceit spun by his scheming mind, he hides behind the thought that the world is a rattrap and he is merely a prey.
- (vii) (a) Jo wanted the story to end with Roger being accepted by the other animals. In Jack's version, the wizard was hit by mommy. Jo did not relish this. The wizard was the person who fulfilled everyone's wishes. He had rid Roger skunk of the bad odour. So she wanted her father to end the story with Roger Skunk having a new and pleasant smell and the wizard spanking the stupid 'mommy'. Jo would get totally involved in the story. She even shed a tear or so, when the woodland creatures spurned Roger. She could not bear injustice to the wizard by 'Mommy, skunk. She wanted the ending of the story to change in which the benevolent Wizard hits mommy for being inconsiderate to Roger's need for acceptance by friends. She was independent in her thinking. Jo remains unconvinced by the father's argument that mothers are always right.
- (b) The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica. Antarctica belongs to an ancient geological era when things were quite different and when human beings did not exist. Here we can study the earth's past. About 90 per cent of the earth's total ice is stored here. There are no trees, buildings or other human marks. Here we see glaciers melting and ice-caps falling. We can see them being damaged as a result of global warming. Antarctica also warns us for the future. It warns the end of the world if the West Antarctic ice sheet melts entirely and the Gulf Stream ocean current is stopped. Thus, Antarctica is the perfect place to go to and to understand the earth's present, past and the future.