

**CBSE Class 12 English Core**  
**Sample Paper 04 (2019-20)**

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**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

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**General Instructions:**

- i. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
  - ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.  
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
  - iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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**Section A**

**1. Read the passage and on the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the questions given below:**

1. The children probably don't know, or they don't care, the hugely popular WWF wrestling matches are actually all staged acts. The Hulks, the Undertaker or whatever else they are called-never really punch or kick as hard as they might appear doing on the show. It's all a show, a thrilling show.
2. So, you can't really blame children for getting hooked. But does that necessarily mean the show is entirely responsible for beating 12-year-old Subin Kumar got from his WWF inspired friends? Can viewing or watching violence on TV actually promote aggressive behaviour in children?
3. Media experts and social scientists have been wrestling with this question for decades and thousands of studies have been done on it. And most of them reached the same conclusion- media violence is responsible for aggressive behaviour in children.
4. Research has found that the more violence children watch on television, the more likely they may act in aggressive ways towards others. Also, they become less sensitive to others pain and are less likely to help a victim of violence.

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5. A study of violence on Indian television and its impact on children commissioned by UNESCO accused the idiot box of "bombarding young minds with all kinds of violent images, cutting across channels, programmes and viewing times."
  6. Not only studies, but also incidents go to prove that children who watch violent episodes show an increased likelihood of behaving aggressively.
  7. There have been reports from all over the country of children hurting themselves while trying to ape the superman feats of Shaktiman, the superhero of Indian TV. Then there was the six-year-old child of Lucknow who leapt off the balcony of his second-floor flat trying to imitate a bungee jumping drop shown in a soft drinks commercial.
  8. There's no doubt that media is a powerful teacher and contributes greatly to the way we act and behave. In some cases like these, the effects are immediate and in others, there is a "sleeper effect", where the results show up much later.
  9. Experts say it's incorrect to blame the media squarely. How would you explain the aggressive behaviour of a child who has never been exposed to television or any other media? So, while there is mounting evidence to link media violence and actual violence, most of it does not prove a direct cause-and-effect relationship. Because no one so far has been able to prove why and how TV affects some people and not the others. "we also have to take into account individual differences and vulnerabilities as human behaviour is the result of many factors," points out Dr. Vasantha R. Patri, a counsellor, adding, "violence viewing is only one of the myriad influences on a growing child."
  10. Patri says there exists a population of risk individuals whose anger, aggression and anti-social tendencies are already quite high for whatever reason. Other factors like individual predisposition of the child, parental attitudes and reaction to aggression are probably equally important. In fact, she says that in most cases media is only the fourth most important influence in child's life-with parents, teachers and peers being the first three.
  11. Patri points out that the growing "here-and-now" culture in which kids are getting used to immediate gratification is leading to an intolerant society on the whole. "Children are not taught how to handle failure and conflict," she says. "As a result, they resort to aggression."
  12. But media critics refuse to buy it. They insist the content of media needs to be

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monitored and care be taken to reduce violence if not remove it. But even if all the gore and violence is completely removed from the media, will it make a significant difference in the aggressive behaviour of children? And then how do you justify the facts that studies have shown that viewing violence on TV also provides an opportunity to discharge the pent-up, aggressive feelings of anger, hostility and frustration.

13. "The problem is not with the media, but the lack of media education," points out Patri. "No one teaches the children how to assess the reality status of TV programmes." Good parenting, she says, is perhaps the greatest defence against the negative effects of violent images on TV.
14. Experts say it's time that parents and teachers took a long, hard look at themselves in the mirror. Say's Patri, "Most parents treat TV as a baby-sitter when it suits them. And when something goes wrong, they turn around and blame TV for it!"

## QUESTIONS

**1.1 Answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option: (1×5=5)**

- i. Violent behaviour is the outcome of.....
  - a. Lack of media awareness
  - b. Lack of sensitivity
  - c. Increase in population
  - d. imperfection
- ii. Children fail to understand that the stunts shown on the screen are.....
  - a. Real
  - b. Fake
  - c. Manipulated
  - d. None of the above
- iii. Parents consider TV a .....
  - a. Babysitter
  - b. Problem
  - c. Boon
  - d. None of the above
- iv. Aggressive behaviour in children can be best handled by.....

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- a. Teachers
  - b. Parents
  - c. Both teachers and parents
  - d. Children themselves
- v. Children resort to aggression because they are not taught how to handle.....
- a. violent images on TV
  - b. Failure and conflict
  - c. WWF wrestling matches
  - d. Media

**1.2 Answer the following questions in 25-30 words: (1×4=4)**

- i. Are the hugely popular WWF wrestling matches real acts? Give your opinion.
- ii. How can media be a powerful teacher for children?
- iii. How does the growing "here-and-now" culture also contribute to the aggression in children?
- iv. How some parents are also responsible for the negative effects of TV on their children?

**1.3 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following: (1×3=3)**

- i. Exciting (Para 1)
- ii. An extremely large number of something (Para 9)
- iii. The feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something (para 12)

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

- I. People tend to amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they did not know they owned. Those who never have to change house become indiscriminate collectors of what can only be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years in the belief that they may one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy, and sentiment. Things owned for a

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long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead, and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

- II. Some things are collected deliberately in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are strings and brown paper, kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be mania. A lady cuts out from newspapers sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich, the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit, but it litters up her desk. Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours, as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. One doesn't have to go out for amusement as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of — stamps, records, first editions of books, China - there is always something to do in connection with it, from finding the right place for the latest addition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in the chosen subject but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.
- III. There are other benefits also. One gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest find etc. So one's circle of friends grows. Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years one may well become an authority on one's hobby and will probably be asked to give informal talks to little gatherings and then, if successful, to larger audiences.
1. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary; minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also, supply an appropriate title to it.
  2. Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words.

### **Section B**

3. Tourism Department, Government of Uttarakhand has launched an ambitious plan to develop adventure sports and eco-tourism activities in the state. Prepare a suitable poster for display at important public places/publication in the newspaper.

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You are Faiz/Falak Mazumdar living at 39, Udampur, Colony, Shimla. You decide to hold a dinner party to congratulate your grandparents on their golden wedding anniversary. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words to all family members to attend a grand dinner at home.

4. Along with air and water pollution, our cities are also under an attack of noise pollution. Marriage processions, DJs during wedding receptions loud music from neighbourhood flats etc., are all sources of noise which is not good for the old, the ailing and students. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor of a local newspaper describing the problem and making a request to the concerned authorities to solve it. You are Karan/Karuna, M 114, Mall Road, Delhi.

**OR**

Yesterday you went to Sunrise Hospital, Market Road, New Delhi taking with you the victim of a hit and run accident. There were chaotic conditions in the casualty department. The injured was attended to after a lot of precious time had been lost. Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Medical Superintendent. You are Karan/Karuna, M114, Mall Road, Delhi.

5. Rising pollution, fast and competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food etc., have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing healthcare used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Today it has become commercialised, a money spinning business. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to provide proper health care to the common man.' You are Karan/Karuna.

**OR**

You are Latha/Lalith of Gurgaon. You had attended the inaugural ceremony of the newly opened vocational stream and hobby classes at the secondary school level in Paras Public School, Gurgaon. Draft a report in 100-125 words to be published in 'Gurgaon Times/ Invent other details.

6. After the rainy season is over, mosquitoes start breeding. They cause malaria, dengue, chikungunya, etc. These diseases can sometimes prove to be fatal. As the Principal of your school you have decided to deliver a speech on protection from mosquitoes.

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Write that speech in 150 - 200 words.

**OR**

“A career counsellor (not you yourself) is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career.” Write a debate in 150 - 200 words either for or against the motion.

**Section C**

7. Read the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow each:

a. **Read the following extract and answer the following questions briefly:(1 × 4 = 4)**

Offered for sale are wild berries in wooden quarts  
Or crook necked golden squash with silver warts,  
Or beauty rest in a mountain scene.....

- i. What articles are offered for sale at the stand?
- ii. What qualities of the offered articles make them unfit for sale?
- iii. What does, beauty rest in a mountain scene mean?
- iv. add question here?

b. **Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:**

From the beginning, however, I had an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to the beach in California. He and I stood together in the surf.

- a. Whom does 'I' refer to?
- b. When did his aversion for water start?
- c. What happened at the beach in California?
- d. Which word in the extract means 'foam formed by waves'?

8. Answer any five of the following questions in 30 -40 words each:

- a. Why did the people of the village come to attend the class?
- b. Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it, metaphorically. Elucidate.
- c. Why did the peddler decline the iron master's invitation?

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- d. What are the ordeals that Aunt Jennifer faced in her life? (Aunt Jennifers Tigers)
  - e. How did Charley's friends relate his stamp collecting habit to his being abnormal?
  - f. Why did Jo insist that her father should tell her the story with a different ending?
  - g. Where did doctor first meet his wife Hana? What were his thoughts on seeing her?
9. What did Gandhiji do to remove the cultural and social backwardness in the Champaran villages?

**OR**

What do you understand about the author's literary inclinations from the account?

10. Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry changes him from a scared child to a confident boy. What qualities and attitudes are required to bring such changes in the personality of the other person?

**OR**

"I may surprise everybody," said Evans to his German teacher. Do you think he proved this statement right? Substantiate your answer. (Evans Tries an O-Level)



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**Answer**  
**Section A**

**1. 1.1 Answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option: (1×5=5)**

- i. Lack of media awareness
- ii. Fake
- iii. Babysitter
- iv. Both teachers and parents
- v. Failure and conflict

**1.2 Answer the following questions in 25-30 words:**

- i. The hugely popular WWF matches are not real shows but they are all staged acts. These are all only thrilling shows. The Hulks, the Undertaker or anyone else never really punch and kick as hard as they might appear doing on the show. They are just fights meant for entertainment.
- ii. Media contributes greatly to the way the children behave and act. Sometimes the effect can be seen immediately, at times it takes longer which we call the "sleeper effect". Television can be a powerful influence in developing value systems and shaping behaviour. Unfortunately, much of today's television programming is violent. The children who watch violent episodes behave aggressively more likely.
- iii. The growing "here-and-now" culture in which the children are getting used to immediate gratification is leading to an intolerant society on the whole. Children are not taught how to handle failure and conflict. As a result, they resort to aggression.
- iv. Some parents are equally responsible for the negative effects of TV on their children because most of the parents treat TV as a babysitter when it suits them. But when something goes wrong, they start blaming TV for it. Children tend to emulate parents, hence parents should always put their best foot forward, teach their children good values and provide them with media education.

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**1.3 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:**

- i. Thrilling
- ii. Myriad
- iii. Frustration

**2. Title: Collecting things-Its Advantages and Disadvantages**

**Notes:-**

**I. What people collect**

- i. collecting odds and ends-unaware
- ii. collecting stamps, records, booklets etc-as a hobby

**II. Reasons**

- i. no change of house
- ii. need of unwanted objects someday
- iii. stmtl value
- iv. avoid wstg
- v. lack of physical & mental energy
- vi. deliberate collection
- vii. not harmful
- viii. smtms a serious hobby
- ix. connection with past memories

**III. Advantages**

- i. provides rlxtn
- ii. becomes own treasure
- iii. amsmt or something to do at home
- iv. educates us in the chosen subject and related matters
- v. enbls meeting other like-minded collectors
- vi. can lead to travel
- vii. enbls us to become authority in subject

**IV. Disadvantages**

- i. it becomes a mania
- ii. causes messiness
- **Key to Abbreviations**

stntl	Sentimental
wstg	wastage
rlxtn	relaxation
amsmt	amusement
enbls	enables

### Summary:-

People have various reasons for collecting things. Possessing things not only for their value but just for the sake of keeping it, that it might be of some use in times to come. People have this kind of hobby to collect the stuff they know will never ever be used again. But some do it for sentimental reasons, while others are simply lazy. People who do not have to change their house, become collectors of unwanted objects, leading to clutter, which can be seen in almost every nook and corner of their house. However, collecting as a hobby has many benefits also. It helps to pass time creatively or in getting educated about the subject. We do not need to go out for amusement and get to meet like-minded people. It may also lead to travelling or even becoming an authority on the subject.

### Section B

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#### **TOURISM DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF UTTARAKHAND**

launches

its ambitious project

to develop

#### **ADVENTURE SPORTS & ECOTOURISM**



#### **Activities Offered :**

- **Bungee Jumping**

- **Snow Skiing/Ice Skating**
- **Aero Sports**
- **Paragliding-hang gliding**
- **Para-sailing**
- **Boating/Other water sports**

**INSTRUCTORS/GUIDES AVAILABLE**

**at**

**APPROVED RATES**

**"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone"**

**ADVENTURE**

**makes you experience**

**the ENTHRALLMENT of life.**

**EXPERIENCE UTTARAKHAND, EXPERIENCE DIVINITY.**

Contact

Secretary, Tourism

Government of Uttarakhand

**OR**

39, Udampur Colony

Shimla

29th March 2019

Dear Aunt,

On the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee of my grandparents, I invite you to attend the grand dinner party at our residence under the shimmering sky on 2nd April at 8:30 pm. Do come and accompany us with pleasure.

Thank you

Yours affectionately

Faiz Mazumdar

4. M114, Mall Road

Delhi - 110007

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7th February, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi - 110002

**Sir**

**Subject: Concern over the rising noise pollution**

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper, I want to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to the rising noise pollution in our cities.

The noise caused by loudspeakers, marriage processions, DJs during wedding receptions, loud music from religious congregations, election campaigns and other gatherings is harmful. The people who suffer the most from noise are old people, sick people and the students who are preparing for examinations. Moreover, people suffer from hypertension, stress, depression due to lack of adequate sleep. The municipal and other authorities give permission for various functions but the law-enforcing authorities, i.e. the police, must act in unison to ensure that the volume of such noise remains within reasonable limits and must stop altogether after a certain time at night. Heavy fines must be imposed on people who break these rules to deter them in future.

I hope my views will get appropriate space in your newspaper and the concerned authorities will read this letter and take the required action to reduce the noise pollution in the city.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,

Karuna

**OR**

M114, Mall Road

Delhi - 110007

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11th September, 20XX

The Medical Superintendent  
Sunrise Hospital, Market Road  
New Delhi - 110011

Respected Sir,

**Subject** Chaotic Condition of the Casualty Department

I am writing this letter to highlight the prevailing chaotic condition of the Casualty Department in your hospital. Yesterday, I brought a person, who was injured in an accident, to your hospital, but was disappointed to witness the condition prevalent there. Although it was 12 in the afternoon, there was no doctor on duty. The person had severe injuries. However, the patient was not attended for a long time despite many requests to the other staff on duty. The staff kept waiting for suitable instructions from the doctor-in-charge, who was missing. During this time, the patient was losing blood.

After a lot of precious time had been lost, a doctor appeared from inside of the hospital. When I approached him in regards to the patient, he asked me to fill up and sign a form before any treatment as it, being a hit-and-run-accident, qualified for a police case. Finally, a proper examination of the wound was done and suitable first aid was given to the patient.

This shows utter callousness on the part of the staff of the Casualty Department. You are requested to ensure that the same behaviour is not repeated in future cases.

Yours sincerely,  
Karan

5. **How to Provide Proper Healthcare to the Common Man**  
**by Karuna**

We all know that a common person faces many problems regarding health in India. Every day a common man is exposed to so many unhygienic places as well as contaminated air and food.

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Health care has always remained farce in the government hospitals, where lack of common facilities and technology is often observed. The basic requirements needed for the patients are ignored let alone the inclusion of high technology. As health is a matter of serious concern, everyone has the right to get proper healthcare. It is ironical that not all of us are so fortunate as the infrastructure in the government and municipal hospitals are very poor, and doctors do not work with as much dedication as they do at their own personal clinics. Sanitation problems are also seen in public hospitals. The commercialisation of healthcare is good only for the people who can afford the best care, but we must be able to distinguish between mere advertising and marketing of few products done by companies for money-making and their actual utility. Similarly, some provisions should be made in all private hospitals for the impoverished, common people and all those who need help and care. These provisions may be provided to BPL cardholders, persons having low annual salary, and similar other people. The government should also have some arrangement for the poor to subsidise costly medicines. They may do so by making pharmaceutical companies reduce their prices suitably. Such measures will definitely help in providing better healthcare to the common man.

**OR**

**Inaugural Ceremony of Vocational Stream and Hobby Classes  
by Lalith, Gurgaon Times**

**Gurgaon, 15 September, 20XX:** The opening ceremony of the vocational stream and the hobby classes at secondary school level in Paras Public School, Gurgaon was attended by a huge gathering.

The HRD Minister was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. Honourable Principal warmly welcomed him. The faculty for the newly opened streams were also welcomed whole heartedly.

The Principal revealed that these new streams and hobby classes would meet the need of the students and help them in their future prospects. Such classes will provide the students an opportunity to realise their potential to the fullest instead of only competing for the top three positions. The budding artists would also be catered by the classes through suitable platform. Certain measures were counted to enhance the learning skills of students. These streams would assist students in vocational guidance

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and choosing their professions by keeping their requirements and interests in mind. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the Head of the Department, Humanities.

6. **Protection from Mosquitoes**

Good morning everyone. Dear teachers, staff members and students, today I would like to draw your attention on the need to be aware about the mosquitoes and the havoc they create.

After every rainy season, there is a menace of mosquitoes as their numbers swell very fast. Many diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya result from mosquito bites. These diseases sometimes prove to be fatal. We should always remember that prevention is better than cure. We can take a number of steps to protect ourselves and others from mosquito bites and the resultant diseases.

The first step is to apply any insect-repellent cream on uncovered skin during the daytime. The next step is to wear full sleeved tops or shirts and pants to cover as much skin as possible.

Also try to sleep under a mosquito net during the night to prevent mosquito bite. One of the major actions that should be taken is to not allow stagnant water around our homes, as mosquitoes live and breed in such waters. Water should not be allowed to accumulate in pools, discarded tyres, coolers, empty pots etc. One should also make sure that windows and door screens do not have any holes in them that allow entry of mosquitoes.

Our lives become still when we are unhealthy. So keep yourself and your families safe, by learning about the symptoms, treatments and preventive measures of mosquito-borne diseases. As they say, health is wealth!

Thank you!

**OR**

**For the Motion**

Respected judges, honourable opponents and friends,

I will speak for the motion, “A career counsellor (not you yourself) is the best person



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to guide you in the choice of a career.”

We all are aware about the rising diversity in career options today. I adhere to the fact that career counsellors are the best people to guide any one in choosing the right career. They play a pivotal role in helping individuals to put their talent, interest and aptitude to an appropriate use in job selection. Their work is evident, proven and appreciated all over the world.

A career counsellor has to fulfill many specific duties as a part of his job. He maintains record of each individual student. He, through his experience and ability, identifies the student's desires in context of his career that he wishes to pursue after graduation.

A career counsellor is a person who does immense research before suggesting a job to a student based on his personality, aptitude and interest. He also normally has connections with various outside agencies which may provide financial aid to the students, if they need any, while pursuing their profession.

A career counsellor is quite sympathetic. He can provide a sympathetic ear to the student to discuss various issues and also provide moral support to the students if and when they need it.

Thank you!

### **Against the Motion**

Respected Judges, honourable opponents and friends,

I will speak against the motion, “A career counsellor (not you yourself) is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career”.

I do not agree with the statement that a career counsellor is the best person to help a student in making the right decision while choosing his career. The opinions of the parents, who are already more experienced than the students in decision-making, and the students' should influence more than those of a career counsellor while choosing a career. All parents want their children to be happy and successful in life. The right choice of a career will certainly provide happiness and success. Research in this field has indicated that when children feel supported and loved by their parents, they have more confidence in their own ability to find a career that suits them. They, therefore, choose a career that will be in their own interest and provide a livelihood.

An individual should be the best judge of his life and the decisions associated with

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it. But he can seek guidance from parents and elders when he needs it. Career counsellors do not know the students properly before they suggest a career for him, which may ultimately result in failure or unhappiness, or both.

Thank you!

### Section C

7. Read the extracts given below and briefly answer the questions that follow each:
- a.
    - i. Wild berries in wooden containers, crook-necked golden squash with silver warts and paintings of mountain scenery are for sale at the roadside stand.
    - ii. The articles for sale at the roadside stand are wild and therefore lack the polished look of the similar articles available in the cities. Moreover, these articles are not packaged properly and they are far expensive than those in the cities.
    - iii. Beauty resting in a mountain scene is probably a scenic painting made by the inhabitants of the roadside stand meant for selling to the rich people.
    - iv. add answer here.
  - b.
    - a. 'I' refers to William Douglas.
    - b. His aversion for water started when he was just three or four years old.
    - c. Douglas was stood with his father in the surf, on a beach in California, when waves knocked him down and swept over him. He was buried in the water and could not breathe. He was terrified at the overpowering force of water.
    - d. The word which means "foam formed by waves" is 'surf'.
8. Answer any five of the following questions in 30 -40 words each:
- a. The people of the village had come to attend the class as it was their way to give respect and bid farewell to the French teacher Mr.Hamel, who had imparted 40 years of meritorious service to them.
  - b. Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi, yet miles away from it, metaphorically, explains the most unhealthy and unhygienic conditions of that place. Delhi is the capital of India and is very beautifully developed whereas Seemapuri is a wilderness with no sewage, drainage or running water, where

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around 10,000 families of rag pickers have occupied that place illegally.

- c. The peddler declined the invitation of the ironmaster to go to his house because the thought of going to his house made him feel that he was throwing himself into a lion's den. He was scared that he would be identified by the ironmaster and would be handed to the police by him.
  - d. Aunt Jennifer is probably a victim of oppression at the hands of the man in her life. She was tortured by her husband and the massive weight of the wedding band, felt heavy on her hand. She was so terrified that her hands fluttered even when she carried something as light as wool.
  - e. When Charley told his friends of his peculiar experience at the Grand Central Station, all his friends believed that he was not mentally well. They said that he was escaping from the realities of the modern world by spending time with his old stamps.
  - f. Jo listened to the stories and wanted to have the story end according to her own imagination. Roger Skunk was happy with the smell of roses as he now would be accepted by his friends and would no more be alone and sad. Jo did not want him to smell bad again. That is why she insisted that her father should retell the story with a different ending.
  - g. Sadao had met Hana at his professor's house in America. She had also gone there to study. He had liked her but they both had fallen in love with each other after making sure that they belonged to the same background and that they were 'pure' Japanese. Sadao wondered if had he not met her, he would not have got a wife all his life. Sadao later married her with the approval of his father.
9. After the Champaran battle was won and the land given back to the peasants, Gandhiji continued to stay there as he saw the cultural and social backwardness in the Champaran villages and wanted to do something about it immediately. His loyalty was, indeed, to living human beings and he took the initiative and began the work of eradicating their cultural and social backwardness. Primary schools were opened in six villages so that the poor peasants and their children could be educated. Many of his disciples, including his wife and son, volunteered for the work. Kasturbai taught

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the people of ashram rules on personal cleanliness and community sanitation. Gandhiji got a doctor to volunteer his services for six months to improve the miserable health conditions in the area. He also noticed the filthy state of women's clothes and asked Kasturbai to talk to them about it.

**OR**

The author's work in the Gemini Studios was considered to be the cutting out of a newspaper clippings of different subjects. His literary taste was immense. He had a good knowledge of English Literature. He had described the name of a few poets such as Wordsworth, Tennyson, Keats, Shelley and Byron. He had also described Stephen Spender, an English poet, who addressed the audience at the Gemini Studios. He sent his entry to a short story contest organised by a British periodical "The Encounter" He also bought a copy of the book-"The God That Failed". This all shows his literary inclinations.

10. Derry's brief association with Mr Lamb changes him from a bitter, pessimistic and complex-ridden boy to a mature and confident person. His attitude towards life undergoes a transformation. He gets encouraged by Mr Lamb's unending enthusiasm and unceasing zeal to live life. Thus Mr Lamb's unfailing optimism helps transform Derry completely. Mr Lamb's conversation with him about everything and everybody being essentially the same, his notion of beauty being relative, his talk about pretty girls and love, his concept of the world and friendship and the incident of the timid man, all fascinate and inspire Derry. Gradually, Derry is able to shed his old self and rediscovers life. He is able to experience the joy of little things of life like raindrops falling pitter-patter on the roof. He even tells his mother, "You shouldn't believe all you hear." Thus, Derry's brief association with Mr Lamb becomes a turning point in his life.

When he meets Mr Lamb and spends some time in his company, his entire perspective is changed. Mr Lamb is a person full of life. He tells Derry not to be bothered about what people think or talk about him and embrace life fully. He advises him to keep his ears shut to what is unpleasant but not to shut himself in a room. He inspires Derry by keeping himself busy in spite of his tin leg and by being open and cheerful.

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Mr Lamb's advice proves to be a great motivator for Derry and he comes out from his shell. Thus, it proves to be a turning point in his life.

**OR**

Evans was a congenital kleptomaniac who was used to stealing things. He was known for his habit of escaping the prison which he had done thrice and was planning to escape for the fourth time. In reality, he had already plotted a plan to escape. The teacher who had been coming for the last nine months was his friend with whom he had laid a plan. Apart from that, the invigilator who had come to invigilate him was also one of his friends. He availed him clothes, food and other necessary things which were required for his final escape. In fact, he cheated the Governor in the end. As a matter of fact, his friends had come to arrest him who released him later on. The fake call from the Board of Examination and the Magistrate's court (by his friends) also show that he was a real mastermind who executed his plans efficiently with the help of his trustworthy friends. So, on the whole we can say that the statement - "I may surprise everybody" - delivered by him came true in the end when he managed to escape for the fourth time.