

Class-XII Session 2022-23
Subject - English Core (301)
Sample Question Paper - 7
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 Reading Section focuses on testing a candidate's ability to comprehend.
3. Marks to be awarded only if the response reveals structure or semblance of coherent thought rather than a transcribed chunk/exact line/s from the passage in an attempt to pass off as a response.

SECTION A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

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1. Last week, a wild elephant was radio-collared for the first time in Assam State Forest Department and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India, it is being described as a step to study and mitigate human-elephant conflict. The department plans to collar at least five elephants in high-conflict habitats in the coming months. Experts say the exercise is challenging and runs the risk of low success..
2. What does it mean? Radio collars are GPS-enabled collars and can relay information about an elephant's whereabouts. They weigh roughly 8 kg identifying a suitable candidate (generally an adult elephant), darting it with a sedative, and fitting the collar around its neck before it is revived. Additionally, the team also attaches an accelerometer to the collar to understand what exactly the elephant is doing at any given time (running, walking, eating, drinking, etc.).
3. Why is it done? The objectives are two-fold, said M.K. Yadava, Chief GPS would help us track and study the movement patterns of the herd, across regions and habitats, he said. Added Hiten Ba e will know where they are moving, which corridors they frequent if the habitat is sufficient if it needs protection, and what is driving the conflict. The second objective is incidental: The collar would serve as an early warning system to people of elephant incidents, said veterinarian and elephant expert Kushal Konwar Sarma, who is involved in the exercise.
4. The Plan in Assam: In March 2020, the Ministry of Environment of Forest and Climate Change gave approval to collaring of five elephants in the nitpur and Biswanath districts. It sets a number of periodic reports. The Challenges: Collaring is an extremely time-consuming and challenging exercise. We have to identify the matriarch of the herd we will tag identification alone takes time and involves us stalking them for days, said the elephant expert Sarma.
5. For there to go on foot. There is a risk for very skilled experts on board who do the job with utmost care. officials said, not all components for radio collaring are available in India including collars and tranquillisation drugs. These have to be imported and are another challenge. Also, elephant's grown collars may become tight, so we usually take a senior elephant so there is less chance Baishya said, They will have it on for a maximum of six months before it falls off, id Bibhuti Lakhar, a senior scientist. Last year, an elephant, which had strayed into Guwahati from Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary in 2019, was radio-collared on a trial basis. We monitored it for a month, but due to the weight of the belt and the elephant brushing against trees, the signal was feeble and ultimately the collar fell off, aiding a forest official.
6. Is it worth it? Yadava said while there were risks and the success rate was low, there has been no better mechanism than collaring to study conflict long-term.

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

1 × 10

- i. Show evidence from the passage that radio collaring of elephants is a challenging task. (1 mark)
- ii. What purpose is served by the radio collaring of elephants? (1 mark)
- iii. Which device in the collar gives information about the elephant's activities? (1 mark)
- iv. What are the twin objectives of collaring the elephants? (1 mark)
- v. What two conditions are prescribed by the concerned Ministry for collaring elephants? (1 mark)

- vi. Why is collaring a time-consuming exercise? (1 mark)
- vii. Why is it not advisable to put a collar on a young elephant? (1 mark)
- viii. Why does the collar fall off from the elephant's neck? (1 mark)
- ix. Find the word in the passage which means "to make a person or animal unconscious".(1 mark)
- x. What is the appropriate weight of an adult elephant?
 (a) 6 kg (b) 7 kg (c) 8 kg (d) 9 kg

II. Read the passage given below.

1. Reading Comprehension (RC, as it is normally called) is the most peculiar section in almost all scholastic, entrance, and employment tests. The skills in RC make a lot of difference to one's chances of good grades/selection.
2. Most students find it difficult to tackle topics that are diverse from the field they are in or with whom they are comfortable. So one needs to develop a taste for even the most obscure and boring topic on this planet. For success in RC, one should be able to understand. And even with an average speed, one can succeed if one implements the strategies.
3. Broadly speaking, RC passages can be classified into a few categories. Fact-based RC is the simplest form of RC. These types of passages have a lot of information in the form of names, numbers, etc. In this type of passage, one should read very fast
4. Don't try to memorise any facts, numbers or names, etc. In fact, there is no need to even remember them. Just make yourself familiar with the structure of the passage. Just see in which paragraph the author is talking about what. Mark it. Then when you go to the questions, identify in which paragraph information regarding that question is mentioned. Go to that paragraph, read the numbers, names, etc. and mark the answer.
5. Inference based RC is the toughest form of RC. Here the passage is fairly tough to understand. This includes passages on topics like Religion, Spirituality, Philosophy, etc. Most of the students will be comfortable attempting these passages at least in RC. The reading speed is fairly slow in this type of passage. The way to master this type of passages is to read them again and again while practising.
6. Topic based RC includes passages on any particular topic like economics, astrology, medical science, etc. Generally what makes -these passages tough is the usage of technical terms. If a topic is new to us then the presence of technical terms scares us even if they are defined in the passage. For success in this type of passage we need to have a fair understanding of the definition of the term if it is defined in the passage. Read that definition twice if you need to. But don't worry about technical terms if they are not defined in the passage. Assume them to be non-existent and proceed. Key principle in these passages is that don't go to the next line unless the previous line is clear.
7. Reading passages first and then questions is the most popular strategy for RC. While answering the question you may come back to the passage to find the answer as you have just read the passage initially and not crammed it. But you should not come back for each and every question. If you come back for the majority of questions then you haven't read the passage properly. The key to success for this strategy is that you should understand the passage very well. We will suggest students to follow this technique from the beginning and work upon this.
8. Reading questions first and then passage is the strategy followed by a few students. They just look at the questions and not options. The objective is that after seeing the questions when you read the passage then you read only that part carefully where the answer is given. The flaw with this is that you will not be able to remember all the questions. Besides this, this strategy fails when there are questions that require understanding of the passage.

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

(10 marks)

1. Most students find Reading Comprehension difficult because.....
 - (a) the language is tough
 - (b) the vocabulary is difficult
 - (c) the style is too involved
 - (d) the topics are unrelated to their interest
2. Fact based RC is the easiest because.....
 - (a) it is written in simple language
 - (b) there are no allusions
 - (c) it contains information
 - (d) it can be memorised easily

3. For answering a question on RC, one should.....
 - (a) memorise the facts, figures, etc.
 - (b) mark what the author is talking about in the para
 - (c) mark the essential details of the passage
 - (d) remember the names, numbers, etc.
4. Topic based RC is tough as.....
 - (a) it contains technical terms
 - (b) it is based on different topics
 - (c) it demands instant understanding
 - (d) one can't read them fast enough
5. Careful reading of the passage is essential for.....
 - (a) answering difficult questions
 - (b) saving time and effort
 - (c) proper understanding and answering correctly
 - (d) selective identification of relevant parts
6. What should one do to find the right answers? (1 mark)
7. Why is topic-based R C tough? (1 mark)
8. Which step is considered more essential for finding the right answers? Why? (1 mark)
9. What is the most popular strategy for solving Reading Comprehension(RC)? (1 mark)
10. Find the similar word of "Different" in the meaning from the passage. (1 mark)

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

III.

1. A You have been invited to open a book exhibition in your neighbourhood as the head of a reputable college. Write a brief (no more than 50 words) response to the invitation stating that you will not be able to attend the event. As Bhavna, you are.

OR

- 1.B You've been asked to serve as a judge for a literary contest at Mamta Modern School. Send a 50-word maximum reply indicating your acceptance. It is you, Nitin.
2. A You are Ashvi from Gada Electronics and Electricals on Gandhi Marg in Delhi, you purchased a refrigerator. It doesn't operate correctly. Send a letter to the shop's sales manager expressing your dissatisfaction with the fault and requesting that it be replaced or repaired right away, if appropriate.

OR

- 2.B You are Holy Public School's hostel warden, Priya, from Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh. To order fans, microwaves, ovens, and geysers for the hostel, send a letter to the sales manager of Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances Ltd., New Delhi. Ask for any possible discounts on the purchase as well.
3. A Write a letter of complaint about your furniture purchase and the issues you encountered upon delivery to the company's manager. You ought to explain about the products that you purchased and the furniture's damaged pieces

OR

- 3.B Send a letter on the decline in living standards in your city to the editor of the New Delhi-based magazine Expressions. Make improvements suggested and identify yourself as a PMR.
4. A Many areas of our nation still prohibit girls from attending school. As a result, a sizeable portion of the population lacks access to education. Our society has benefited greatly from programmes like the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, CBSE scholarships for single girls, and the government's goal of providing free education for girls. Write a 150–200 word piece on the country's education system for girls.

OR

- 4.B India is progressing in the technological sphere. Compared to former times, life is now simpler and more comfortable thanks to technology. People are also becoming sicker and more sluggish at the same time. Write a 150–200 word essay about the drawbacks of using technology excessively.

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

1.A

"but soon put that thought away,
and looked out at young trees sprinting,
the merry children spilling out of their homes"

(My Mother at Sixty-six)

- i. Who noticed the sprouting trees? (1 mark)
- ii. Which idea did she discard? (1 mark)
- iii. What do young people running through trees mean? (1 mark)
- iv. Identify the figure of speech used in line no. 3. (1 mark)
- v. How do you know that the happy scene didn't help her get rid of "that thought"? (1 mark)
- vi. Identify the poem and the author. (1 mark)

OR

1.B.

If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death.

(Keeping Quiet)

- i. Who are the above mentioned "we" in the above lines?.....(1 mark)
- ii. Why, for a change, does the poet want us to "do nothing"?.....(1 mark)
- iii. What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem ?.....(1 mark)
- iv. How could a nervous silence benefit us? (1 mark)
- v. Name the poet.
(a) Kamla Das (b) Pablo Neruda (c) Adrienne rich (d) John Keats
- vi. The poet requests that the audience remain silent for either
(a) 20 seconds (b) an hour (c)thirty seconds(d) twelve seconds (1 mark)

2.A

The Presidents of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads will swear on a stack of timetables that there are only two. However, I say there are three, because I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station.

(The third level)

- i. Who is 'I' in the above lines?
(a) Jack (b) Galesburg (c) Sam (d) Charley
- ii. What will the presidents of railway stations swear?
(a) There is only one level.
(b) There are only two levels.
(c) There are only three levels.
(d) There is sometimes a third level.
- iii. Why did 'I' contradict them?
(a) He feels that there are two levels.
(b) He feels that there are three levels.
(c) He has never seen the third level.
(d) None of these

iv. Pick up the word which has the similar meaning as 'a pile of objects'.

- (a) Swear (b) Stack (c) However (d) Been

2.B

What shall we do with this man? Sadao Muttered. But his trained hands seemed of their own will to be doing what they could to stanch the fearful bleeding.

(The Enemy)

i. Who was Sadao?

(1 mark)

- (a) Japanese army captain (b) Japanese surgeon
(c) American traitor (d) American spy

ii. Why was the man bleeding?

(1 mark)

- (a) Gun wound (b) Knife cut
(c) Arm decapitated (d) Ear severed

iii. What did Dr. Sadao do to stop the bleeding?

(1 mark)

- (a) Bandaged the wound (b) Packed the wound with sea moss
(c) Left it as it is (d) None of these

iv. What did Sadao and his wife decide to do later?

(1 mark)

- (a) Put him back into the sea
(b) Hand him over to the police
(c) Give him shelter at their home
(d) Admit him to the nearest hospital

3.A

An extremely talented actress, who was also extremely temperamental, once blew over on the sets. While everyone stood stunned, the lawyer quietly switched on the recording equipment. When the actress paused for breath, the lawyer said to her, "One minute, please," and played back the recording. There was nothing incriminating or unmentionably foul about the actress's tirade against the producer. But when she heard her voice again through the sound equipment, she was struck dumb.

(Poets and Pancakes)

i. Once on the sets, what happened to the actress?

(1 mark)

ii. What was spoken by the attorney in the middle of the shot?

(1 mark)

iii. Was there something special about the actress's tirade?

(1 mark)

iv. Why was the actress rendered speechless?

(1 mark)

v. Who was the Englishman?

- (a) Salman Rushdie
(b) D.H Lawrence
(c) George Orwell
(d) Stephen Spender- Editor of a British Periodical The Encounter

(1 mark)

vi. Name the chapter and the writer.

(1 mark)

OR

3.B

Since its invention a little over 130 years ago, the interview has become a commonplace of journalism. Today, almost everybody who is literate will have read an interview at some point in their lives, while from the other point of view, several thousand celebrities have been interviewed over the years, some of them repeatedly. So it is hardly surprising that opinions of the interview - of its functions, methods and merits - vary considerably. Some might make quite extravagant claims for it as being, in its highest form, a source of truth, and, in its practice, an art. Others, usually celebrities who see themselves as its victims, might despise the interview as an unwarranted intrusion into their lives, or feel that it somehow diminishes them, just as in some primitive cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic portrait of somebody then one is stealing that person's soul. V. S. Naipaul 'feels that some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves,' Lewis Carroll, the creator of Alice in Wonderland, was said to have had 'a just horror of the interviewer' and he never consented to be interviewed - It was his horror of being lionised which made him thus repel would be acquaintances, interviewers, and the persistent petitioners for his autograph and he would afterwards relate the stories of his success in silencing all such people with much satisfaction and amusement. (The Interview)

- i. What does being photographed in the first instance mean?
 (a) The soul of a person is taken.
 (b) A portion of personality disappears
 (c) The subject is commendable
 (d) all of these (1 mark)
- ii. What aspects of interviews in journalism have grown commonplace?
 (a) because to its strength, influence, and utility as a communication tool
 (b) due to its extravagance
 (c) due to its elegance
 (d) Due to its rapport (1 mark)
- iii. What beliefs does V.S. Naipaul has interviews?
 (a) the horror (b) Joyful (c) injured (d) none (1 mark)
- iv. What is depicted in Naipaul's travelogues?
 (a) His emotions
 (b) His impressions of interviews
 (c) perception of India, the nation of his forefathers
 (d) none (1 mark)
- v. Who wrote the lesson on "The Interview"?
 (a) Christopher Priest
 (b) Chris Silvester (1959)
 (c) J. B. Priestley
 (d) A. John Churchly (1 mark)
- vi. What benefits might one expect from an interview?
 (a) reveals the truth and creates a strong impression of the time period.
 (b) aids in identifying latent skills
 (c) An effective means of communication
 (d) All of the above (1 mark)
- V. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each. $5 \times 2 = 10$
 Syllabus document - "Questions should elicit inferential responses through critical thinking."
 i. Write the poem's main idea down.(Keeping Quiet)
 ii. Why does Spender refer to the map as a "poor example" and Shakespeare as "wicked"? (An Elementary School Classroom In a Slum).
 iii. What oath did the writer give to Saheb? Why did she feel so little?(lost-spring)
 iv. How was the children's disregard for the French language attributable to the parents and M.Hamel? (The Last Lesson)
 v. Even after learning the truth about the peddler, why did Edla continue to entertain him? (The Rattrap)
 vi. Why does Aunt Jennifer produce animals that are so dissimilar to her own persona?. (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)
- VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 2 = 4$
 Syllabus document - "Questions should elicit inferential responses through critical thinking."
 i. What can you deduce about Sam from his letter to Charley? (The Third Level)
 ii. What birthday gift did the monarch give his son, who turned three? What did he spend on it? (The Tiger King).
 iii. What strategy did the retired general propose to get rid of the "man"? (The Enemy)

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. 1*5=5

Syllabus document--Questions can be based on incident/theme / passage / extract/ event as reference points to assess extrapolation beyond and across the text. The question will elicit analytical and evaluative responses from students.

i. Briefly summarise this poetry in your paper. Write your answer in about 120-150 words. (The Things of beauty)

OR

ii.. Who and why did McLeery's baggage be checked? What equipment did McLeery bring? (Evans Tries an O level).

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

1 × 5 = 5

Syllabus document--Questions to assess global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the text. Questions to provide evaluative and analytical responses using incidents, events, themes as reference points.

i. Describe the voyage of the vessel "Akademik Shokalskiy" to Antarctica. (Journey to the end of earth)

OR

ii. What details about the sharecropping system in Champaran did Gandhi learn?. Examine Indigo in the light of this statement, in about 120-150 words.

Solutions

SAMPLE PAPER-6

SECTION - A

- I.
1. The radio-collaring of elephants is a challenging task because they have to be imported and soon become tight and fall down
 2. The purpose of radio-collaring is to track and study the movements of the elephant.
 3. Radio collars with GPS give information about the elephant's moments.
 4. The twin objectives of collaring the elephants are to track them at the moment and, second, the collar would serve as an early warning system to people if elephant incidents occur.
 5. The weight of the collar shouldn't be more than 8 kg and should be on the neck for a maximum of six months.
 6. Collaring is a time-consuming exercise as darting it with a sedative and fitting the collar around its neck is very difficult. Second, the identification of the matriarch of the herd is again a difficult task.
 7. It is not advisable to put a collar on a young elephant, as the young elephant will grow and become fat and the collar will become tight.
 8. The collar falls off from the elephant's neck as the weight of the belt and the elephant brush against trees.
 9. tranquilising
 10. (c) 8kg
- II.
- i. (d) the topics are unrelated to their interest.
 - ii. (c) it contains information
 - iii. (b) mark what the author is talking about in para.
 - iv. (a) it contains technical terms
 - v. (c) proper understanding and answering correctly.
 - vi. One should mark what the author is talking about in para.
 - vii. Topic-based R C is tough as it contains technical terms.
 - viii. Careful reading of the passage is essential for proper understanding and answering correctly.
 - ix. Reading passages first and then the question is the most popular strategy for solving R C.
 - x. Diverse

SECTION - B

- I. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.
- A. Reply To Invitation:
The Principal
Shivaji College
March 25th, 20xx
Subject: Inability to accept the Invitation Sir
I want to thank the Golf Lines Book Club for inviting me to open the first Golf Club Book Exhibition and for the invitation. But I regret that owing to a prior obligation, I was unable to attend the event. On the day of the inauguration, I had to go to a meeting of our college's administrative council.
Yours faithfully
Bhavna
Principal
- OR**
- B. Confirming Acceptance:
16, Mahavir Lane
Chandni Nagar,
Tamil Nadu
Mamta Modern School
Tamil Nadu
Chennai
Subject: Acceptance of invitation for judging the literary competition.
Sir
I would like to thank Mamta Modern School for asking me to serve as a judge for a literary competition there. I thus reaffirm my consent to the same and promise to appear there at the appointed time and date.
Yours sincerely
Nitin
2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.
- A. Ashvi
H.no. 1282
Kailash colony,
Delhi,
15/09/2019

Sales manager,
Gada electronics and electrical,
Gandhi Nagar,
Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Subject : Concerning about my recent purchase.

I recently purchased a refrigerator from your business on 12/09/2019, however I'm dissatisfied with it because it isn't working properly and abruptly shuts off. Just two days after purchasing this, I had not anticipated this to happen. But in any case, I hope you pay attention to this and act quickly, either by replacing it or by dispatching a representative to repair it.

Sincerely,

Ashvi

OR

B. Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Placing order for appliances

As we have discussed over the phone, I would like to place an immediate order for the supply of the respective quantity of appliances for the hostel. We require 100 Fans, 5 Microwave ovens, 10 Geysers. As you indicated over the phone, I would also like to inquire about the discounts we would receive for this large order. I will send you the demand draft as soon as you provide me the discounted price, and the remaining funds will be sent via cash on delivery.

Thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully

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

A. To Manager

Furniture House

Delhi

Subject: Complaint regarding the delivery of furniture

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm contacting you today to express my dissatisfaction with a piece of furniture that your business delivered yesterday.

My name is Jessica, and a few days ago I ordered a six-chair dining table from your website. Before coming to your internet store, I had spent many days hunting for a dining table. As soon as I saw a tempting price on this piece of furniture, I bought it right away. The top glass of this table has two cracks,

one in the centre and the other close to the corner, which I discovered when I first received it yesterday. I'm not sure if this occurred during transit or if there were cracks prior to that.

As there is a function at my house the following week, I would like you to replace the top glass with a new one as soon as possible. In addition, I want you to discipline the delivery crew for their reckless driving if it was caused by their negligence.

Yours faithfully,

Jessica

OR

B. The Editor

Expressions

PXO, New Delhi

110013

Date- 3rd March 20XX

Subject: Letter concerning the deterioration of standard living in my city.

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring the issue of the declining standard of living in my community to the notice of the relevant authority through the columns of your prestigious newspaper. People are suffering from numerous negative effects as a result of the rise in poverty and the lack of employment. Facilities for health and education have declined significantly. The essential actions must be implemented as quickly as feasible in order to raise the level of living for the populace.

I'm hoping that by using your publication, my recommendation would be taken into account and examined as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

Yours truly

Namita

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

A. Education Of The Girl

Child In The Country

The Indian government has placed a great premium on the education of girls. India has strengthened its previous educational reforms in the new millennium with more funding and stronger legislative commitments to achieving elementary education, particularly for girls. The main goal of attempts to make elementary education universal is to reach out to girls. The "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" or "Education

For All" programme acknowledges that changing society's norms and attitudes is just as important as changing the educational system in order to ensure the education of girl children.

Accordingly, a two-pronged gender strategy has been adopted to make the educational system responsive to the needs of the girls through targeted interventions that act as a pull-factor to enhance access and retention of girls in schools on the one hand and generate community demand for girls' education through training and mobilisation on the other. The CBSE has also developed an innovative plan to offer single girl children free education starting in the sixth class. The educational infrastructure needs to be substantially improved by the government in order to make it more valuable and accessible to girls.

OR

B. Disadvantages Of Too Much Technology

India has advanced quickly in terms of technology. Our lives are now more relaxed and pleasant than ever thanks to technology. However, the luxuries that technology has given us are actually doing us more damage than good. Technology has advanced in the twenty-first century to support a more convenient lifestyle and satisfy every conceivable demand. You might not even feel the need to get out of bed if your home has the correct technologies. Technology has gradually but utterly taken over our entire way of life. Our health is being adversely affected by this. We have developed a lethargic and ill-prone culture.

We have become a weak society as a result of modern technology giving us everything we want, whenever we want, and more than we actually need. Modern kids, unlike their predecessors, lack the room and freedom to move around and wind up crammed in front of their computers and video games. The child becomes antisocial due to his sedentary lifestyle, which weakens his social skills. Less movement also increases the risk of obesity. We are more susceptible to illnesses as a result of a sedentary lifestyle and poor eating practises. Although technology has made a significant contribution to human growth, it also has a negative impact on our health.

SECTION - C

1.A

- i. Kamala Das, a poet, saw the young trees.
- ii. She pushed the idea of her mother's deteriorating health and the possibility that this would be their final encounter from her mind.

- iii. In contrast to her emotions about her elderly mother, the youthful sprinting trees represent the vitality of youth and the continuation of life.
- iv. Personification
- v. She was bothered by the same gloomy thoughts about her mother even at the airport, but she covered them up with a fake grin.
- vi. By Kamala Das, "My Mother at Sixty-six"

1.B

- i. In this verse, "we" refers to the selfish, self-centred people who inhabit this world.
- ii. For once, doing nothing gives us plenty of time to reflect on and evaluate our actions.
- iii. People experience "sadness" when they don't reflect on or attempt to comprehend themselves.
- iv. Huge silence is beneficial for self-analysis. We are able to reflect on ourselves in this way.
- v. (b)
- vi. (d)

2.A

- i. (d)
- ii. (b)
- iii. (b)
- iv. (b)

OR

2.B

- i. (b)
- ii. (a)
- iii. (b)
- iv. (c)

3.A

- i. The actress with the extraordinarily volatile temper calmed down once she arrived on stage.
- ii. The attorney asked the actress to wait for one minute and then started playing back the recording in the middle of the scene.
- iii. No, nothing about the actress's outburst was noteworthy or special.
- iv. The actress was rendered speechless when she heard her own voice coming from the sound system once more.
- v. (d)
- vi. "Poets and Pancakes" by "Asokamitran" is the title of the chapter.

OR

3.B

- i. (a)
- ii. (a)
- iii. (c)
- iv. (c)

- v. (b)
- vi. (d)

V.

- i. The poet discusses the importance of calm introspection in this poem. He requests that we remain motionless and silent for twelve seconds. He begs the fishermen to avoid hurting the whales. Additionally, he requests that the man collecting salt pause his work for a short while because he has injured his hands. War, according to the poet, is pointless.
- ii. Shakespeare is referred to as "wicked" by Spender because the youngsters of the slums find it boring and have no use for it. They have no use for the globe map that the powerful and wealthy have drawn and traded. They don't take part in it.
- iii. Saheb used to go everywhere. He was advised by the author to enrol in school. But he said that the neighbourhood lacked a school. The author then announced that she will begin school. However, she had only half-jokingly made this commitment and had no intention of keeping it. Saheb asked her if her school was prepared after a few days when he came to visit. She was bound to feel small. She had no desire to create a school. According to her, promises similar to hers are regularly made but rarely followed.
- iv. The children's disregard for the French language was partly due to them, but it was also partly due to their parents and M. Hamel. To earn some additional cash, the parents would assign their kids to work on farms or in mills. Rather than instructing them, M. Hamel frequently asked them to water his plants. And he would give them a day off when he wanted to go fishing.
- v. The peddler was ordered by the ironmaster to leave his home right away. However, Edla was against the peddler leaving. When she imagined how she would amuse the visitor on Christmas Eve that morning, she got a very happy feeling. She was unable to completely shake the thought, which is why she stepped in to protect the wanderer.
- vi. Aunt Jennifer is an elderly, weak woman. However, the tigers she is embroidering on the panel seem courageous and gallant. The idea put forth here is that women bear males, yet those same men tyrannise women as they mature.

VI. ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 2 = 4$

- i. Sam has found and reached the third level, as evidenced by his letter to Charley. He has been residing in Galesburg for the past two weeks, where

he has been observing various events and explaining to Charley. Charley and his wife Louisa are both invited, and he encourages them to carry on looking for the third level. We might therefore conclude that Sam, like Charley, was a victim of external concerns and sought comfort.

- ii. On his son's third birthday, the monarch brought a wooden tiger. The shopkeeper stated that it would cost 300 rupees. However, the monarch refused to give him any money and instead took the tiger with him, declaring that it would be the shopkeeper's gift to the crown prince.
- iii. The white man should ideally be executed subtly, in his opinion, preferably by someone other than the doctor. He made the offer to visit his house any night with two of his personal killers. These skilled killers would remain silent. They were adept at the inward bleeding trick. Even the body might be taken away. Dr. Sadao became restless since he had to leave the room's outer partition open.

VII. ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i. According to the poet, it is a work of beauty that brings happiness eternally. The poet then goes on to list a few sources of beauty. According to him, the moon, the sun, lovely flowers, new trees, and plain sheep are all wonderful things. According to the poet, without any form of beauty, existence would be impossible because there is so much suffering in the world. We are connected to the earth by some sort of beautiful object. The poet continues by describing the powerfully deceased on this planet. These people gave their lives in order to save humanity. On the day of judgement, according to the poet, they shall receive their just reward. The poet likens beautiful things to a spring that dispenses immortal drink from the edge of heaven.
- ii. Jackson unzipped McCleery's suitcase. The guards at the prison had no doubts about McLeery, but they believed that he might have brought something on purpose that Evans might use to take him hostage. Jackson took each package in turn, gently ran his hands over the surfaces, and then appeared content. But he was most perplexed by one of the items. It was an inflatable ring with a circumference of roughly twelve inches. McCleery then explained that he had haemorrhoids and required them if he had to sit for an extended period of time.

A sealed envelope containing the question papers, a yellow invigilation form, an authenticity card exclusive to the Examination Board, a paper knife, a Bible, and a copy of "The Church Times" was also included. From there, Jackson took the paper-knife.

VIII. ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

i. 52 persons make up the first troop on the expedition, which is led by adventurer and knowledgeable Canadian Geoff Green. He began the "Students on Ice" project to educate teenagers about the current necessity for Antarctica's escapement. A Russian ship named Akademik Shokalskiy was sailing for Antarctica, the world's coldest, driest, and windiest continent. There were nine time zones, six checkpoints, three bodies of water, and at least as many ecospheres to pass on the journey, which started in Madras, 13.09 degrees north of the equator. They travelled for more than 100 hours in a mixture of a car, an aeroplane, and a ship before arriving at Antarctica's enormous white landscape and unbroken blue horizon, where immensity and isolation made them wondrous and tenacious.

ii. The primary product grown in Champaran for commerce was indigo. All of the tenants were required by the British landowners to plant 15% of their land in indigo and turn over the whole indigo yield as rent. A long-term contract was used to accomplish this. The landowners then learned that Germany had created synthetic indigo. Currently, it is not at all profitable to produce natural indigo. The British landlords were very crafty in getting the sharecroppers' consent to pay them compensation in exchange for being released from the 15% commitment. While the other sharecroppers hired attorneys, many of them signed it voluntarily. The landowners used thugs. The illiterate villagers in the meantime learned about synthetic indigo. The person who had paid the compensation demanded a refund.