

CBSE Class 09 English Language and Literature
Sample Paper 01 (2020-21)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

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

Section A

1. Read the passages given below and answer any 10 questions that follow them:

As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments there is a moment of a lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions.

By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.

Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision meal and venue already made with no arguments opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.

We empower our kids to make their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

It's a closely connected world out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well-meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.

What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is listen to it. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the 'quality time' would do the trick.

- i. Why does chaos happen when deciding where to go for dinner?
 - a. The Head of the family has no say in the decision
 - b. Everyone starts making a decision
 - c. People's temper rise when not given a chance to speak
 - d. People start grumbling
- ii. Why was it easy to make decisions in families, twenty years ago?
 - a. Everyone respected the decision taken by the head
 - b. If people didn't like anything, they stayed back home
 - c. People liked grumbling and rising tempers
 - d. Women were not supposed to take part in decision making
- iii. Who took important decisions twenty years ago?
 - a. All members of the family
 - b. Children
 - c. Women of the house
 - d. Head of the family
- iv. What is the advantage of involving everyone in decision making?
 - a. Better Decisions
 - b. Quicker outcomes
 - c. Develops bonding
 - d. Empowers children
- v. In today's world, why parents involve their kids in decision making?
 - a. So they feel empowered
 - b. So they learn to speak up
 - c. So they learn not to go with the flow
 - d. So they become dependent on their parents
- vi. What advice does the writer give to the parents?
 - a. Don't involve everyone in decision making
 - b. Make time for children and listen to them

- c. Respect the head of the family and his decisions
 - d. Speak up and make decisions yourselves
- vii. What all does a parent need to listen too?
- a. His child's stories
 - b. His child's jokes
 - c. His child's poems
 - d. His child's cries
- viii. What would the half-hour quality time do?
- a. Make children self-dependent
 - b. Make good parents
 - c. Improve the bonding of family members
 - d. Children would feel alone
- ix. The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____.
- a. Injured
 - b. Tempers
 - c. Grumble
 - d. Restore
- x. The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is:
- a. science
 - b. gastric
 - c. gourmet
 - d. cuisine
- xi. The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____.
- a. Preaching
 - b. Conflicting
 - c. Reason
 - d. Flow
- xii. The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is:
- a. difficult
 - b. complicated
 - c. easy
 - d. tricky

2. Read the passages given below and answer any 10 questions that follow them:

In the 16th century, when Golconda was the capital of the Qutb Shahi Kingdom, it is believed that a shepherd boy came across an idol on the hill. It was then that the Kakatiya dynasty's ruler built this fort. The fort is 120 m high. After it was captured by Aurangzeb, the Mughal emperor, the fort fell into ruins. The beautiful ruins of the fort have a story to tell. They make you wonder how the fort may have looked in its days of glory and grandeur. The fort also hosts a sound and light show every day, and the history of this fort is narrated in such an interesting manner that even a child can understand and enjoy it.

The next place to visit is the Charminar. The literal meaning of this monument is 'four minaret' is a mosque on the second floor. It is said that when the state was engulfed by the plague, Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, the fifth ruler of the Qutb Shahi dynasty, prayed to end the plague and promised to build a mosque in the very place where he was praying. Thus, Charminar came into being. The walk from the bottom to the top of the monument is a little spooky, owing to the narrowness of the pathway and the steepness of the steps. Make sure you visit the nearby Laad Bazaar, where there are rows of shops selling the famous Hyderabad glass bangles and lac bangles.

The Salar Jung Museum is the third largest museum in the country and boasts of owning the biggest one-man collection of antiques in the world. A visit to the Salar Jung Museum is a must, even if you are not a fan of antique stuff. You can view the Nizam's collection of textiles, arms, metalware, ivory carvings, Indian bronzes and carpets. The main attraction is definitely the Musical Clock, made by Cook and Kelvy of England. Inside the clock is a timekeeper. Every hour, he comes out and beats a gong as many times as the time indicates. Another attraction at the museum is the Veiled Rebecca, an amazing sculpture made by the Italian sculptor, Giovanni Maria Benzoni.

- i. Golconda was the capital of the Qutab Shahi kingdom in the
 - a. 15th century
 - b. 16th century
 - c. 17th century
 - d. 14th century
- ii. The main attraction in the Salar Jung Museum is
 - a. metalware
 - b. collection of carpets
 - c. musical clock

- d. ivory carvings Answer:
- iii. _____ ruler decided to build a fort on the hill.
- a. Kakatiya
 - b. Aurangzeb
 - c. Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah
 - d. Maria Benzoni
- iv. The Mughul ruler _____ attacked and captured the fort which led to its ruin.
- a. Akbar
 - b. Aurangzeb
 - c. Babur
 - d. Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah
- v. Laad Bazaar is in _____.
- a. Golconda
 - b. Salar Jung Museum
 - c. Charminar
 - d. Lal Qila
- vi. Height of Golconda fort is:
- a. 140 m
 - b. 120 m
 - c. 150 m
 - d. 160 m
- vii. The _____ is the third largest museum in the country.
- a. Salar Jung Museum
 - b. Golconda
 - c. Charminar
 - d. Lal Qila
- viii. The main attraction is definitely the Musical Clock, made by _____.
- a. Kakatiya dynasty's ruler
 - b. Qutb Shahi dynasty
 - c. Kelvy of England
 - d. Nizam
- ix. Antonyms of word ruins is:
- a. destroy

- b. spoil
- c. wreck
- d. rebuild

x. Synonyms of word glory is:

- a. fame
- b. grandeur
- c. opulence
- d. shame

xi. Antonyms of word attraction is:

- a. repulsion
- b. charm
- c. glamour
- d. allure

xii. The literal meaning of Charminar:

- a. Char Minaret
- b. Charminar
- c. Four minaret
- d. Four minar

3. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:**

I was born into a middle-class Tamil family in the island town of Rameswaram in the erstwhile Madras State. My father, Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor much wealth; despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and true generosity of spirit. He had an ideal helpmate in my mother, Ashiamma. I do not recall the exact number of people she fed every day, but I am quite certain that far more outsiders ate with us than all the members of our own family put together.

i. Where was APJ Abdul Kalam born?

- a. Pune
- b. Rameswaram
- c. Kasauli
- d. Mysore

ii. Who possessed great innate wisdom and true generosity of spirit?

- a. Abdul Kalam's father
- b. Abdul kalam's mother

- c. Abdul kalam's brother
 - d. Abdul kalam's friend
- iii. Who does 'I' refer to in the given extract?
- a. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
 - b. Jainulabdeen Kalan
 - c. Ashiamma kalam
 - d. Rahim kalam
- iv. What was the name of Kalam's mother?
- a. Rahima
 - b. Ashiamma
 - c. Sivasubramania
 - d. Dinamani
- v. Abdul kalam's father's name was _____.
- a. Jallaluddin
 - b. Jainulabdeen
 - c. Jallal
 - d. Janabuddinn

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

This was hardly what I intended. What I had meant, of course, was, that I should boss the job and that Harris and George should potter about under my directions, I pushed them aside every now and then with, "Oh, you!" Here, let me do it. "There you are, simple enough!" really teaching them, as you might say. They're taking it in the way they did irritate me. There is nothing that does irritate me more than seeing other people sitting about doing nothing when I'll working.

- i. What had the author not intended?
- a. To work while his friends take rest
 - b. To hurt other people's feelings
 - c. To take loan from the bank
 - d. To go out for an excursion
- ii. "Here, let me do it" What does it refer to?
- a. Cooking

- b. Packing
 - c. Swimming
 - d. Painting
- iii. What had he intended?
- a. To supervise the job of packing
 - b. To travel abroad
 - c. To learn swimming
 - d. To study further
- iv. What irritates the author more than anything else?
- a. Criticizing one's elders
 - b. People sitting idle when he was working
 - c. Gossiping about others
 - d. Playing inside the house
- v. Name the chapter from which the given extract has been taken.
- a. A truly beautiful mind
 - b. If I were you
 - c. Reach for the top
 - d. Packing
4. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:**

Once, when the good Saint Peter
Lived in the world below,
And walked about it, preaching,
Just as he did, you know,

- i. Who was Peter?
- a. A saint
 - b. A physician
 - c. A teacher
 - d. A beggar
- ii. What did he do?
- a. Stealing
 - b. Preaching
 - c. Cooking
 - d. Driving

- iii. Where did Saint Peter live?
- a. Under the Earth
 - b. In Heaven
 - c. In the woods
 - d. In the skies
- iv. Find the word from the stanza similar in meaning to Virtuous.
- a. Below
 - b. Preaching
 - c. Good
 - d. Walked
- v. Name the poet of the given stanza.
- a. Phoebe Cary
 - b. Robert Frost
 - c. Stephen Spender
 - d. William Shakespeare

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

Along the sand,
he lay until observed
and chased away, and now
he vanishes in the ripples
among the green slim reeds.

- i. Who does he refer to in this stanza?
- a. A snake
 - b. A tortoise
 - c. A crocodile
 - d. A monkey
- ii. Where was he lying?
- a. On a mat
 - b. On the sand
 - c. On the waves
 - d. On a bench

- iii. Who chased him?
 - a. A man
 - b. A monkey
 - c. A Crocodile
 - d. A lion
- iv. Where does he vanish?
 - a. In the ripples among the reeds
 - b. Into the well
 - c. Behind a giant rock
 - d. Inside a burrow
- v. Name the poet of the given stanza.
 - a. Robert Frost
 - b. Stephen Spender
 - c. W.W.E Ross
 - d. William Wordsworth

5. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options :**
Swami Vivekananda once speaking in America told (i) _____ a young man who came to a religious conference and said that he wanted to find God. the sage smiled and said (ii) _____. The young man, turned time after time, ever repeating (iii) _____ desire, his longing to find God. After some days, the sage told him to accompany him as he went to the river to take his morning bath.

- i. (a) off (b) on (c) about (d) in
- ii. (a) nothing (b) anything (c) more (d) much
- iii. (a) his (b) her (c) their (d) our

6. **Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: (3 marks)**

Rohan: When is the fancy dress competition at your school?

Seema: It is after two weeks.

Rohan: Are you taking part in it?

Seema: Yes, I am taking part as a caterpillar.

Rohan: Why have you chosen that?

Seema: So that I can reach late.

Rohan asked Seema (a)..... Seema replied (b)..... Rohan enquired (c).....

Seema said that she was taking part as a caterpillar. Rohan asked why she had chosen that. Seema answered so that she could reach late.

7. **Choose the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.**

- i. During the summer months, the monastery _____ very busy, for it is visited by thousands of people who _____ the pass in cars.
 - a. has been, cross
 - b. is, cross
 - c. is, crossed
 - d. was, crossed
- ii. My mother ____ her optician tomorrow because her eyesight ____ worse since she got this computing job.
 - a. is visiting / has become
 - b. visits / becomes
 - c. has visited / is becoming
 - d. has visited / is becoming
- iii. Collecting match-boxes _____ one of his favourite pastimes.
 - a. has
 - b. is
 - c. have
 - d. are
- iv. I'm afraid that I _____ play tennis tomorrow. I've got a dentist's appointment.
 - a. would not be able to
 - b. couldn't
 - c. can't
 - d. wouldn't
- v. If you don't start working harder, you _____ repeat the course next year.
 - a. will have to
 - b. must
 - c. should
 - d. have to
- vi. Although _____ species of fox are reddish in color, _____ Arctic fox is often pure white.
 - a. any/the

- b. none of these
- c. most/the
- d. a great amount of/an

Section B

8. A few days ago you went to Chandigarh with your family members and visited Rose Garden. You were so enchanted with the beautiful roses of different species that you decided to write it as a diary entry. Write a diary entry.

OR

Write a paragraph on Cleaning and Rejuvenating the Ganga.

9. Mahesh wrote only a few lines and couldn't complete the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the beginning Mahesh made, develop the story.
A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip.....

OR

Sneha wanted to write a story but could not go beyond a line or two. Taking help from, the information given below along with the lines Sneha wrote a complete story.

Mr. Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table when...

10. **Answer ANY TWO questions from (a) to (c) and ANY TWO questions from (d) to (f) in 20-30 words each:**
- a. Describe the characteristics of the old school? How did it influence Margie?
 - b. Why did Einstein's mother not want him to marry Mileva?
 - c. What message does the poet want to convey? Write your answer in the context of the poem 'No Men are Foreign'.
 - d. Why was the bricklayer found not guilty? Write your answer in the context of In the Kingdom of Fools.
 - e. What is surreal? Why did the author feel that everything was surreal? Write your answer in the context of A House is Not a Home.
 - f. What kind of work was given to Lushkoff initially? Why did he agree to do it?
11. **Answer ANY TWO questions from (a) to (c) and ANY TWO questions from (d) to (f) in 40-50 words each:**

- a. What does the wind do with the books on the shelf? Write your answer in the context of the poem, 'Wind'.
 - b. What would Kezia do while her father slept on Sundays? What happened when he woke up?
 - c. What arrangements were made to make Baba comfortable when he was brought back to the author's house?
 - d. How did Grandfather try to keep the presence of his traveling-mate a secret? Write your answer in the context of The Adventures of Toto.
 - e. Why should orphans and widows not be sent to separate institutions?
 - f. What efforts did Sue make to keep Johnsy cheerful?
12. Santosh decided to fight the system in her own quiet way, says the author. How did Santosh rebel but quietly?

OR

What would happen if the tree is hacked and chopped? Write your answer in the context of Poem On Killing a Tree.

13. How did the little swallow carry out the wishes of the Happy Prince?

OR

Describe the condition of the child after he had lost his parents at the fair.

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Solution
Section A

1.
 - i. (b) Everyone starts making a decision.
 - ii. (a) Everyone respected the decision taken by the head.
 - iii. (d) Head of the family.
 - iv. (c) Develops Bonding
 - v. (a) So they feel empowered.
 - vi. (a) Make time for children and listen to them
 - vii. (a) His child's stories
 - viii. (c) Improve the bonding of family members
 - ix. (a) Injured
 - x. (d) Cuisine
 - xi. (b) Conflicting
 - xii. (b) Complicated
2.
 - i. (b) 16th century
 - ii. (c) musical clock
 - iii. (a) Kakatiya
 - iv. (a) Aurangzeb
 - v. (c) Charminar
 - vi. (b) 120 m
 - vii. (a) Salar Jung Museum
 - viii. (c) Kelvy of England
 - ix. (d) rebuild
 - x. (d) shame
 - xi. (a) repulsion
 - xii. (c) Four minaret
3.
 - i. (b) Rameswaram
 - ii. (a) Abdul kalam's father
 - iii. (a) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
 - iv. (b) Ashiamma

v. (c) Jainulabdeen

OR

- i. (a) To work while his friends take rest
 - ii. (b) Packing
 - iii. (a) To supervise the job of packing
 - iv. (b) People sitting idle when he was working
 - v. (d) Packing
- 4.
- i. (a) A saint
 - ii. (b) Preaching
 - iii. (a) Under the Earth
 - iv. (c) Good
 - v. (a) Phoebe Cary

OR

- i. (a) A snake
 - ii. (b) On the sand
 - iii. (a) A man
 - iv. (a) In the ripples among the reeds
 - v. (c) W.W.E Ross
- 5.
- i. (c) about
 - ii. (a) nothing
 - iii. (a) his
- 6.
- a. when the fancy dress competition in her school was?
 - b. that it was after two weeks.
 - c. whether she was taking part in that
7. **Choose the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.**
- i. (b) is, cross
Explanation: is, cross
 - ii. (a) is visiting / has become
Explanation: is visiting / has become
 - iii. (b) is
Explanation: is

iv. (c) can't

Explanation: can't

v. (a) will have to

Explanation: will have to

vi. (c) most/the

Explanation: most/the

Section B

8. Preet Vihar

10th November, 20XX

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Dear Diary,

I want to share one of the best journeys I ever had! I along with my family went to Rose garden .omg it was so exciting. we enjoyed very much. I feel enthralled to put my experience of seeing Rose Garden in Chandigarh as records. On 8th November, 20XX, my father decided to have a visit to the Rose Garden in Chandigarh. In the evening of the same day, we reached Chandigarh by train. On 9th we went to visit Rose Garden. Really, the beautiful scene of the Rose Garden put an indelible impression on my mind. Earlier I had never seen so many roses of about 1500 varieties. It was indeed a wonderful experience in my life. I desire to visit the place again. I enjoyed so much and this day will be remarkable for me.

Prachi.

OR

Cleaning and Rejuvenating the Ganga

India is a land of rivers. India would be a desert without these rivers. India has both perennial as well as seasonal rivers. Indian rivers are the lifeline for all life forms in the country. They not only are the backbone of Indian agriculture, but also the mainstay of the Indian economy. They supply uninterrupted power to millions of large scale and small scale industries. They run the nation. The Ganga is not merely a river for all the Indians and more particularly to the Hindus, but it is the lifeline of India and the physical and spiritual nourisher of crores of its people. It is a symbol of India's great heritage, ancient traditions, cultures, songs, and stories. We can't think of India without the Ganga and the Himalayas. Unfortunately, the sacred Ganga has become one of the most polluted

rivers of the world in recent years. Fortunately, the Modi government has shown its commitment to clean and rejuvenate the Ganga. Uma Bharti heads a specially created ministry for cleaning the holy river. Cleaning the Ganga will be an unprecedented national social effort. What makes the Ganga a heavily polluted river? Various factors and causes contribute to make the river what it is. The worst criminals are more than one thousand industries that discharge their toxic wastes into the river. The government will have to take strict measures to treat solid and liquid discharges making them totally pollution free. The sewerage infrastructure will have to be extended and updated. The people residing on the banks will be involved and enlightened. Burning and throwing of dead bodies into the river must be stopped. Open defecation on the banks will have to be stopped.

The government has spent over Rs 7,000 crore in two years to cleanse the Ganga which still remains a "serious environmental issue", the National Green Tribunal said today as it issued a slew of directives including banning all construction activity within 100 metres of the river edge.

Development of ghats at Kedarnath, Haridwar, Varanasi, Kanpur, Allahabad, and Patna is an important feature of the plan. Provisions for public amenities for pilgrims and tourists will be made. Inland waterways river navigation will be another priority.

9.

Honesty Pays in the Long Run

A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip over the axe. It slipped away from his hands and fell down into the river. The poor man couldn't even swim. He thought that his axe was lost forever. He was very sad at his misfortune and started sobbing and weeping. Suddenly there was a flash of light. The God of the Forests appeared before him. The woodcutter explained what had happened. He consoled him. "Don't you worry. I'll get back your axe for you", said the God of Forests, Having said these words, he dived into the river. After a few moments, he came out with an axe. It was made of gold. Is this yours? he asked. The woodcutter only said **No**. A few seconds later he came out of the river with another axe. It was made of silver. No, no, sir, this is not mine, said the woodcutter. He dived again and came out with the third axe. The woodcutter cried loudly looking at the axe **Yes**, yes, it's mine-the woodcutter's axe with an iron blade. The God of Forests was impressed with the woodcutter's honesty. "Keep all these axes as a present

from me. " The God uttered these words and disappeared. In the end, woodcutter has all three axes because of this honest act. The woodcutter felt glad that he found his axe and a reward too. He finished his work and went home. He then told his wife and children the whole story what happened. If he would have lied to the God of the forest then he would have taken all the axes from him. but because of his honesty, he got all the axes. otherwise, he would have only one of the axes or have nothing. that is why it is said that honesty pays in the long run.

OR

The Return Gift

Mr. Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table. It was his birthday. He heard the footsteps of a man behind the curtains. He knew there was a thief there. **Come on! Thank you for coming to my house on my birthday. I'm alone, give me your company.** The thief was starving. He had good food and drinks. Mr. Aggarwal gave him a big purse. It had silver coins. Years rolled by. His fortunes changed. Mr. Aggarwal was a very poor man now. His business was ruined. Today was his 50th birthday. But he had become a pauper now. He was alone reflecting over his good old days. It was at 9 pm. The bell rang. "Who can be at such a time to visit a poor man?" thought Aggarwal. He saw a man in a new suit with a lovely bouquet of red roses. He had many packets of gifts, fruits, sweets, and a few bottles. He tried to recognize the man. "I'm your old thief," replied the man. With the money, you gave me I did some business. I earned a lot of money within these years. Now I am a rich businessman. **Let's celebrate your birthday,** he said. **It is for you, a little return-gift.** He gave a bag to Mr. Aggarwal. Mr. Aggarwal opened the bag. It was full of new currency notes. Mr. Aggarwal was surprised and refused the gift at first. Then the thief convinced him to take it as a token of gratitude since he is the reason behind him turning into a rich businessman from a thief. Mr. Aggarwal accepted the gift and started his own business and lead his life ever like before. Aggarwal accepted the request but on one condition he said he would use this money to start his business and share 50% share of his profit to the thief.

10. **Answer ANY TWO questions from (a) to (c) and ANY TWO questions from (d) to (f) in 20-30 words each:**

- a. The old school that existed hundreds of years ago had several characteristics - it had a human teacher instead of a mechanical teacher. The teacher gave them

homework and asked them questions. Children used to assemble in a common building. Students of same age group sat together and studied the same things. In the old school children studied and played together. It was quite opposite to the school talked about in the chapter.

- b. There were two reasons why Einstein's mother did not want him to marry Mileva. Firstly, she was three years older than Einstein; so she found her too old for her son. Secondly, she was too much intelligent – 'a book' just like him, in his mother's opinion. So, she asked Einstein to put off the wedding.
- c. The poet wants to say that there should be no discrimination between men on the basis of their appearance, religion or region. This is a peace poem and gives a strong message to stop all wars and look upon humanity as a unified entity.
- d. The old bricklayer was able to defend himself. He claimed that he got distracted by the jingling anklets of the dancing girl who went up and down the street many times while he was building the wall. So he could not build a strong wall. Hence he was found not guilty.
- e. Surreal means something strange or unreal. The author felt that everything was surreal because too many unfortunate things had happened to him—he had moved to a new school, his house had burnt down, his beloved cat was lost, they were left with no money and no home. His secure zone had been ripped away and the changes were too much and too many for him to handle.
- f. Lushkoff was given the work of chopping wood. Lushkoff agreed to do this work, not because he was hungry and needed work. He agreed to do it because of pride and shame and because he had been trapped by his own words.

11. Answer ANY TWO questions from (a) to (c) and ANY TWO questions from (d) to (f) in 40-50 words each:

- a. The poet is talking to the wind. He entreats the wind not to throw down the books on the shelf. But the wind is very powerful. It throws down the books from the book-shelf and scatters them about the room. It even tears the pages of the books. The potent (powerful) wind scatters the books and sheets of paper on the floor. It disturbs everything. The poet is unhappy at the destruction and chaos caused by the wind.
- b. On Sundays, Kezia's grandmother would send her to the drawing room to spend some time with her parents. Kezia would find her father fast asleep on the sofa. She would sit on a stool and gravely watch her father until he woke up and stretched to ask the

time. Then, he would look at her and tell her not to stare at him as it made her look like a 'Little Brown Owl'.

- c. Some coolies were engaged to make an island for Baba in the author's compound so that he could live independently and in freedom there. It was twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide. It was surrounded by a moat, six feet wide and seven feet deep. A wooden box was provided in which Baba could sleep at night. Straw was placed inside to keep him warm. All these arrangements were made to ensure that Baba was comfortable at home.
 - d. Toto was Grandfather's travelling-mate to Saharanpur. Grandfather put him into a big canvas kit-bag and put some straw at the bottom to keep his presence a secret. The canvas was too thick for Toto to bite through it and the bag was so tightly closed that it did not allow any outlet to him. In this way, Grandfather kept the presence of his travelling-mate a secret.
 - e. The group formed by Prashant was of the opinion that widows and orphans should not be rehabilitated separately. They resisted against the plan of government and showed their human side. They stressed their inclusion. They argued that in that condition children would grow without love and widows would suffer from stigma and loneliness. They stressed that if they will in such institution their wound of losses and loneliness will never heal.
 - f. Sue made all possible efforts to divert Johnsy's attention and make her happy. She tried to create her interest in various things. She talked about clothes, fashion and painting and kept whistling while working on the drawing board.
12. Santosh was a very rational, progressive, and sensible girl, who wished to shape her life herself. Though it was not easy for a girl to fight the rigid system of those times. She waited patiently for the right moment to take up the issues with the orthodox, irrational and hackneyed traditions that obstructed her aspirations and her goals. Santosh left home for Delhi because her parents had begun to pressurise her to get married in keeping with the tradition. She told them politely that she would earn money for her fees by working part-time. She quietly made it clear that she was determined to overcome all obstacles. Santosh saved money and enrolled herself in a course at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. She had thought of talking to her family about this during her holidays. Santosh got an opportunity to scale Mt. Everest in 1992, just four years after she had joined the Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

OR

A tree is a poetry in nature as described by the poet in the poem "On Killing A Tree". The poem shows that even if the tree is hacked and chopped and left as such and the root of the tree is neither dug nor injured, the root will continue to provide nourishment to the stump of the tree. This nourishment will ensure that the stump heals and slowly it will get covered with tender twigs appearing on of its surface. If these twigs are not pruned or hacked or chopped, they will keep on growing and eventually, the tree will grow to its original size. The wounded bark of the tree will get healed and the tree will be as big as it was earlier. The threat to its life will be overcome and hacking or chopping will fail to kill the tree. The root that is ensconced in the earth will rescue and resuscitate the tree and help it to regain its lost glory.

13. The little swallow was dedicated and obedient towards the Happy Prince. He decided to stay back and help the Prince because he noticed the miseries around him. He was fully determined to fulfil the wishes of the Happy Prince. He acted as his messenger. He helped the poor seamstress with ruby, the playwright with a sapphire and a matchgirl with another sapphire. He also helped the poor with the gold leaves which he had plucked from the statue. He was so obedient that he gave up his wish to go back to Egypt even after the Prince's death. He played his role so actively that it appeared as if he were made for others only. He became an eye to the Prince when he became blind after giving away the sapphires. He sacrificed his own life for the sake of helping the poor and the needy.

OR

The child went to the fair along with his parents. He was very happy. He was attracted by the colourful and beautiful things. He saw balloons, flower garlands and sweets. He saw a juggler showing tricks. He also saw a roundabout. But he was sad because his parents rejected all his demands. He could not enjoy the juggler's tricks. Suddenly, he found his parents were missing. He started crying for his parents. A kind man tried to console him. But the child lost interest in everything. He wanted to join his parents again. He cried, "I want my mother. I want my father!". The man started walking back on the same route which the child had taken. So he took the child to the snake charmer. He asked him to listen to the nice music being played by the snake - charmer. The child shut his ears with his fingers and screamed loudly that he wanted his parents.