

**CBSE Class 10 English**  
**Sample Paper 04**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**General Instructions:**

- i. This paper is divided into two sections: 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 passage given below.**

Do you have a hobby? Is there anything that you are passionate about? Something creative that you really like doing, or are deeply involved with? Something that grips you, makes you forget all else — even makes you forget to eat or sleep? No, I am not talking about your job or your daily chores.

By developing a parallel line, other than that of your job, and following it like crazy, you energise your life. It will keep you going even when all other activities have stopped. It did not make much sense to me until I ran into a retired officer turned passionate writer. Let's call him Mr. X. What was amazing was his appearance. He looked 10 years younger than his self-proclaimed 75 - dark grey hair, tall and robust. Well-preserved, as some would say. "I don't want to take much of your time, but just wanted to show you my work," he said. In his bag, he was carrying dozens of books that he had written after retirement. Short stories and novels in his mother tongue and in English, for children and adults.

Mr. X retired after putting in 30 years of service. But he did not retire from life. No way. "In fact, I lead a much busier life now - writing." "So writing is your hobby?" I asked him. "No, it is my only interest. While I was working, I did not have enough time to write. But now I work 10 - 12 hours a day writing, writing, writing."

"Why? Is that the way you support yourself?" "No, my writings don't pay me financially,

but they fulfil me otherwise,” he said. Mr. X lives on his savings, but he relies on his passion to take care of his mental and physical wellbeing. In fact, such is the energy and sense of satisfaction and contentment that he draws from his writing that he has managed to survive many upheavals in life. Thanks to his passion, retirement never became a sad phase of life for him; instead, it gave him a new lease of life, an opportunity to do that which he missed out on or had no time for earlier.

And his level of commitment was impressive. He does not want publicity nor is he interested in advertising himself. “It will take me away from my writing and pull me into the world of the Internet. I would rather follow my passion,” he says. Gathering his books, he was soon ready to leave - eager to go back to his passion. He left me with the motivation to seek one, too. Thank you, Mr. X.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.**

- i. According to the passage, what is a hobby?
  - a. Something you are passionate about
  - b. Something that energises your life
  - c. Something you are deeply involved in
  - d. All of these
- ii. According to the writer, what made Mr. X look 10 years younger?
  - a. He relies on his savings for his expenses
  - b. Writing supports him financially
  - c. His passion takes care of his mental and physical well being
  - d. He is a retired officer
- iii. What did Mr. X do after retirement?
  - a. Advertise his books
  - b. Followed his passion for writing
  - c. Continued working even after retirement
  - d. Met new people and motivate them
- iv. How were the retirement years of Mr. X?
  - a. Writing gave him a new lease of a happy life
  - b. Full of tragedies and upheavals
  - c. He wrote books and sold them

- d. It became a sad phase of life
- v. Why was Mr. X not interested in seeking publicity?
  - a. He would be motivated
  - b. He would be pulled to the world of Internet
  - c. He is interested in advertising his writings
  - d. He already earns enough for survival
- vi. Mr. X lives on his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. savings
  - b. profit from business
  - c. son's support
  - d. siblings' support
- vii. Mr. X has managed to survive much \_\_\_\_\_ in life due to his obsession.
  - a. joys
  - b. celebrations
  - c. reunions
  - d. upheavals
- viii. Mr. X wrote books in how many languages?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. More than 3
- ix. The noun form of "fulfil" is
  - a. Fulfilling
  - b. Fulfilment
  - c. Fulfilled
  - d. Fulfil
- x. The word which means very enthusiastic in para 1 of the passage is
  - a. creative
  - b. grip
  - c. passionate
  - d. forget
- xi. The word which means active and energetic in para 4 of the passage is
  - a. robust



- b. self-proclaimed
  - c. well-preserved
  - d. amazing
- xii. Mr. X left the narrator with a motivation to seek a
- a. book
  - b. hobby
  - c. sport
  - d. pen

**2. Read the passages given below.**

Fear of failure is an attitude problem. All of us postpone things. We procrastinate. We rationalize. We make excuses. We foolishly believe that to be creative and to have a positive attitude and to simply do things, we have to have all kinds of preconditions. You can find several excuses for waiting to be more creative. But scratch the surface of these smooth and logical rationalizations, and if you're honest, you'll see the face of a little demon, the fear of failure, hiding there.

Zig Ziglar reminds us that this is nothing but an attitude problem: "The future can be depressing or magnificent - it is not correlated to the present or the past, past failures or successes. It is only our attitude towards these failures or successes which determines our future." You can change yourself by changing your attitude without fear of error.

Problems cause stress and stress reduce our effectiveness. So it is very logical that once we solve our problems, we should be able to increase our efficiency and effectiveness. Incidentally, we can't eliminate problems unless we opt for the final exit—the very thought of this itself is stressful!

What causes our problems? Well, roughly speaking one-third of our problems are there because we are alive and kicking; another one-third of our problems are created by ourselves, and the remaining one-third of our problems exist because of greed and ego. There is always a silver lining in any gloomy situation, provided you starve the problems and feed the opportunities. For every problem, there could be several solutions, and solutions point towards opportunities.

Apply the MISER concept to solve problems. MISER where M stands for Merge, I for Improve, S for Simplify, E for Eliminate and R for Reduce. MISER is an excellent conceptual sieve that helps in reducing many problems to a very few ones.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from**

**the twelve that follow.**

- i. Most people procrastinate because:
  - a. they are not creative
  - b. they adopt a wrong attitude
  - c. they are too lazy to do anything
  - d. they wait for a better opportunity
- ii. Our future is determined by:
  - a. past failure
  - b. success in the present
  - c. efforts in future
  - d. attitude towards past failures or success
- iii. Our effectiveness gets reduced as:
  - a. problems multiply
  - b. depressing time is painful
  - c. stress is caused by problems
  - d. problems dishearten us
- iv. We can't eliminate problems because:
  - a. we are alive and kicking
  - b. we are inactive
  - c. we are afraid of final exit
  - d. we postpone actions
- v. The best way to tackle a problem is:
  - a. to defer it for sometime
  - b. to seek the help of a friend
  - c. to think of an easy solution
  - d. to begin at once
- vi. The word 'procrastinate' in para 1 means:
  - a. obtain with difficulty
  - b. natural tendency to do something bad
  - c. delay or postpone action
  - d. start a court case
- vii. In MISER M stands for:
  - a. Merge

- b. Miser
  - c. Magnificent
  - d. Many
- viii. How should we be able to increase our efficiency and effectiveness?
- a. by reducing attitude
  - b. by solving our problem
  - c. by postponing our problem
  - d. by removing our greed
- ix. \_\_\_\_\_ concept is apply to solve problems.
- a. Miser
  - b. Attitude
  - c. Success
  - d. Zigzag
- x. Synonyms of **gloomy** in the last para:
- a. bright
  - b. happy
  - c. dark
  - d. reduce
- xi. Antonyms of **simplify** in the last para:
- a. unravel
  - b. clarify
  - c. untangle
  - d. complicate
- xii. Full form of MISER:
- a. Merge Improve Simplify Eliminate Reduce
  - b. Merge Improve Signify Eliminate Reduce
  - c. Merge Improve Simplify Eliminate Reuse
  - d. Miser Improve Simplify Eliminate Reduce
3. **Read the passages given below and choose the appropriate option from the questions below:**

Weeks went by and still, Wanda did not answer.

Peggy had begun to forget the whole business, and Maddie put herself to sleep at night making speeches about Wanda, defending her from great crowds of girls who were trying



to tease her with, "How many dresses have you got?"

And before Wanda could press her lips together in a tight line, the way she did before answering, Maddie would cry out, "Stop!"

Then everybody would feel ashamed of the way she used to feel.

Now it was Christmas time and there was snow on the ground.

Christmas bells and a small tree decorated the classroom.

On the last day of school before the holidays, the teacher showed the class a letter she had received that morning.

- i. What happened to Peggy when Wanda did not answer for weeks?
  - a. She began to forget the whole episode related to Wanda
  - b. She cried inconsolably
  - c. She planned to visit Wanda
  - d. She started hating and abusing Wanda
- ii. When did the teacher show Wanda's letter to the class?
  - a. First day of the school after the holidays
  - b. Last day of the school before holidays
  - c. During the school holidays
  - d. Couple of days before the school holidays began
- iii. Find out a word similar in meaning to **embarrassed**.
  - a. Ashamed
  - b. Defending
  - c. Received
  - d. Showed
- iv. Who made up speeches about defending Wanda from other girls in her dreams?
  - a. Peggy
  - b. Miss Mason
  - c. Maddie
  - d. Wanda's father
- v. What did the teacher show the class on the last day of school before the holidays?
  - a. Wanda's letter
  - b. Wanda's drawings
  - c. Their exam result
  - d. A trophy won in an inter-school competition

OR

**Read the passages given below and choose the appropriate option from the questions below:**

At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession and finally a monk begging for alms.

- i. Name the Prince.
    - a. Siddhartha Gautama
    - b. Siddhivin Garg
    - c. Sidhanth Gautama
    - d. Sidharth Gulati
  - ii. What was the Prince's age in the passage?
    - a. thirty
    - b. forty
    - c. twenty
    - d. twenty-five
  - iii. What are the sights of sufferings that the Prince saw?
    - a. a sick man
    - b. an aged man
    - c. a monk begging for alms
    - d. all of these
  - iv. Give the meaning of the word 'shielded'.
    - a. protected
    - b. buried
    - c. exposed
    - d. provided
  - v. What impact did all these sights have on the Prince?
    - a. He was petrified
    - b. He was enraged
    - c. He went out to seek enlightenment
    - d. He was indifferent
4. **Read the extract given below and choose the appropriate option from the questions below:**



I think I could turn and live with animals, they are  
So placid and self-contained  
I stand and look at them long and long.

- i. Name the poet.
  - a. Walt Whitman
  - b. Robert Frost
  - c. Ruskin Bond
  - d. WB Yeats
- ii. What does the poet say about animals?
  - a. They are calm
  - b. They have a pure soul
  - c. They are self-contained
  - d. All of these
- iii. Trace a word from the extract that means **serene**.
  - a. Placid
  - b. Self- contained
  - c. Turn
  - d. Long and long
- iv. The poet looks at the animals \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Recklessly
  - b. Briefly
  - c. For a long time
  - d. Angrily
- v. What does the poet intend to become?
  - a. A child
  - b. A bird
  - c. An animal
  - d. God

OR

**Read the extract given below and choose the appropriate option from the questions below:**

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!  
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,  
Amanda!

- i. Name the poet of the above lines.
    - a. Robin Klein
    - b. Robert Frost
    - c. John Barrymore
    - d. William Shakespeare
  - ii. What is Amanda asked not to do?
    - a. Bite her nails
    - b. Sit lazily
    - c. Bent her shoulders
    - d. All of these
  - iii. What is the meaning of **slouching**?
    - a. Sitting or lying in a lazy drooling manner
    - b. Screaming
    - c. Eating compulsively
    - d. Sitting erect
  - iv. Amanda is getting instructions for what purpose?
    - a. For looking presentable
    - b. To become a fashion icon
    - c. To participate in a school play
    - d. Forgoing to the boarding school
  - v. What does Amanda do to her shoulders?
    - a. Keep them erect
    - b. Hunches
    - c. Keep them stiff
    - d. Keep them loose
5. **Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks.**

One July afternoon, struggling (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a wet suit on the riverbank, Gaspari got ready for a dive. He and his team had been hired (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the town council to search for artifacts that (c) \_\_\_\_\_ be lost when a sewage plant was built on the river. This team had ten years of experience.

- a. (i) in (ii) into (iii) on (iv) for
- b. (i) at (ii) in (iii) by (iv) from
- c. (i) should (ii) could (iii) would (iii) may

**6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks.**

Paul: Do you know about any dramatic club that I can join?

Manuel: There is not any dramatic club in our town.

Paul: We should start a new club in our town. We can contact Mr. Ronald.

Paul asked Manuel if (a) \_\_\_\_\_ join. Manuel replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_ town. Paul suggested (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and further said that they could contact Mr. Ronald.

- a.
  - i. you know about any dramatic club that I can join
  - ii. he knew about any dramatics club that he could
  - iii. he knows about any dramatics club that he can
  - iv. None of these
- b.
  - i. there is not any dramatic club in our
  - ii. that there is not any dramatic club in his
  - iii. that there was not any dramatic club in his
  - iv. that there were many dramatic clubs in his
- c.
  - i. that they should start a new club in their town
  - ii. that they would start a new club in their town
  - iii. that they will start a new club in their town
  - iv. that they start a new club in their town

**7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.**

- i. Before this year, I \_\_\_\_\_ move out of my parents' house because I did not have a job.
  - a. may not
  - b. shouldn't
  - c. could not
  - d. cannot
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ I ask you a favour? \_\_\_\_\_ you work on Thursday night this week instead of Friday night?
  - a. Might, Shall
  - b. Can, Did
  - c. Would, Will



- d. May, Could
- iii. You look as if you are having trouble with your homework. \_\_\_\_\_ you like me to help you with it?
- Did
  - Would
  - Could
  - May
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me about your trip to Denver.
- Sit down, tell
  - Sitting down, telling
  - Having sat down, told
  - Sitting down, tell
- v. When he \_\_\_\_ her as a cheater, she \_\_\_\_ him to the headmaster.
- called/complained
  - has called/complains
  - called/had complained
  - had called/complained
- vi. Whoever \_\_\_\_ the cooking \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal of work to do.
- does/had had
  - do/has
  - has done/has
  - is doing/had

### Section B

8. You are Kailash / Kusum of 148, Model Town, Delhi, you wish to do a short term-course on personality development. Write a letter to the Director, Personal care, Hyderabad enquiring about the course-details.

OR

You are Aryan/Amrita of C/43, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You have read a report in a magazine mentioning that there are 12 million child workers in your country. It is a national problem. Write a letter to the editor 'The Indian Express', giving your views on why child labour exists and how it can be abolished.

9. The table below shows the results of a survey that asked 6800 Indian adults (aged 16

years and over) whether they had taken part in different cultural activities in the past 12 months. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant (150-200 words).

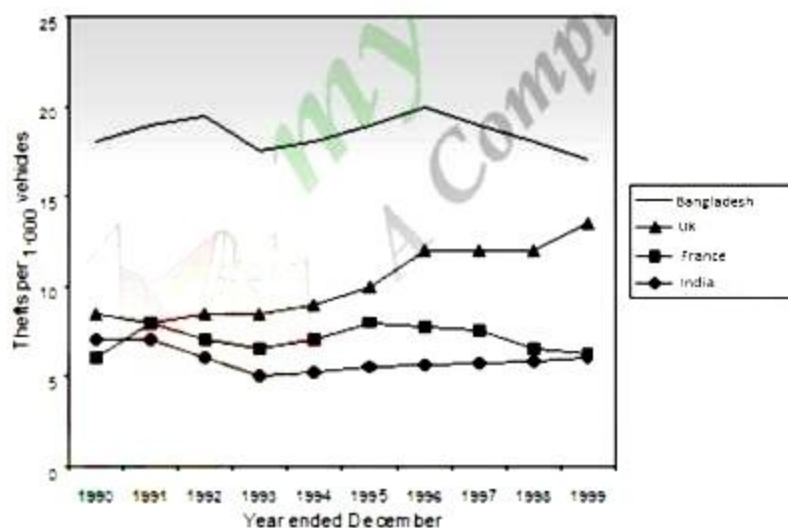
Participation in cultural activities, by age				
	16-24%	25-44%	45-74%	All ages 16 and over %
Any performance*	35	22	17	22
Undertaking any crafts	11	17	22	19
Cultural purchases	11	17	18	16
Any visual arts	30	16	11	15
Any writing	17	6	5	7
Computer-based	10	9	5	6

\* Dancing, singing, playing musical instruments and acting

OR

The line graph shows thefts per thousand vehicles in four countries between 1990 and 1999. Write an analytical paragraph within 150-200 words.

Comparison of car theft



10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

A. (any two)

- What is the age of the girl in the poem 'Amanda'? How do you come to know her age?

- ii. What is the point of controversy about the dogs?
- iii. Who did Maddie think would win the drawing contest? Why?

**B. (any two)**

- i. When Mrs. Pumphrey talked to Mr. Herriot about Tricki, what suggestions did he give to her? Did she follow Mr. Herriot's advice?
- ii. Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated?
- iii. Why was Ramlal worried about Bholi and not about his other children?

**11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.**

**A. (any two)**

- i. Freedom is a birthright. It is the most beautiful gift of God. It is valuable for all creatures. Describe.
- ii. How does Chubukov react to the controversy surrounding the Oxen Meadows?
- iii. Who got Lencho's letter and what did he do?

**B. (any two)**

- 1. Why did Hari Singh hide his real name?
- 2. Why did Ebright tag the butterflies' wings and let them go?
- 3. What impression did the lawyer get off the delivery man?

**12. Show Lencho's faith and confidence in God with examples from the lesson A Letter to God.**

OR

Write the character sketch of Anne highlighting intelligence and politeness.

**13. Give a brief character-sketch of Tricki.**

OR

'The Necklace' reveals that vanity is evil. It may bring joy for a short period but ultimately it leads to ruin. Write your views.



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**Solution**

**Section A**

1.
  - i. (d) All of these
  - ii. (c) His passion takes care of his mental and physical well being
  - iii. (b) Followed his passion for writing
  - iv. (a) Writing gave him a new lease of a happy life
  - v. (b) He would be pulled to the world of Internet
  - vi. (a) Savings
  - vii. (d) Upheavals
  - viii. (b) 2
  - ix. (b) Fulfillment
  - x. (c) Passionate
  - xi. (a) Robust
  - xii. (b) Hobby
2.
  - i. (b) they adopt a wrong attitude
  - ii. (d) attitude towards past failures or success
  - iii. (c) stress is caused by problems
  - iv. (a) we are alive and kicking
  - v. (d) to begin at once
  - vi. (c) delay or postpone action
  - vii. (a) Merge
  - viii. (b) by solving our problem
  - ix. (a) Miser
  - x. (c) dark
  - xi. (d) complicate
  - xii. (a) Merge Improve Simplify Eliminate Reduce
3.
  - i. (a) She began to forget the whole episode related to Wanda
  - ii. (b) Last day of the school before holidays
  - iii. (a) Ashamed

- iv. (c) Maddie
- v. (a) Wanda's letter

OR

- i. (a) Siddhartha Gautama
  - ii. (d) Twenty-five
  - iii. (d) All of these
  - iv. (a) Protected
  - v. (c) He went out to seek enlightenment
4.
  - i. (a) Walt Whitman
  - ii. (d) All of these
  - iii. (a) Placid
  - iv. (c) For a long time
  - v. (c) An animal

OR

- i. (a) Robin Klein
  - ii. (d) All of these
  - iii. (a) Sitting or lying in a lazy drooling manner
  - iv. (a) For making her presentable
  - v. (b) Hunches
5.
  - a. (i) in
  - b. (iii) by
  - c. (ii) could
6.
  - a. (ii) he knew about any dramatics club that he could
  - b. (iii) that there was not any dramatic club in his town
  - c. (i) that they should start a new club in their town
7. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.**
- i. (c) could not
- Explanation:** "Could not" expresses a past inability to do something, a financial inability in this case.
- ii. (d) May, Could

**Explanation:** May, Could

iii. (b) Would

**Explanation:** Would

iv. (a) Sit down, tell

**Explanation:** Sit down, tell

v. (d) had called/complained

**Explanation:** had called/complained

vi. (c) has done/has

**Explanation:** has done/has

### Section B

8. 148, Model Town

Delhi

28<sup>th</sup> August 20XX

The Director

Personal Care

Hyderabad

Sir,

**Subject: Enquiry about short term course**

Through your advertisement, I have come to know that you provide a short term course on personality development. I would like to join it as I am awaiting my class 12<sup>th</sup> result and I am free for about three months. Kindly furnish me with the following details:

- a. Charges for personality development Course.
- b. Timing and duration of the course.
- c. Demo classes.
- d. Early morning or late evening batches.
- e. Online assistance provided by the institute.
- f. Whether the institute provides registration facility.
- g. The earliest available date for the examination.

Kindly inform me at the earliest so that I can join the course immediately, without wasting time.

Yours sincerely,

Kusum



OR

C/43, Hauz Khas

New Delhi

Dec 1, 2018

The Editor

The Indian Express

New Delhi

Sir,

**Sub: Problem of Child Labour**

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to raise my voice against the worst social evil-child labour. Childhood is the best period of one's life but it is unfortunate on the part of children that, despite the ban on child labour, imposed by the government, the practice is still prevalent in our society. Data shows that there are 12 million child workers in our country.

The root cause of the problem is lack of awareness and poverty. Poor parents send their children to earn, rather than sending them to school. They seek financial support from them but this practice has an adverse impact.

I hope, through media, the general public should be made aware of the children's plight. Rules against child labour should be followed strictly. Since destitution is the main driver of this issue and implementation alone can't help explain it, the Government has been providing free education to the kids.

I hope you consider my letter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Aryan

9. The table illustrates the results of research undertaken in India with adults aged from 16-74 to assess their involvement in a variety of cultural activities over a 12-month period. Overall, it is evident that participation in any performance and crafts were the most popular for all age groups.

The highest participation in any activities was seen in the 16-24 age group, with 35% and 30% respectively doing performance and visual arts. In contrast, other activities were much lower, particularly those computer-based, at only 10%.

Turning to the older age groups, like the under 25's, the highest participation rate seen

for 25-44 years old was in performance, though this was much lower, at only 22%. A similar rate of 22% was evident for the most popular activity for the 45-74 age group, which was crafts. Again, the popularity of computers was very low for all those who were 25 plus, as interested in writing.

Taking all age groups together, it can be seen that performance and crafts were the most popular, at over 19%, whereas cultural purchases and visual arts were slightly less popular at 16% and 15% respectively. Finally, little interest was shown in writing and computing.

OR

The line graph compares the number of cars stolen for every 1000 vehicles in four countries from 1990 to 1999. Overall, it can be seen that car thefts were far higher in Bangladesh than in the other three counties throughout the whole time frame.

To begin, car thefts in the UK, France and India followed a fairly similar pattern over the first five years, all remaining at between 5 and 10 per thousand. The general trend though for France and India was a decline in the number of vehicles stolen over the period, with both at around 6 in 1999. In contrast, the UK experienced an upward trend, starting the period at approximately 8, and finishing at just under 15.

Interestingly, car thefts in Bangladesh started at 18 per thousand, which far exceeded that of the other countries. It then fluctuated over the next nine years, reaching a peak of 20 thefts per 1000 in 1996, and ending the period slightly lower than where it began, at approximately 17 per thousand.

**10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.**

**A. (any two)**

- i. Amanda is around 9 -10 years old school going, girl. We come to know about her age from the fact that her parents are trying to inculcate good habits in her. But she is very innocent and immature and does not really appreciate the nagging done by her mother. She still gets instructions from her mother to do her homework and tidy her room. So, we can say that she is a young girl.
- ii. Lomov claims that his dog Guess is the first-rate dog. He says that Natalya's dog, Squeezer is overshot. He says that Squeezer is a bad hunter and its lower jaw is shorter than the upper jaw. On the other hand, Natalya says that Squeezer is better than Guess as Squeezer has a better pedigree. She says that Squeezer is a



thoroughbred animal, and Guess is old and as ugly as a worn-out cab horse.

- iii. Maddie thought that Peggy would win the drawing contest. Peggy drew better than anyone else in the room. She could copy a picture in a magazine or some film star's head so that one could almost tell who it was. As most of the classmates, Maddie was sure that Peggy would win.

**B. (any two)**

- i. When Mrs. Pumphrey talked to Mr. Herriot about Tricki and told him about his laziness, he understood the reason for Tricki's illness. So he suggested her to cut his diet and give him a lot of exercises. Mrs. Pumphrey didn't follow the advice and continued to give him a heavy diet. As a result, Tricki fell ill.
- ii. The two boys in London were surprised and fascinated because they saw a fresh muddy footprint of a pair of bare feet. They could not see anyone but only the footprints. They wondered what a barefooted man was doing on the steps of a house, in the middle of London. They wondered where the man was. So being surprised they chased the imprints.
- iii. Ramlal had three sons and four daughters. Six of them were normal with normal looks. Only Bholi was different. This made Ramlaal more worried about Bholi as she was the weakest child in their family. He was worried about her ugly looks because of the pock-marks all over her body and also because of her stammering. He was also worried that no one would come forward to marry Bholi.

**11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.**

**A. (any two)**

- i. It is rightly said that love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being. Everyone loves freedom and does not want to live in confinement. Freedom is the most beautiful gift of God. It is our birthright. God has made all living beings equal and thus, the animals too have the right to freedom.
- ii. Chubukov claims that the Meadows are theirs. He says that Lomov cannot prove anything by crying. He tells Lomov that he doesn't want to give up what is his. He doesn't want anything of his. He says that he will give the Meadows to the peasants than to Lomov if Lomov keeps on arguing.
- iii. The postman got Lencho's letter. He burst with laughter. Then, he showed it to the postmaster. He also laughed but at once, he became serious too. He was very impressed to see Lencho's faith in God. So he decided to send money to Lencho.



His thought was that Lencho's faith in God should never be shaken.

**B. (any two)**

- i. Hari Singh was a thief. So he hid his real name in order to escape from the police and his former employers. He had the habit of cheating his own employers. So, he took a new name every month.
- ii. Ebright read a children's book called '**The Travels of Monarch X**' which was given by his mother. That book told how monarch butterflies migrate to Central America. At the end of the book, readers were invited to help study butterfly migrations. They were asked by Dr. Frederick A. Urquhart of the University of Toronto, Canada to tag butterflies for research. Ebright started attaching light adhesive tags to the wings of monarchs and let them go.
- iii. The lawyer got a very good impression of the delivery man. He found him a very friendly person. He was a cheerful fellow. He was about forty. He himself offered his help. So the lawyer was very impressed with the delivery man. He did not know that delivery boy himself was Oliver Lutkins who befooled him.

12. Lencho has good faith in God. Lencho's cornfield has been completely destroyed by the storm and hailstones. He thought only of one hope, the help from God. So he decided to write a letter to God asking for 100 pesos in order to resow his field. He placed a stamp on the letter and dropped into the mailbox. One of the employees, who was a postman, went to his boss and showed him the letter to God. He was inspired by the writer's faith in God. In order not to shake the writer's faith in God he decided to answer the letter. He collected money from his employees, he himself gave a part of the salary, and several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of Charity. But he was able to collect only 70 pieces. He put the money in the envelope and addressed to Lencho. When Lencho got the letter he did not show any bit of surprise. Instead, he became angry about getting only 70 pesos. He was sure that God could not have made a mistake nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. He wrote another letter to God asking for remaining pesos and asked not to send through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. This shows Lencho's faith in God.

OR

Anne was a sober, witty and intelligent girl of Otto Frank. She was a Jewish girl born in German. She was very intelligent and perceptive, and she wanted to be a writer. Anne



grew from an innocent, tempestuous, precocious, and somewhat petty teenage girl to an empathetic and sensitive thinker at age fifteen. Over the course of the diary, she grew from a spoiled, somewhat naive young girl of thirteen to a self-aware young woman of fifteen. Her book written in Dutch became one of the world's most readable books. Many films, television and opera had been produced based on her diary. She felt lonely at not having a real friend. So, She dedicated her feelings to a diary named Kitty. Her teachers had a good view of her except her talkative nature. She had an intense love for her grandmother and her teacher, Mrs. Kuperus. Only Mr. Keesing, her maths teacher punished her for her talkative nature by assigning essays.

13. Tricki was a small dog. His rich mistress pampered him. He had become hugely fat due to overfeeding. He became rheumy and listless. He lost all energy. Dr. Herriot took interest in him and asked his mistress to cut down on sweet things. He was very greedy. He was fond of cream, cakes, and chocolates. He was not given plenty of exercises. A whole wardrobe was full of his clothing.

His mistress got upset when Tricki left eating, going for walks and doing anything. His mistress bewailed when he was taken to the hospital. He had no energy left. Dr. Herriot took a personal interest in him. He was only given plenty of water for two days. He regained energy and showed interest in other dogs. He enjoyed playing in their company. His mistress sent eggs and wine for him. They built him up and enriched his blood. He licked his mistress's face when he was taken back home. He was a kind, sensible and grateful dog.

OR

It is true that vanity is evil. It may bring joy for a short period but ultimately it leads to ruin. Matilda, to get a little pleasure and to show her vanity, borrows a diamond necklace to wear at the minister's party. She loses it. Mr. Loisel, her husband takes a big loan to replace it. For ten years, both of them work hard to repay the loan. Poor Matilda has to sacrifice her comfort, youth, softness and beauty. She becomes a crude, hard, poor lady with rough hair and hands. Later, the irony, Mrs. Forester tells her that it was a false diamond necklace only for 500 francs. If I, was in such a situation, I would tell my friend the truth. I would tell her that I feel extremely sorry for losing it and would assure her that I will replace it, only if she tells me where to get it from and its cost.