

CBSE Class 09 English Language and Literature
Sample Paper 07 (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:

What is discipline? Is it absolute freedom to do what a person wants? Is freedom regardless of consequences? Does it mean corrective action after a problem occurs or wrong is done? Is its imposition? Is it abuse? Does it take away freedom?

The answer is none of the above Discipline does mean that a person takes a belt and beats up kids. That is madness, discipline is loving firmness. It is direction. It is prevention before a problem arises. It is harnessing and channeling energy for great performance.

Discipline is not something you do to yourself but you do for those you care about.

Discipline is an act of love. Sometimes you have to be unkind to be kind Not all Medicines are sweet, not all surgeries are painless, but we have to take them. We need to learn from nature. We are all familiar with that big animal, the giraffe. A mama giraffe gives birth to a baby giraffe standing. All of a sudden the baby falls on the ground from the cushion of Mama's womb and sits on the ground. The first thing mama does is to get behind the baby and give him a hard kick. The baby gets up but sits down again. Mama keeps kicking till the baby gets on its feet and starts moving. Why? Because mama knows that the only chance of survival for the baby in the jungle is on its feet. Otherwise, it will be eaten up by wild cats and become dead meat.

Children brought up in a loving, disciplined, environment end up respecting their parents more and become law-abiding citizens. The reverse is just as true. Good parents are not

afraid of momentary dislike by children to enforce the subject. Allowing a child to eat a box of chocolate could lead to sickness. At the same time, the discipline of eating one or two pieces a day can be an enjoyable experience for a longer time. Our instinct makes us do whatever we want regardless of the consequences.

Freedom is not procured by a full enjoyment of what is desired but the controlling of the desire.

- i. What according to the writer is not discipline?
 - a. Abuse of power
 - b. Giving absolute freedom regardless of consequences
 - c. Taking corrective action after a problem occurs
 - d. All of the above
- ii. How can you describe discipline?
 - A. Harness and channelize energy for great performance
 - B. Not preventing problems before they arise
 - C. Something you do for the ones you care for
 - D. Love firmness
 - a. Only (A) and (C)
 - b. Only (A) and (B)
 - c. Only (A), (C), and (D)
 - d. Only (D)
- iii. What is unique about being disciplined?
 - a. You have to be unkind to be kind
 - b. You have to hate others
 - c. You have to be a sweet medicine
 - d. You have to perform a painless surgery
- iv. Why do you think a mama giraffe kicks her baby immediately after birth?
 - a. She wants her baby to cry
 - b. She wants her baby to fight to other animals
 - c. She wants her baby to help her
 - d. She wants her baby to stand up and survive
- v. What would happen if the baby giraffe doesn't stand on its feet?
 - a. It would die
 - b. It would not be able to walk

- c. It would fall prey to wild animals
 - d. It would sleep
- vi. What is the role played by parents in creating law-abiding citizens?
 - a. They have to super strict and ruthless
 - b. They have to fulfill all their child's needs
 - c. They have to create a loving and disciplined environment
 - d. They have to worry about their child's anger
- vii. Our _____ makes us do whatever we want regardless of the consequences.
 - a. Discipline
 - b. Determination
 - c. Freedom
 - d. Instinct
- viii. How can one procure freedom in life?
 - a. By fully enjoying life
 - b. By controlling one's desires
 - c. By being strict but loving parents
 - d. By teaching others about discipline
- ix. Meaning of the word 'consequences' in Para is:
 - a. Problems
 - b. Drawbacks
 - c. Outcomes
 - d. Benefits
- x. In Para 3, the Antonym of the word survival is
 - a. Life
 - b. Happiness
 - c. Death
 - d. Existence
- xi. In Para 4, which word does not mean the same as 'procured'
 - a. Gotten
 - b. Obtained
 - c. Acquired
 - d. Lost
- xii. Choose the closest meaning of 'Enforce'

- a. To support
- b. Accomplish
- c. Dictate
- d. To impose

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

Chromotherapy is based on the fact that various lights have definitive energy bands and are linked to various organs of the body, and can help to heal them. The body has been divided into seven chakras or seven colours. For instance, it begins with the colour red going up to the head where violet is present. Their effects are also varied. Here, red works for vegetative functioning of the body, green is the centre around the heart and violet and blue represent mind related energy or spiritual energy or the cognitive energy of the body. This form of alternative therapy provides light to specific organs of the body, in order to heal them.

This form of therapy has no side-effects. It can heal cataract, leukaemia, anxiety and panic, among other things. But it has so far only been used as a supportive treatment. But let us not forget that there is definite interest in its scientific principles across the globe. An interesting study that defines the reasons behind anxiety explains that changes in the biological clock lead to neurohormonal imbalance causing disorders. Croatian scientists suggest that "Chromotherapy can regulate neurohormonal balance in the human brain by activating or inhibiting complex physiological, biological and biochemical processes in the human brain such as synthesis of various neurohormones".

It is primarily based on Einstein's theory that the body has energy correlate outside it and if this energy correlate is brought in contact with the organ, it can actually heal the body. This includes all forms of mental or personality disorders.

While different colours have different frequencies and respond differently when applied to body parts, a few pointers could help next time you feel 'blue'. For instance, the colour orange is best for people suffering from digestive ailments and those with weak immune systems. Red works for increasing blood circulation and stimulating the body and mind. Consumption of yellow coloured fruits and vegetables energizes the muscles and nerves and is also beneficial to those suffering from paralysis.

- i. The unique thing about this theory is that:
 - a. It is transparent
 - b. It is elaborative

- c. It has no side effects
 - d. It deals with disorders
- ii. Neurohormones are:
 - a. chemicals created in the stomach
 - b. hormones created in the bloodstream
 - c. hormones created in the reproductive parts
 - d. hormones created in the brain
- iii. Chromotherapy is based on the fact that various lights have definitive _____.
 - a. energy
 - b. heat
 - c. shape
 - d. light
- iv. Red colour works for the vegetative functioning of the _____.
 - a. heart
 - b. body
 - c. mind
 - d. organ
- v. _____ colour is the centre around the heart.
 - a. Violet
 - b. Green
 - c. Red
 - d. Blue
- vi. _____ therapy can be used as a supportive treatment:
 - a. Chromotherapy
 - b. Neurotherapy
 - c. Physiotherapy
 - d. Chakra-therapy
- vii. The body has been divided into seven chakras or _____ colours.
 - a. Six
 - b. Seven
 - c. Eight
 - d. Nine
- viii. _____ scientists suggest that Chromotherapy can regulate neurohormonal balance

in the human brain.

- a. Italian
- b. German
- c. Indian
- d. Croatian

ix. The colour _____ is best for people suffering from digestive ailments and those with weak immune systems.

- a. blue
- b. green
- c. orange
- d. yellow

x. Colour Red works for increasing _____ and stimulating the body and mind.

- a. energizes the muscles
- b. immune systems
- c. different frequencies
- d. blood circulation

xi. Antonyms of word **heal**:

- a. hurt
- b. remedy
- c. cure
- d. reconcile

xii. Synonyms of word **panic**:

- a. calm
- b. peace
- c. anxiety
- d. composure

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

On Sunday afternoons Grandmother sent her down to the drawing-room to have a nice talk with Father and Mother. But the little girl always found Mother reading and Father stretched out on the sofa, his handkerchief on his face, his feet on one of the best cushions, sleeping soundly and snoring. She sat on a stool, gravely watched him until he woke up and stretched, and asked the time—then looked at her.

"Don't stare so, Kezia. You look like a little brown owl".

- i. Why did Grandmother send her down to the drawing-room on Sunday afternoons?
 - a. To spend quality time with her parents
 - b. To clean the drawing-room
 - c. To take her dance class
 - d. To play with other children
- ii. Which activity was Kezia's mother usually engrossed on Sunday afternoons?
 - a. Cleaning
 - b. Cooking
 - c. Reading
 - d. Painting
- iii. Find a word from the extract that is an antonym of the word **cheerfully**.
 - a. Stretched
 - b. Soundly
 - c. Gravely
 - d. Nicely
- iv. What did Kezia's father compare her to?
 - a. A parrot
 - b. The white kitten
 - c. The brown owl
 - d. A fairy
- v. Kezia's father was stretched out on _____.
 - a. the mat
 - b. the sofa
 - c. the floor
 - d. the bed

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

Not surprisingly, Evelyn delights her audiences. In 1991 she was presented with the Royal Philharmonic Society's prestigious Soloist of the Year Award. Says master percussionist James Blades, "God may have taken her hearing, but he has given her back something extraordinary. What we hear, she feels - far more deeply than any of us. That is why she expresses music so beautifully".

- i. Which award was presented to Evelyn by the Royal Philharmonic Society?
 - a. Soloist of the Year Award
 - b. Best Actress award
 - c. Student of the Year Award
 - d. Most promising dancer of the Year
- ii. God may have taken her hearing but he has given her back something extraordinary. Who said this?
 - a. Evelyn Glennie
 - b. James Blades
 - c. Ron Forbes
 - d. Deborah Cowley
- iii. Write the synonym of **presented**.
 - a. Prevented
 - b. Tempted
 - c. Awarded
 - d. Believed
- iv. What extraordinary ability does Evelyn have in spite of being deaf?
 - a. She could feel the music very deeply
 - b. She had an eagle's eye
 - c. She could cherish the bird's song
 - d. She could sense danger
- v. In which year was Evelyn presented with the award by the Royal Philharmonic Society?
 - a. 1977
 - b. 1964
 - c. 1999
 - d. 1991

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

The snake trying
to escape the pursuing stick,
with sudden carvings of thin
long body. flow beautiful
and graceful are his shapes!

He glides through the water away
front the stroke.

- i. Name the poem.
 - a. The snake trying
 - b. On killing a tree
 - c. The graceful snake
 - d. The man and the snake
- ii. What is the snake trying to escape from?
 - a. a giant
 - b. a pursuing stick
 - c. a metal ball
 - d. a ferocious lion
- iii. Why does he take sudden carvings of his body?
 - a. to escape himself from the stroke of the stick
 - b. to express his joy
 - c. to attack his prey
 - d. to take a plunge into the water
- iv. What looks beautiful and graceful?
 - a. the snake's body movements
 - b. the pursuing stick
 - c. the dry sand
 - d. the flowing river
- v. What does the word **pursuing** mean?
 - a. trying
 - b. expensive
 - c. chasing
 - d. broken

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;

Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

- i. How was the **other road** projected to be in the given lines?
 - a. Grassy
 - b. Less trodden
 - c. Fair and comfortable
 - d. All of these
 - ii. What has been termed as **fair** in the given stanza?
 - a. The road
 - b. The lady
 - c. The life
 - d. The bench
 - iii. Write a similar word for **probably** from the given stanza.
 - a. Fair
 - b. Perhaps
 - c. Grassy
 - d. Really
 - iv. Give antonym of word claim?
 - a. Disclaimed
 - b. Disclosure
 - c. Discovered
 - d. Disliked
 - v. Name the poet of the given stanza.
 - a. Robert Frost
 - b. Stephen Spender
 - c. W.B. Yeats
 - d. William Shakespeare
5. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/ phrases from the given options:**

John Keats (a) _____ born in London in 1795. His parents died (b) _____ he was only 15. He became (c) _____ apprentice to a surgeon. But he was interested in poetry, though he died before he was 26, he produced his Though poetical work in his too short career.

- a. (i) has (ii) was (iii) is (iv) were
- b. (i) when (ii) but (iii) while (iv) since
- c. (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) then

6. **Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows:**

Patient: Good afternoon. I need to get an E.C.G. done.

Receptionist: Sorry. Our machine is not working. You can come tomorrow.

Patient: What! But I think I'm having a heart attack now.

Receptionist: Oh! In that case, I will book you for a bypass and inform our Senior Cardiologist.

A patient went to the doctor's clinic, greeted the receptionist and said that (a) _____. The receptionist apologized and told him (b) _____. She also added that (c) _____. The patient reacted angrily and said he thought he was having a heart attack. To this, the receptionist replied that in that case, she could book him for a bypass and inform their Senior Cardiologist.

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

- i. I _____ tennis yesterday.
 - a. played
 - b. will play
 - c. have played
 - d. play
- ii. Tim was very upset yesterday because he _____ that he _____ his wallet.
 - a. realises, loses
 - b. realised, will lose
 - c. had realised, lost
 - d. realised, had lost
- iii. Do you know the boy _____ glasses at the back of the class?
 - a. wear
 - b. wore
 - c. wearing
 - d. wears
- iv. If you want to learn to speak English fluently, you _____ to work hard.
 - a. needn't
 - b. mustn't

- c. could
- d. need
- v. He had been working for more than 11 hours. He _____ be tired after such hard work. He _____ prefer to get some rest.
 - a. need, should
 - b. mustn't, had better
 - c. must, may
 - d. had better, must
- vi. Don't think there will be a severe shortage of usable water because there was _____ rain fall yesterday.
 - a. few
 - b. little
 - c. a lot of
 - d. any

Section B

8. Yesterday you celebrated your 13th birthday party with great enthusiasm. Your uncle gifted you a laptop. You are overjoyed and want to register your feeling as a diary entry, Write a diary entry.

OR

Man is basically a social animal. He depends on others for his survival and existence. He has to work with others and must know how to get the best out of a team. Taking these ideas, write a paragraph on How to Get the Best out of a Team.

9. Mohit wrote only a few lines and couldn't complete the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the given input, and basing it on the beginning Mahesh made, write a complete 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

Complete the story, taking ideas from the given lines.

Rohan was returning from the school. He was very happy as it was his result day and he stood first in his class. He wanted to share his happiness with his family and friends so he

was in a hurry. His joy and happiness knew no bounds but suddenly all his happiness vanished when.....

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

- a. Bismillah Khan loved India and Benaras the most. Justify it by giving two instances from the text.
- b. What did Kalam look like as a young child? Write your answer in the context of the lesson My Childhood.
- c. How does the poet describe its shapes? Write your answer in the context of the Poem 'The Snake Trying'.
- d. What was the child's response to the many offers made by the man?
- e. The little Swallow grew colder and colder but kept up his determination. How did the bird show his great strength and courage?
- f. What happened when Sergei threatened the beggar?

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

- a. What makes the appearance of children funny? Write your answer in the context of poem A Legend of the Northland.
- b. Why does the intruder not kill Gerrard immediately?
- c. Why did the author place a bath tub beside George while he was sleeping?
- d. Why does the disciple decide to stay on in the Kingdom of Fools? Is it a good idea? Write your answer in the context of In the Kingdom of Fools.
- e. Who were Sue and Johnsy? Where did they live?
- f. Parents were in a hurry to reach the fair but the child was delaying them. How?

12. Answer each of these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).

- a. What had once happened to Tommy's teacher?
- b. Did Margie have regular days and hours for school? If so, why?
- c. How does Tommy describe the old kind of school?
- d. How does he describe the old kind of teachers?

OR

Why and how did the little lady bake the cake over again for Saint Peter? Write your answer in the context of Poem A Legend of the Northland.

13. Describe the role played by the author's friends in rebuilding his life. Write your answer in the context of the Poem A House is Not a Home.

OR

The disciple had done nothing wrong. Why was he arrested? Write your answer in the context of Moments In the Kingdom of Fools.

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Solution

Section A

1.
 - i. (d) All of the above.
 - ii. (c) Only (A), (C) and (D).
 - iii. (a) You have to be unkind to be kind.
 - iv. (d) She wants her baby to stand up and survive
 - v. (c) It would fall prey to wild animals
 - vi. (c) They have to create a loving and disciplined environment
 - vii. (d) Instinct
 - viii. (b) By controlling one's desires
 - ix. (c) Outcomes
 - x. (c) Death
 - xi. (d) Lost
 - xii. (d) To impose
2.
 - i. (c) It has no side effects
 - ii. (d) hormones created in the brain
 - iii. (a) energy
 - iv. (b) body
 - v. (b) Green
 - vi. (a) Chromotherapy
 - vii. (b) Seven
 - viii. (d) Croatian
 - ix. (c) orange
 - x. (d) blood circulation
 - xi. (a) hurt
 - xii. (c) anxiety
3.
 - i. (a) To spend quality time with her parents
 - ii. (c) Reading
 - iii. (c) Gravely

- iv. (c) The brown owl
- v. (b) the sofa

OR

- i. (a) Soloist of the Year Award
 - ii. (b) James Blade
 - iii. (c) Awarded
 - iv. (a) She could feel the music very deeply
 - v. (d) 1991
4. i. (a) The Snake Trying
- ii. (b) a pursuing stick
 - iii. (a) to escape himself from the stroke of the stick
 - iv. (b) the snake's body movements
 - v. (c) chasing

OR

- i. (d) All of these
 - ii. (a) The road
 - iii. (b) Perhaps
 - iv. (a) Disclaimed
 - v. (a) Robert Frost
5. a. (ii) was
- b. (i) when
 - c. (ii) an
6. a. he needed to get an E.C.G. done.
- b. that their machine was not working.
 - c. he could come the next day.
7. Choose the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.
- i. (a) played
Explanation: played
 - ii. (d) realised, had lost
Explanation: realised, had lost
 - iii. (c) wearing

Explanation: wearing

iv. (d) need

Explanation: need

v. (c) must, may

Explanation: must, may

vi. (c) a lot of

Explanation: a lot of

Section B

8. Sarita Vihar

20th March, 20XX

Monday, 7:00 am

Dear Diary,

Today was such an exciting and joyful day! Since it was my birthday! I turned 13. Today I had a huge and amazing birthday bash! With all my near and dear cousins and besties! It was such a great and mesmerising time when I was cutting the cake. It seemed like my golden hour. With all the people reciting the birthday song to me with a huge smile on their faces! The kids looking at the cake in anticipation with drooling mouths. Leaving all the decorum aside, there was a natural aura of happiness in the room. It was worth anything in this world to me! And all the gifts, of course, who wouldn't love them! I got many gifts but the most precious one was from my uncle which was a laptop! I always longed for a laptop! And when I was gifted that by my uncle, my joy had no bounds! I guess he read my mind.

Having such fascinating people around you, you feel special naturally. Anyways, I am too tired to write anymore. Good night.

Alisha

OR

How to Get the Best out of a Team

Man is a social animal. He can't live in a vacuum. He has to depend on others to make a living. He has to bond with others and be a part of a team. Working in a team is quite a challenge. A team is said to a group of people who work together while depending on each other together. This is done with cooperating each other in order to satisfy to accomplish a common objective or goal. One has to adjust himself to the requirements of

his team. A team must work like a well-oiled machine. Only then it can produce great results. All the members of a team must work together selflessly to achieve a common aim or goal. Working in a team is generally everyone agreed that would benefit everyone whether its participant and company. The strong leadership controls the individuals and goad them to achieve the common goal. Conflicts are avoided. The focus is on unity and cooperation. Mutual jealousy and conflict of interests have no place in a team. Negative attitudes should be discouraged. Each member should have deep respect and appreciation of others' abilities and skills.

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. Suddenly there was a flash of light. The god of the Forests appeared before him. The woodcutter explained what had happened. The god consoled him, "Don't you worry. I'll get back your axe for you. He dived into the river. After some time he came out with an axe. It was made of gold. **Is this yours?** he asked. The woodcutter only said **No!** After a few minutes, 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, it's mine - the woodcutter's axe with an iron blade." The god of Forests was impressed with the woodcutter's honesty. **"Keep all three of these axes as a present from me."** The god uttered these words and disappeared. 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. It remained as the best example for their children to learn that honesty pays in the long run.

OR

A Good Deed

Rohan was returning from school. He was very happy as it was his result day and he stood first in his class. He wanted to share his happiness with his family and friends so he was in a hurry. His joy and happiness knew no bounds but suddenly all his happiness

vanished when on the way he saw a child in the middle of the road. A car was coming at full speed. He shouted at the boy, "Hey, mind the car!" to his shock, the boy did not hear his warning. It was too late to give him another warning. He dashed to the middle of the road and pulled him. The boy had a narrow escape. He just looked at him astonishingly. He shouted at him, 'Are you mad? You could have run over by a car!' again the boy did not respond. He just kept staring at him. It then struck him that the boy could be suffering from hearing and speaking disabilities. He took him to the nearby police station and reported the matter to the inspector. As he was in the middle of this, a lady came running into the room and saw her child. She was overwhelmed with joy and hugged the boy with tears streaming down her eyes. The lady was the boy's mother. She explained to the inspector how the boy had got lost in the crowd. The inspector also explained to the lady how Rohan had saved the boy from getting hurt on the road. The lady thanked him profusely. He went home feeling proud after doing the good deed. He told the whole story to his parents. He even forgot about his result because he was feeling good for helping that child. His parents praised him.

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

- a. He was fond of Banaras and Dumraon. They remained for him the most wonderful towns in the world. He said that whenever he was in a foreign country, he kept yearning to see India. While in Mumbai, he thinks only of Banaras and the holy Ganga. And while in Banaras, he misses the unique mattha of Dumraon. He refused the offer of a student to open a music school in the USA because he would have missed India especially river Ganga at Banaras.
- b. Kalam did not take after his tall and handsome parents. He was a rather short boy with average looks. With ordinary looks unlike that of his parents who had quite striking features, his appearance was undistinguished. He was a young Muslim boy, so he used to wear a cap on his head occasionally.
- c. The poet says that the snake makes twists and turns and makes fascinating shapes which look beautiful and graceful. He is mesmerized to see the zig-zag walk of the snake when it tries to escape from the stroke of the stick.
- d. The child simply wailed inconsolably. In between his sobs, he expressed his desire to be with his mother and father. He refused to even glance at the various things offered by the man in an attempt to quieten him.

- e. The swallow grew cold because of the snow and frost but he did not leave the Happy Prince. For his survival, he ate crumbs from a baker's shop. He kept himself warm by flapping his wings. He tried his level best to cope with the chilly weather. He showed great strength and bravery by staying on beside the Happy Prince's statue in spite of the bitter cold and the consequent risk to his life.
- f. When Sergei threatened the beggar, He exposed himself. He was neither a teacher nor a student. He told the reality about his life. He was a singer in a Russian Choir. He had been removed from the Russian choir because of his drinking habits.

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

- a. As the Northland is marked by exceptionally cold weather, the children are made to wear clothes made from fur. The appearance of children is made funny by the clothes of fur. Children wearing these clothes look more like the cubs of bears rather than the children of human beings.
- b. The intruder does not kill Gerrard immediately because he first wants to get all the necessary information from him. Without this information, his plan to disguise and act as Gerrard will not succeed.
- c. The author and his friends went to sleep after packing the things in the bag and hampers. They had to decide what time they would wake up in the morning. In the meanwhile, George slept on the floor. They placed a bathtub beside George so that he could tumble into it and wake up in the morning.
- d. The disciple decides to stay on in the Kingdom of Fools because everything cost the same, a duddu, whether you bought a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas. He thought that he could live there comfortably and afford all the pleasures of life. Well, this was certainly not a good idea because such foolish things do not last long. This was proved true when he was caught and taken to be executed just because he was fat enough to fit the execution stake.
- e. Sue and Johnsy, were young artist friends who were struggling to establish their feet in the world of art. They shared the same house which was no less than a home. Both lived in a small flat which was on the third floor of an old house.
- f. The child was getting tempted by the many distractions on way to the fair. Sometimes he would stop by the toy shops while at other times he would start running after butterflies. The parents had to pause frequently and call him to walk beside them.

12. a. Once, the history sector of Tommy had blanked out completely. Therefore they had once taken away Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month.
- b. Yes, Margie had regular days and hours for school. It lit up on at a fixed time. This was because her mother believed that learning at regular hours helped little girls learn better. Her mechanical teacher was also on at the same time every day except Saturday and Sunday. As soon as the class starts the mechanical teacher ask for homework and test papers.
- c. Tommy described the old kind of school, which existed hundreds of years ago. It had as a special building where all kids neighbourhood assembled together and studied together. There were hundreds of students studying and playing together. They used to shout and laugh together in an open yard. They had a man as a teacher instead of a regular teacher. The teacher gave them homework and asked them questions. students of same age group were taught the same topic.
- d. Tommy said that the old kind of teachers were men, who taught the students inside a special building. The teachers taught the children in groups and gave them homework and asked them questions. Students of same age group were taught together.

OR

The woman was very selfish. When Saint Peter, who was feeling weak because he had been fasting and wandering all day, asked the woman to give him just one cake out of her big stock, the greedy woman set down to bake a new cake for him. She first made a small cake but when she laid it to bake, it seemed much too big to be given away. So she kneaded a still smaller cake but it too seemed as big as the earlier one. Then she took a small bit of dough and rolled it as thin as a wafer but could not part even with that. She was surprised that her cakes seemed very small when she ate them herself but appeared too large for charity. She didn't give the saint even a small cake to eat. The saint was very angry. He cursed the woman. He said that she was too selfish to live in a human form. He said that she would now live as a bird. She would have to bore the hardwood for her food.

13. The author lost everything in the fire. He even lost hope to live. He was totally dejected by the tests offered by life to him time and again. He just wanted to curl up and die. At the very early age, he had already suffered the loss of Father, now he'd lost his House, a cat and his books and uniform of the new school. He did not feel good at his new school. He

kept visiting his old school and teachers. His life had become dull. He had lost all hopes to live. When he visited his new school the next day, he found the atmosphere strange. His new friends provided him with all the necessary items. They invited him to their homes. All this contributed a lot for the author. Thus, he lost the feeling of isolation, dejection, and insecurity. He started leading a happy life again.

OR

In the Kingdom of Fools, everything was different as everything was prepared for the guilty people as the kingdom was full of foolish people. They wanted anyone to be punished. They didn't find anyone who could easily fit the stake. The king ordered to take the rich merchant to the stake as he was found guilty of negligence on his father's behalf. But the stake did not fit him. But It was important to test the stake for the first time. Hence, the king ordered that a person should be found who could fit the stake. The king's men caught the disciple and found him fit for the stake as the disciple had become healthy due to overeating. The king ordered him to be executed. But his Guru saved him. It was such a situation which none could imagine in real life. It was quite clear that living in such a kingdom is dangerous, where anything could happen.