

CBSE Class 10 English
Sample Paper 01 (2020-21)

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 and answer the questions that follow:

Tell someone that you are going to a convention of accountants and you might get a few yawns, yet money and how it works is probably one of the most interesting things on earth. It is fascinating and almost magical, how money appeared on our planet. Unlike most developments we enjoy, which can be traced back to a source, civilisation or inventor, money appeared in places then unconnected all over the world in a remarkably similar way.

Consider the American Indians using Wampum, West Africans trading in decorative metallic objects called Manillas, and the Fijians economy based on whale's teeth, some of which are still legal tender; add to that shells, amber, ivory, decorative feathers, cattle including oxen & pigs, a large number of stones including jade and quartz, which have all been used for trade across the world, and we get a taste of the variety of accepted currency.

There is something charming and childlike imagining primitive societies, our ancestors, using all these colourful forms of money. As long as everyone concerned can agree on a value, this is a sensible thing for a community to do.

After all, the person who has what you need might not need what you have to trade. Money solves that problem neatly. Real value with each exchange, and everyone gaining from the convenience. The idea is really inspired, which might explain why so many

diverse minds came up with it. Once the money is accepted as a form of exchange, those who produce, loan out, and manipulate the quantity of money are obviously in a very strong position. They are the "Money Changers".

"History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit, and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling money and its issuance," said President James Madison.

Money, money, money, it's always just been there, right? Wrong. Obviously, it's issued by the government to make it easy for us to exchange things. Wrong again!

Truth is, most people don't realise that the issuing of money is essentially a private business and that the privilege of issuing money has been a major bone of contention throughout history.

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

- i. What is fascinating and almost magical?
 - a. Convention of Accountants
 - b. Evolution of Money
 - c. Yawning
 - d. All of the above
- ii. What is unique about the development of money?
 - a. It can be traced back to a source
 - b. It has an inventor
 - c. It appeared in unconnected places in a similar way
 - d. It was developed in ancient civilisation
- iii. Which currencies did the West African use?
 - a. Manillas
 - b. Wampum
 - c. Whale's Teeth
 - d. Decorative Feathers
- iv. What is still a legal tender in the Fijian Economy?
 - a. Cattle
 - b. Jade and Quartz
 - c. Shells and Ivory

- d. Whale's Teeth
- v. What is something charming and childlike to imagine?
 - a. Use of colourful forms of money
 - b. People living in Primitive Societies
 - c. Our ancestors agreeing on common values
 - d. All of the above
- vi. Who are the "Money Changers"?
 - a. People who loan out money
 - b. People who manipulate the quantity of money
 - c. People who produce money
 - d. All of the above
- vii. What did President James Madison say about the money changers?
 - a. They use violent methods to maintain control over the issuance of money.
 - b. They change money from time to time.
 - c. They work under the government's control.
 - d. They are polite and peaceful people.
- viii. Who controls the issuance of money?
 - a. Government
 - b. Money Changers
 - c. President James Madison
 - d. Kings and their ministers
- ix. What is meant by the word, 'concentration'? (para 1)
 - a. conference
 - b. fair
 - c. wave
 - d. competition
- x. What is meant by the word, 'fascinating'? (para 2)
 - a. beautiful
 - b. valuable
 - c. attractive
 - d. republic
- xi. What is meant by 'convenience'?
 - a. comfort

- b. escape
- c. clown
- d. transport

xii. What is meant by the word, 'Intrigue'?

- a. plot
- b. interest
- c. interval
- d. fear

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

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction - a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' - claimed to be the only one such post office in the world is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique - along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as "Floating Post Office".

The post office's houseboat has two small rooms - one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using the special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this

post-office!

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

- i. What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?
 - a. On dal lake
 - b. Near centaur
 - c. On Pari Mahal
 - d. Near post office
- ii. What is special about the seal used in the post office?
 - a. design of a houseboat on the Dal Lake
 - b. design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake
 - c. design of a chinar tree on the Dal Lake
 - d. design of a tourist on the Dal Lake
- iii. Who renamed the post office as Floating Post Office?
 - a. Postmaster
 - b. Postman
 - c. Delivery agent
 - d. Chief Postmaster
- iv. What is the greatest fear that the post office has?
 - a. Snow
 - b. Earthquakes
 - c. Floods
 - d. Tsunami
- v. How is the post office a big boon to the people?
 - a. You do not need fan
 - b. You need water
 - c. You need airconditioning
 - d. You do not need heater
- vi. The flood came in the year in Kashmir valley:
 - a. 2014
 - b. 2013
 - c. 2015
 - d. 2011

- vii. The chief postmaster _____ renamed Nehru Park Post Office as Floating Post Office:
- John Sammy
 - John Samuel
 - Samuel Sammy
 - Daniel Samuel
- viii. In para1, the synonyms of word **attraction**:
- beauty
 - repulsive
 - float
 - intricate
- ix. In para4, the synonyms of word **floating**:
- settled
 - fixed
 - afloat
 - wind up
- x. In para2, the antonyms of word **unique**:
- rare
 - particular
 - distinctive
 - ordinary
- xi. The lake has several islets that are home to more than _____ people.
- 10,000
 - 50,000
 - 55,000
 - 40,000
- xii. _____ Post Office known as Floating Post Office before 2011.
- John Samuel
 - Dal Lake
 - Nehru Park
 - Maroon
3. **Read the passages given below and choose the appropriate option from the questions below:**

To enhance the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot

down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend 'Kitty'.

- i. Who is 'I' here?
 - a. Anne Frank
 - b. Otto Frank
 - c. Margot Frank
 - d. Mrs. Frank
- ii. Who is her long-awaited friend?
 - a. Margot Frank
 - b. Kitty, the diary
 - c. Mr. Van Daan
 - d. Mr. Keesing
- iii. What do most people do?
 - a. They jot down facts in a diary
 - b. They do not keep a diary
 - c. They lose their diary
 - d. They forget to update their diary
- iv. Which word in the passage means the same as the **record**?
 - a. Enhance
 - b. Await
 - c. Jot down
 - d. Image
- v. What name did Anne Frank give to her diary?
 - a. Kitty
 - b. Peggy
 - c. Maddie
 - d. Dolly

OR

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

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old

days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

- i. When did the baker collect his bills?
 - a. At the end of the month
 - b. In the first week of every month
 - c. In the middle of the month
 - d. On the first day of the month
 - ii. Where did the baker record his accounts?
 - a. In a pocket diary
 - b. On the wall
 - c. In the ledger book
 - d. On a piece of cloth
 - iii. Find out a word from the passage similar in meaning to **lucrative**.
 - a. Prosperous
 - b. Testimony
 - c. Profitable
 - d. Recorded
 - iv. What does a **jackfruit-like appearance** mean?
 - a. Plump physique
 - b. Lean physique
 - c. Macular physique
 - d. Stout physique
 - v. Why did the baker and his family never starve?
 - a. Because baking was a profitable profession
 - b. For they had inherited huge wealth
 - c. Because God blessed them
 - d. For they found a hidden treasure
4. **Read the extract given below and choose the appropriate option from the questions below:**
- Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part

Of a day I have rued

- i. Under which tree was the poet standing or sitting?
 - a. Hemlock
 - b. Banyan
 - c. Pine
 - d. Oak
- ii. What changed the poet's gloomy mood?
 - a. snowflakes
 - b. raindrops
 - c. wind
 - d. sunshine
- iii. What is the rhyming meter of the given stanza?
 - a. abcd
 - b. abab
 - c. abba
 - d. aabb
- iv. How did the poet feel when the snowflakes fell on him?
 - a. petrified
 - b. dejected
 - c. joyful
 - d. enraged
- v. What does the word '**rued**' mean?
 - a. pride
 - b. fear
 - c. enthusiasm
 - d. regret

OR

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

Belinda lived in a little white house,
With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,
and a little yellow dog and a little red wagon,

And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.

- i. Where did Belinda live?
 - a. In a little white house
 - b. In a mansion
 - c. in a penthouse
 - d. in a red brick house
- ii. How many pets did Belinda have?
 - a. Two
 - b. four
 - c. five
 - d. seven
- iii. What was the colour of the kitten?
 - a. Black
 - b. Brown
 - c. White
 - d. grey
- iv. Name the poet.
 - a. Ruskin Bond
 - b. Robert Frost
 - c. Leslie Norris
 - d. Ogden Nash
- v. Of which colour was the mouse?
 - a. Grey
 - b. Red
 - c. Brown
 - d. white

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks.

Every employee needs to consider himself/herself as part of a team for a business to function smoothly. If one (a) _____ to become a team player, one needs to give the highest priority (b) _____ one's team the highest priority. Learn to give credit instead of taking (c) _____. Team Spirit is highly important.

- a. (i) had wanted (ii) want (iii) wanted (iv) wants
- b. (i) for (ii) on (iii) of (iv) to

- c. (i) this (ii) it (iii) that (iv) these

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

Ranbir: Where is my car? I remember parking it here.

Policeman: The car has been towed away as you parked it in the 'no parking zone'.

Ranbir: Sir, can I be excused this once?

Policemen: I hope you'll remember the lesson you learnt today. OK! This should be the last time. Don't repeat the mistake again.

Ranbir asked the policeman standing there (a) _____. The policeman replied that (b) _____. Ranbir requested the policeman (c) _____ that once. The policeman hoped him to remember the lesson he had learnt that day but finally, he advised him not to repeat the mistake again.

- a. i. where is his car?
ii. where his car was and added that he remembered parking it there.
iii. was his car parked there
iv. was his car parked
- b. i. car has been towed away as you parked it in the 'no parking zone'.
ii. his car was towed away
iii. his car had been towed away as he had parked in a 'no parking zone'
iv. his car was towed away as he had parked in a 'no parking zone'
- c. i. to excuse him
ii. to put him jail
iii. to give back his car
iv. to take his permission

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

- i. With a little more effort, we _____ win this time.
a. would
b. can
c. might
d. may
- ii. She _____ work a little harder.
a. could
b. ought to

- c. might
 - d. may
- iii. I'm afraid that I _____ play tennis tomorrow. I've got a dentist's appointment.
- a. wouldn't
 - b. would not be able to
 - c. can't
 - d. couldn't
- iv. 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
- v. One important field in which the laser _____ many applications _____ communication.
- a. does/are
 - b. has/is
 - c. was/are
 - d. have/is
- vi. On my friend's farm, they _____ an alarm clock because the cockerel _____ at five o'clock every morning without fail.
- a. don't need/crows
 - b. won't need/is crowing
 - c. haven't needed/was crowing
 - d. didn't need/will crow

Section B

8. You are Tanya, Head Girl of Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Palam Colony, Delhi. Write a letter to Dimple caterers, J.J. Colony, Delhi to find out the rate for conducting the XII standard farewell party, enquiring about catering charges per head, service charges and advance to be paid.

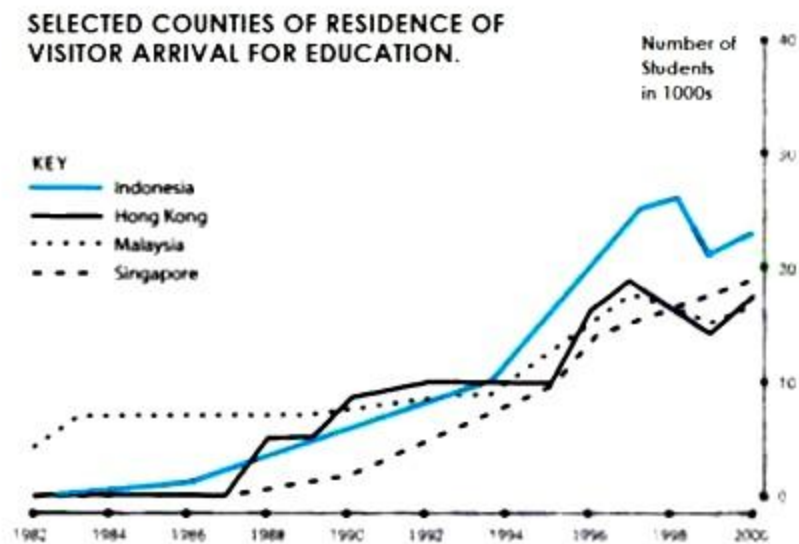
OR

Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper complaining about the horrible condition

of roads in your locality. You are Neeraj/Nisha, a resident of 174, Hospital Road, Agra. You can use the clues given below:

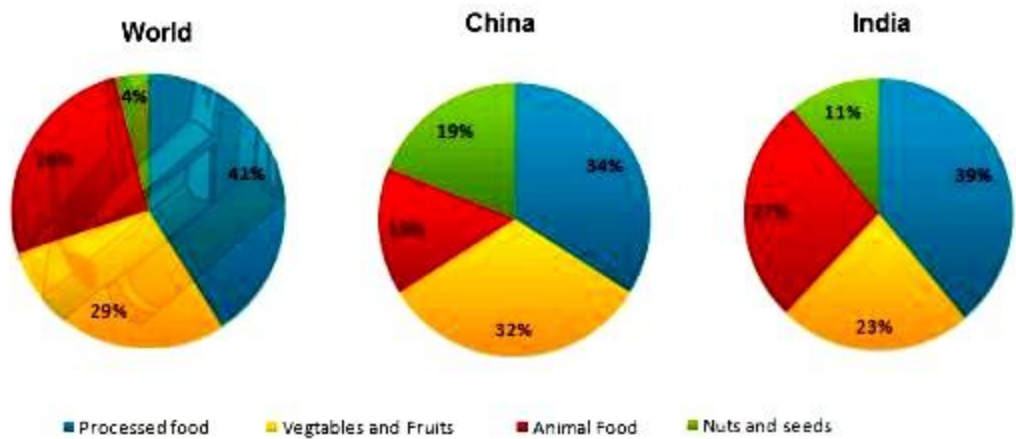
Horrible condition of roads _____ broken _____ full of pits _____ great problem _____ dangerous walking at night _____ locality neglected.

9. The graph below shows four countries of residence of overseas students in Australia. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant (150-200 words).



OR

Below given are three pie charts showing the consumption habits of India, China and the World overall in 2008. Write an analytical paragraph describing the pie charts (100-120 words).



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

A. Any two

- i. What is the theme of the poem - Amanda?
- ii. How did the peasants of Chubukov consider Oxen Meadows?
- iii. Who was Wanda Petronski? What type of girl was she?

B. Any two

- i. At the end of the lesson, Mrs. Pumphrey said, "This is a triumph of surgery." Why?
- ii. What was the reason of Jaffers's astonishment?
- iii. What were Ram Lal and his wife's concern about Bholi? Why did they not worry about their other children?

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

A. Any two

- i. What would the tiger do in the forest?
- ii. How does Natalya react when she comes to know that Lomov has come to propose to her?
- iii. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?

B. Any two

- i. How did Anil come to know that Hari Singh had run away with his money?
- ii. "But there was one thing I could do - collect things." What collection did Ebright make? When did he start making the collection?
- iii. How did the hack driver befool the lawyer?

12. Describe the importance of the diary in Anne Frank's life.

OR

Was Anne an intelligent girl? Support your answer with relevant instances.

13. Mrs. Pumphrey has a deep love and care for Tricki. Explain.

OR

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?

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Solution

Section A

1.
 - i. (b) Evolution of Money
 - ii. (c) It appeared in unconnected places in a similar way.
 - iii. (a) Manillas
 - iv. (d) Whale's Teeth
 - v. (a) Use of colourful form of money
 - vi. (d) All of the above
 - vii. (a) They use violent methods to maintain control over the issuance of money
 - viii. (b) Money Changers
 - ix. (a) Conference.
 - x. (c) attractive.
 - xi. (a) comfort
 - xii. (a) plot
2.
 - i. (a) On dal lake
 - ii. (b) design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake
 - iii. (d) Chief Postmaster
 - iv. (c) Floods
 - v. (a) You do not need a fan
 - vi. (a) 2014
 - vii. (b) John Samuel
 - viii. (a) beauty
 - ix. (c) afloat
 - x. (d) ordinary
 - xi. (b) 50,000
 - xii. (c) Nehru Park
3.
 - i. (a) Anne Frank
 - ii. (b) kitty, the diary
 - iii. (a) They jot down facts in a diary

- iv. (c) Jot down
- v. (a) Kitty

OR

- i. (a) At the end of the month
 - ii. (b) On the wall
 - iii. (c) Profitable
 - iv. (a) Plump physique
 - v. (a) Because baking was a profitable profession
4. i. (a) Hemlock
- ii. (a) snowflakes
 - iii. (b) abab
 - iv. (c) joyful
 - v. (d) regret

OR

- i. (a) In a little white house
 - ii. (b) Four
 - iii. (a) Black
 - iv. (d) Ogden Nash
 - v. (a) Grey
5. a. (ii) wants
- b. (iv) to
 - c. (ii) it
6. a. (ii) where his car was and added that he remembered parking it there.
- b. (iii) his car had been towed away as he had parked in a 'no parking zone'
 - c. (i) to excuse him
7. i. (c) might
- Explanation:** With a little more effort we might win this time.
- ii. (b) ought to
- Explanation:** She ought to work a little harder.
- iii. (c) can't
- Explanation:** can't

iv. (a) is visiting/has become

Explanation: is visiting/has become

v. (b) has / is

Explanation: has/is

vi. (a) don't need/crows

Explanation: don't need/crows

Section B

8. Guru Nanak Girls,
Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya,
Palam Colony,
Delhi
28 December 2018
Dimple Caterers
J.J. Colony
Delhi
Sir,

Subject: Enquiring Charges

We are conducting a farewell party for the students of class XIIth on 31st January 2018. We want the details regarding your catering services. We wish to know the number of items that will be provided by you, the services and the catering cost per head. We will not compromise in any way on the promise on the services and quality of food. It should be the best.

Also, inform us whether you will be providing snacks and soft drinks along with the food and if a sweet dish is included in your meal like chips, french fries, ice-cream, Pepsi or Dew, etc. If so, how many sweet dishes will be provided to us and the cost of the dishes. We will need you to arrange the decoration in the hall, music system, lights, snacks, soft drinks, food, sweet dishes, crockery, etc. We request you to provide us with the best, prompt and quick servicemen/servicewomen or helper.

Send in your details with the price list at the earliest so that we can book our order for our school farewell party in the given time interval.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Tanya.

(Class XII-A)

OR

174, Hospital Road

Agra

18th October 2018

The Editor

Amar Ujala

Agra

Sir,

Subject: Pathetic condition of roads

I write to your good self to express my concern over the bad condition of roads in our locality due to which many accidents take place every year.

Our authorities show a great belief in superficial development, therefore the main road and highways are decoratively constructed, but the interiors are equally horrible in the present condition. Broken from various places, these roads have pits after every 20 metres and especially during and after the monsoons, the roads are badly damaged. In the cities, the drains get damaged. The coverings of the manholes are dislodged. Quite frequently these broken drains and uncovered manholes become the causes of the accidents.

Despite regular complaints, our locality seems to be the lowest on priority and all complaints seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

I request you to allow me to use your esteemed newspaper as a medium of arousing the attention of the concerned authorities so that appropriate action will be taken.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Neeraj.

9. The line graph illustrates the changing trends in the numbers of students, in 1000s, who visited Australia for education from four different countries between 1982 and 2000. Overall it is evident that visitor numbers from all four countries increased over the time period.

At the start of the period, while Malaysia had around 5,000 students per year visiting Australia, the other countries had none. However, though remaining at the highest

number up until 1990 and increasing after this, visitors number from Malaysia finished at the lowest levels of all the countries, at around 18,000.

The lack of student visitors continued for Hong Kong and Singapore up until 1987. At that point arrivals from Singapore gradually increased over the years, culminating in nearly 20,000 visitors per year in 2000, while arrivals from Hong Kong showed a more erratic pattern, fluctuating after 1996 and finishing at 19,000 per year.

However, the biggest change was seen in the numbers coming from Indonesia. Though this started low, arrivals kept increasing over the years. Numbers peaked in 1998 at approximately 28,000, before dropping to final arrival numbers of 23,000, which exceeded all the other countries.

OR

The three given pie charts depict types of food consumption in 2008 as compared in two countries- India and China. In general, processed food is a major type of food eaten. Processed food comprises as high as 41% of the global consumption. In China and India as well, processed foods are consumed the most, the rate of consumption is 34% and 39% respectively. On average, vegetables and fruits constitute 29% of consumption. In China, vegetables and fruits comprise 32% of food consumption which is 9% more than that of India. For Indians, animal food accounts for 27% of their diet, exceeding Chinese food consumption by a striking 12%. However, nuts and seeds comprise almost one-fifth of Chinese food habits. This is way more than the global consumption of 4% and 11% of India. Overall, world food consumption largely comprises processed food. Chinese consumption of nuts and seeds is unbelievably higher than the average percentage.

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

A. (any two)

- i. The greatest wealth that a child wants to possess is his/her freedom. Too many instructions and too much control are resented by children. They get bored and fed up. Then, they listen to their parents half-heartedly and indulge in daydreaming. Every child wants to enjoy the dreamy and romantic world of his/her childhood.
- ii. The peasants of Chubukov had been using Oxen Meadows freely for the last forty years as if it were their own land. However, in reality, Lomov's aunt's grandmother gave that piece of land to the Chubukovs in return of which the

latter had to make bricks for her.

- iii. Wanda was a poor Polish immigrant girl. She was very quiet and reserved. She rarely said anything. She never laughed loudly. Sometimes she smiled with a twisted mouth. She used to go to school with American children. They made fun of Wanda because she claimed that she had a hundred dresses, though, in reality, she had one old faded dress. She used to wear the same dress every day to school and used to commute to school alone.

B. (any two)

- i. Mrs. Pumphery's dog, Tricki had fallen ill and had to be admitted for treatment to Dr. Herriot's hospital. Dr. Herriot didn't perform any surgery but gave Tricki a lot of water and exercise which helped him to recover. When Mrs. Pumphery went to pick him up, he was fully recovered. That's why Mrs. Pumphery called it a triumph of surgery.
- ii. The reason of Jaffers's astonishment was that he had to arrest a headless person. He decided to perform his duty but found himself struggling with a man who became invisible. Jaffers was knocked unconscious as he made a last attempt to hold on to Griffin. At last, he could not capture the scientist and hence, he could not perform his duty.
- iii. Ram Lal and his wife were concerned more about Bholi than their other children because she was the weakest child in the family while her other siblings were healthy. They were worried about her ugly looks because of the pockmarks all over her body and also because of her stammering. They were worried that no one would come forward to marry because of her weaknesses.

11. Answer any four of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

A. (any two)

- i. In the forest, the tiger would walk freely without any foundation and terrify the villagers snarling around their houses. The tiger in the wild would be majestic. He would be free and lie under the shades and hunt for prey.
- ii. When Natalya comes to know that Lomov has come to propose to her, she forgets all the logic behind her being unfair. The word proposal excites her beyond limits as she is already in a mood to marry. She requests her father to bring Lomov back.
- iii. No, Lencho was not surprised. He had great faith in God. He did not get a hint that the postmaster helped him in the face of God.

B. (any two)

- i. Perhaps Anil might have woken up at night and discovered that Hari was not present in the house. Moreover, he found the wet notes under his mattress. The wetness of the notes might have led to suspicion in Anil's mind.
 - ii. When young, Ebright felt he could neither play football nor baseball. There was one thing which he could do, which was collecting things. He had a wonderful assortment of monarch butterflies, fossils, rocks and coins. He began collecting things when he was in kindergarten.
 - iii. The hack driver made a fool of the narrator. He misguided the lawyer by taking him everywhere to find Oliver Lutkins. In fact, Bill (the hack driver), the person who was helping the lawyer find Lutkins, in the end, turned out to be Lutkins himself. He deceived the lawyer and made money. He took the lawyer to all those places where Lutkins could be found and managed quite easily to befool the lawyer.
12. Living in hiding, in the Secret Annex, was twice as hard for the children as the adults because they were always told to hold on to their opinions at a time when their ideas were being shattered by the mayhem of war. As a young girl growing up during the time of the most destructive war in history, seeing the worst side of human nature brought to the fore, it was next to impossible to believe that there could be such things as truth, justice or God. This is the juncture at which Anne's diary became so important in her life. Her writing had a transformative power that took everyday mundane activities and made it into amusing anecdotes, showing us how a claustrophobic space such as the Secret Annex could also be a fertile ground for creativity and imagination. Anne deftly navigated her inner and outer world, weaving them together through her contemplative stance on life, which was often undercut by her ironic interjections. Her diary not only captured her personal journey but also gave us a commentary on the social and cultural atmosphere and especially, the experience of the war from the perspective of lived reality.

OR

Anne was indeed an intelligent girl. She was only 13 years old but her diary showed she was mature for her age. She decided to write a diary because she felt that she would be able to confide in the diary comfortably. Only an intelligent girl could think so deeply and

wisely. Moreover, she proved the necessity of talking as she attributed her talkative nature to her inherited traits. When her teacher punished her for being too talkative, she wrote a fine poem and turned the joke on her teacher. This compelled her teacher to understand her and stop punishing her. Hence, we can conclude that she was intelligent, mature and wise beyond her age.

13. Mrs. Pumphrey is a very rich woman. Her dog's name is Tricki. She has a deep love and cares for her pet dog. She does not treat it like a dog, but she treats it like her own child. This can be seen throughout the story. She provides it with a luxurious life. Tricki has cushions, bed, bowls and different types of clothes. Apart from this, she overfeeds Tricki out of her love and concern. She serves him cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and Horlicks after dinner to give him strength. She never realizes that Tricki is a greedy dog and this will spoil his health. She does not even refuse to answer Tricki's drooling for cream cakes and chocolates. She gives it a very nutritious diet and no exercise at all. As a result, Tricki becomes too fat. It falls ill. Mrs. Pumphrey immediately calls Mr. Herriot, who is a veterinary surgeon. Mr. Herriot advises her to cut its diet and give it some exercise, but she does not follow his advice and Tricki's condition worsens. Even in the hospital, she continues to convey Tricki her love through eggs, wine and brandy. After the treatment, Tricki gets well. Thus, Mrs. Pumphrey has too much love for her dog.

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Matilda's pride and her materialistic aspirations coupled with her dishonesty paved the way for her ruin. She could avoid it by learning to accept her current situation and being content with what she had but she was not ready to accept her reality. She was a day-dreamer. She never behaved like a mature woman. She loved to have new and luxurious dresses. She liked to have jewellery. She was never satisfied. She did not follow her husband's good advice. Thus, Matilda's unrealistic dreams were the cause of her ruin. Another way could have been to try getting a job or starting a business. One should either try to work hard to realise one's dreams or stop dreaming altogether.