

CBSE Class 09 English Language and Literature
Sample Paper 03 (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 passage given below and answer any 10 questions that follow:

I know poverty and misery and I quite appreciate by personal experience what it is to be poor, what it is to have no clothes, what it is to have no books, what it is to struggle through life, what it is to walk through the streets without an umbrella, without conveyance along miles on dusty roads. I have been through it all and I can understand the difficulties that most of you graduates have to face today. I am speaking from a long experience of 60 years. Please do not imagine that all the 60 years are milk and roses. To be able to accomplish something, I want to tell you that you have to go through such experiences.

I admit success in life is not always to be intelligent or be strong, and it is to some extent a bit of a gamble, but those who got their minds right and those who know their job sooner or later, will sooner perhaps than later make their way in life. But they should not be disappointed if they do not, they have to face up life and take it as they find it.

What I say is that the great things in life are not really great things in life. What I love is to enjoy the common things of life. I am happy that I am still able to sleep at night provided I have three miles walk in the evening. I am still able to enjoy a good lunch or a good dinner. I am still able to look at the blue sky and like it. I still like to walk in the open fields and like the smell of the Ragi or the Jowar.

We think that happiness consists of going to pictures and seeing thrilling films and

technicolor dramas. Not at all, the great things in life are the God-given things which cost nothing. What you need is the desire to appreciate them. If you have your minds and hearts open, you have around your things which give you joy. There is the butterfly jumping about in flourishing colors on all sides. Look at the wonderful thing that God has given for our enjoyment.

We have to love nature and appreciate nature and appreciate her wonderful gifts, of nature's marvelous ingenuity, its resourcefulness, and infinite variety. It is the same thing that has inspired me all my life.

- i. How had C.V. Raman's childhood been difficult?
 - a. He had lived life as a poor
 - b. He had access to books only
 - c. He had to run on the streets
 - d. He never drank milk as a child
- ii. Why has life been termed as a gamble?
 - a. It disappoints you always
 - b. Life is good to only hardworking people
 - c. Even an intelligent or strong person is unsure of success
 - d. CV Raman has lost money in this gamble
- iii. How does C.V. Raman's speech inspire us?
 - a. He told us easy ways to enjoy life
 - b. He told us one needs to be poor to succeed in life
 - c. He told us to work day and night
 - d. He told us that life is never easy
- iv. What according to C.V Raman consists of happiness?
 - a. Seeing thrilling films and technicolor dramas
 - b. Things that cost money
 - c. God-given gifts which cost nothing
 - d. A graduate student's life
- v. According to the text, what should we love?
 - a. Life
 - b. Gamble
 - c. C.V Raman
 - d. Nature

- vi. Which smell did he like in the fields?
- a. Butterflies in fields
 - b. Ragi and Jowar
 - c. Dinner
 - d. Dusty Roads
- vii. What has inspired C.V Raman all his life?
- a. Gamble
 - b. Family
 - c. Nature
 - d. Films
- viii. How many years of experience does C.V Raman have?
- a. 6 years
 - b. 60 years
 - c. 16 years
 - d. 66 years

Choose the best option from the words given below which mean the same:

- ix. despair
- a. disappointment
 - b. hopelessness
 - c. misery
 - d. distress
- x. endless
- a. unlimited
 - b. continuous
 - c. infinite
 - d. unreachable
- xi. prosperous
- a. rich
 - b. flourishing
 - c. wealthy
 - d. fortunate
- xii. exciting
- a. joyful

- b. funny
- c. exhilarating
- d. thrilling

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

Both water and energy are integral parts of the human body. By weight about 60% of an adult's human body is water and dehydration is one of the biggest single killers of children in the modern world. Life without water is unthinkable.

The human body needs its daily intake of food to meet its energy requirements, which according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations is about 1,800 kcal per day. Life without energy is equally unthinkable.

The energy that we take in through food again depends, amongst other things, on the water for agriculture and often that water is pumped with electrical or other forms of energy. The interdependence of energy and water is evident.

The world at large seeks both water and energy security. The Worldwatch Institute estimates that about 1.1 billion people (one-fifth of the world population) live in areas of physical water scarcity and another 1.6 billion are facing economic water shortage (when existing water sources cannot be used because of a lack of investment in water-related infrastructure). We will probably have a world population of 9 billion by 2050 and this will put further stress on the water sourcing and supply systems. Here again, the connection between energy and water is evident: globally about 70% of water consumption is for the agricultural sector. No water, no food, no energy.

Actions needed on the waterfront include a reduction in water usage for agriculture (pump efficiencies, drip irrigation instead of flood irrigation, change in crop patterns), recycling of water, extensive rainwater harvesting programmes, stoppage of run-offs and water pollution.

We need to remind ourselves that the fossil-based energy that we rely on so much for almost everything we do is stored solar energy. And while the sun took over 150 million years to store its energy in the form of fossil fuels, we are busy discharging that huge solar battery in a matter of a few hundred years.

- i. By weight, an adult human body contains about:
 - a. 60%
 - b. 65%
 - c. 70%

- d. 75%
- ii. The interdependence of is evident.
 - a. energy and food
 - b. food and water
 - c. energy and light
 - d. energy and water
- iii. Fuel found under the ground such as coal is called:
 - a. fossil
 - b. energy
 - c. water
 - d. coal
- iv. We get _____ from food.
 - a. fuels
 - b. life
 - c. water
 - d. energy
- v. Find the word from the passage which means the same as **clear/easily seen**.
 - a. evident
 - b. estimate
 - c. lack
 - d. rely
- vi. The Worldwatch Institute estimates that _____ are facing economic water shortage.
 - a. 1.1 billion
 - b. 1.8 billion
 - c. 1.4 billion
 - d. 1.6 billion
- vii. We will probably have a world population of 9 billion by _____.
 - a. 2100
 - b. 2035
 - c. 2050
 - d. 2075
- viii. Globally about _____ of water consumption is for the agricultural sector.
 - a. 65%

b. 75%

c. 70%

d. 55%

ix. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN how much daily intake of food required for human body?

a. 1,500 kcal per day

b. 1,800 kcal per day

c. 1,200 kcal per day

d. 2,100 kcal per day

x. What are integral parts of the human body?

a. Only energy

b. Only water

c. Water and energy

d. food and fuels

xi. _____ is one of the biggest single killers of children in the modern world.

a. water

b. food

c. fuel

d. dehydration

xii. Antonyms of word **evident**:

a. unclear

b. noticeable

c. tangible

d. unmistakable

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

Rush hour crowds jostle for position on the underground train platform. A slight girl, looking younger than her seventeen years, was nervous yet excited as she felt the vibrations of the approaching train. It was her first day at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London and daunting enough for any teenager fresh from a Scottish farm. But this aspiring musician faced a bigger challenge than most: she was profoundly deaf.

i. How old was Evelyn when she went to the Royal Academy of Music?

a. 17 years

b. 10 years

- c. 13 years
- d. 15 years
- ii. How did Evelyn feel at the underground train platform?
 - a. Nervous
 - b. Excited
 - c. Happy
 - d. All of these
- iii. Find the word from the passage which is similar in meaning to sufficient.
 - a. Enough
 - b. Excited
 - c. Jostle
 - d. Profoundly
- iv. How was Evelyn different from other teenagers?
 - a. She was profoundly deaf
 - b. She was completely blind
 - c. She was dumb
 - d. She suffered from amnesia
- v. What did Evelyn intend to become?
 - a. A musician
 - b. A teacher
 - c. A lawyer
 - d. A painter

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

I will begin with Bruno, my wife's pet sloth bear. I got him for her by accident. Two years ago we were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore. People were driving away from the wild pigs from the fields by shooting at them. Some were shot and some escaped. We thought that everything was over when suddenly a black sloth bear came out panting in the hot sun. Now I will not shoot a sloth bear wantonly, but unfortunately for the poor beast, one of my companions did not feel that way about it and promptly shot the bear on the spot.

- i. Who was Bruno?

- a. A sloth bear
 - b. A puppy
 - c. A kitten
 - d. A bulldog
- ii. When did the author visit Mysore?
- a. Five months ago
 - b. Two months ago
 - c. Six months before
 - d. A week ago
- iii. Write the synonym of companions.
- a. Friends
 - b. Shooting
 - c. Prompt
 - d. Passing
- iv. Why were the people shooting at the wild pigs?
- a. To win the competition
 - b. To scare them away
 - c. To eat them
 - d. To tame them
- v. The narrator was passing through which fields when he spotted Bruno:
- a. Mustard
 - b. Corn
 - c. Wheat
 - d. Sugarcane

4. **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

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
Their hands are ours, and in their lines, we read
A labour not different from our own.

- i. What are all the people aware of?
 - a. Sun
 - b. Air
 - c. Water

- d. All of these
 - ii. How do they get food?
 - a. By stealing
 - b. By peaceful harvests
 - c. By public distribution by long-drawn wars
 - d. None of these
 - iii. Who does '**they**' refer to in the given stanza?
 - a. People who do not belong to our country
 - b. Citizens of a country
 - c. People who are physically handicapped
 - d. The poverty stricken people of a country
 - iv. Find the word from the stanza that is opposite in meaning to the word 'noisy'.
 - a. Aware
 - b. Peaceful
 - c. Different
 - d. Starved
 - v. Name the poet of the given stanza.
 - a. James Kirkup
 - b. Robert Frost
 - c. William Shakespeare
 - d. W.W.E. Ross
5. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:**
- An analysis of (i) _____ mysterious 'dark flow' seen in outer space (ii) _____ suggested that something big is out there, (iii) _____ the visible edge of our universe, which might be a sign of a neighbouring universe. Last year, Sasha kashlinsky of Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland and colleagues identifies an unusual pattern in the motion of around 800 galaxy clusters. According to a report in New Scientist,
- i. (a) X (b) a (c) an (d) the
 - ii. (a) have (b) are (c) was (d) has
 - iii. (a) in (b) beyond (c) on (d) over
6. **Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph that follows :**
- Mother: Rita, finish your food.
- Rita: I don't want to have this food. You never give me a pizza or burger.

Mother: They are not good for health. You had pizza at your friend's birthday party last evening.

Rita: OK, then give me French fries and shake. ‘

Mother: If you live only on junk food, you will spoil your health.

Mother told Rita (a) Rita replied that (b) and told her mother that she never gave her a pizza or burger. Mother said that they were not good for health and reminded her (c) Rita then asked her mother to give her french fries and shake. Mother warned her that if she lived only on junk food, she would spoil her health.

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

- i. How bad that game is! I'm sure our team_____ in this match.
 - a. is being beaten
 - b. will have been eaten
 - c. is beaten
 - d. is going to be beaten
- ii. I _____ late for school again this morning. The teacher was not happy.
 - a. am arriving
 - b. have arrived
 - c. arrive
 - d. arrived
- iii. The police _____ to have been called by the thieves themselves to the wrong address at the same time of the robbery.
 - a. was supposed
 - b. is supposed
 - c. supposed
 - d. are supposed
- iv. Now that they have raised the prices at the gym, I _____ going there or I'll have difficulty paying it.
 - a. used to stop
 - b. had stopped
 - c. Should stop
 - d. had better stop
- v. _____ you prepare a cup of tea for me, please?
 - a. Could

- b. Can
- c. Would
- d. Will

vi. _____ of what he said was very sensible.

- a. Some
- b. Many
- c. A few
- d. Much

Section B

8. You recently visited the 24th Crafts Mela at Bareilly, U.P. It was Mini India assembled at one place. Make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there.

OR

Write a paragraph on Books-Our Best Companions.

9. You have been preparing for the National Talent Search Examination for the last one year and have got a very good rank. Write your story using the following clues.
humble family background-ambition to be something-scholarship, a means to that-
preparation-help from the teachers-use of library-examination-result.

OR

Aradhna started writing a story of **Two Boys in a Jungle**. Due to the pressure of heavy engagements, she gave up after writing a line or so. Taking help from the input given below and based on the introduction Aradhna made, develop a complete story.

Veeru and Karim were young Keralites. Next week their school was going to organise a camp near a forest in Ponmuddy...

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

- a. What did Tommy tell Margie about the old school? Write in brief.
- b. Who is a freak? Why did Einstein's mother think him to be a freak? Write your answer in the context of A Truly Beautiful Mind.
- c. In one of the stanzas, the poet finds similarity in human hands. What is it?
- d. How did the dancing girl and the goldsmith defend themselves?
- e. Why did the author miss his old teachers? Write your answer in the context of A

House is Not a Home.

f. How did Lushkoff express his sense of gratitude to Sergei?

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

a. How have the pages of the books been torn? Write your answer in the context of the poem Wind.

b. Kezia looked through a hole in the fence into Mr. MacDonald's garden. What did she see? Write your answer in the context of The Little Girl.

c. What happened when the author's wife went to meet Baba in the zoo?

d. Why did Grandfather sell back Toto to the tonga driver?

e. Describe the scene after the storm and heavy rain. When did the rain cease? What was its result?

f. How did Sue inform Johnsy about Behrman's death?

12. Santosh was not only a good mountaineer but also a genuinely good human being. Discuss.

OR

Critically appreciate the poem 'On Killing a Tree'?

13. The two most precious things in the city were the Happy Prince and the swallow. Discuss.

OR

Describe the journey made by the child to the fair? Write your answer in the context of The Lost Child.

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Solution

Section A

1.
 - i. (a) He had lived life as a poor.
 - ii. (c) Even an intelligent or strong person is unsure of success.
 - iii. (a) He told us easy ways to enjoy life.
 - iv. (c) God-given things which cost nothing.
 - v. (d) Nature
 - vi. (b) Ragi and Jowar
 - vii. (c) Nature
 - viii. (b) 60 years
 - ix. (a) Disappointment
 - x. (c) Infinite
 - xi. (b) Flourishing
 - xii. (d) Thrilling
2.
 - i. (a) 60%
 - ii. (d) energy and water
 - iii. (a) fossil
 - iv. (d) energy
 - v. (a) evident
 - vi. (d) 1.6 billion
 - vii. (c) 2050
 - viii. (b) 70%
 - ix. (b) 1,800 kcal per day
 - x. (c) Water and energy
 - xi. (d) dehydration
 - xii. (a) unclear
3.
 - i. (a) 17 years
 - ii. (d) All of these
 - iii. (a) Enough

- iv. (a) She was profoundly deaf
- v. (a) A musician

OR

- i. (a) A sloth bear
 - ii. (b) Two months ago
 - iii. (a) Friends
 - iv. (b) To scare them away
 - v. (a) Mustard
4. i. (d) All of these
- ii. (a) The road
 - iii. (b) Perhaps
 - iv. (a) Disclaimed
 - v. (a) Robert Frost

OR

- i. (d) All of these
 - ii. (b) By peaceful harvests
 - iii. (a) People who do not belong to our country
 - iv. (b) Peaceful
 - v. (a) James Kirkup
5. i. (d) the
- ii. (d) has
 - iii. (b) beyond
6. a. to finish her food.
- b. she did not want to have that food
 - c. that she had pizza at her friend's birthday party the evening before.
7. **Choose the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.**
- i. (d) is going to be beaten
Explanation: is going to be beaten
 - ii. (d) arrived
Explanation: arrived
 - iii. (d) are supposed

Explanation: are supposed

iv. (c) Should stop

Explanation: Should stop

v. (a) Could

Explanation: **Could** you prepare a cup of tea for me, please?

vi. (d) Much

Explanation: Much

Section B

8. New Delhi

20th March, 20XX

Monday, 8:00 pm

Dear Diary,

The Crafts Mela at Bareilly was much more impressive and grand than what I had imagined. This year the 'Theme State' was Rajasthan. The whole campus was painted with the visuals of Ranthambore, Chittor, Jodhpur, and Jaisalmer. It was Mini India assembled on a few hundred acres of land. All the awarded artisans from different states had set up their workshops and stalls there. Many countries, more particularly Pakistan, Nepal, and Afghanistan gave it an international look. Most of the stalls also had craftsmen who gave live demos of how various products were made. I was astounded at the skills of these people. At the same time, I felt sorry that most of the time their skills were going unnoticed. For example, while Gujarat state excelled in various mirror work products, the one from Kerala showcased many products made from the leaves of coconut trees. Bangles, jewellery decoration pieces, wall-hangings, purses, shoes, sarees, garments, and cosmetics found thousands of buyers. Every evening there were cultural shows at the 'Chaupal' and the 'Rangmanch'. The 'Food Court' provided all kinds of delicacies for food-lovers. Basically, it was India in all its colours, tastes and sounds scattered on the Aravalli hills. It was a wonderful experience.

Dinesh

OR

Books - Our Best Companions

Man is a social animal. He can't live in isolation. Our human friends, relatives, and companions can prove unreliable and treacherous. However, books are our real

companions, friends, and guides. They enrich humanity. They have educative as well as informative value and importance. They will never betray or deceive us. We can look towards them for guidance, learning, and entertainment. Shakespeare's dramas have a universal appeal. Homer, Balmiki and Ved Vyammortal works. **Ramayana** and **The Mahabharat** are read by millions of people. Tagore's **Gitanjali** transports us to a highly spiritual and philosophical world. Prem Chand's **Godan** unfolds rustic life and its problems. Books are our best companions. The biographies of great men like Lincoln and Gandhi can be a source of inspiration. It is never too late to enter the world of books. The books inspire us to work hard with hope and courage. They remove ignorance and add to our knowledge. Books and rich experience and sharpen our intellect.

9.

Ambition Knows No Bound

Everyone has one ambition in life. He or she has that one desire to achieve that one objective, i.e. to be successful in line one likes to follow in life. As many ambitions as many people' goes an old saying. Many people gave me many suggestions in this regard, i.e., some wanted me to become a scientist, a doctor, a teacher and so on. But I was very clear in my mind. I wanted to become an engineer as it was according to my taste, interest, aptitude and bent of mind. The only hurdle was that it didn't go with the available means as I had a very humble family background. My father was a peon. He couldn't afford the expenses for it. But if there is a will, there is a way. A golden opportunity turned out in my life in the form of NTSC, i.e., National Talent Search Examination. They provided scholarship to students who performed well. I decided to take this opportunity and clear National Talent Search Examination. Along with the preparation of class XII, I started the preparation for NTSC. For nearly one year, I burnt the midnight oil because I wanted to leave no stone unturned in my venture. My teachers were of great help in this regard. They also knew the seriousness of my ambition. I made the maximum use of library books. With the help of my best friend, I prepared notes, which were cross-checked by my teachers. Yesterday the result was announced. My joy knew no bounds when I saw that I had topped the list of the girl candidates. Even overall, I got a very good rank. Finally, my hard work paid me well. Now, I could fulfil my dream with the aid of this scholarship. I would be an engineer. and would lessen some burden off my father.

OR

Two Boys in a Jungle

Veeru and Karim were young Keralites. The next week their school was going to organize a camp near a forest in Ponmuddy. The following week they joined the camp. One day they went out together. They thought of going inside the forest to explore it. Soon they lost their way. The sun had set. They were walking along the Periyar river. They heard a loud noise. They stood still and listened to it. They heard the sound of an animal coming towards them. It was the sound of a big elephant. He was just fifty meters away from them. The elephant smelled them too. He saw them standing quietly behind an oak tree. He raised his long trunk up in the air and trumpeted loudly. The boys didn't move. Veeru was a little frightened, but Karim was not. Slowly the elephant started coming nearer and nearer. Now he was only ten meters away. **Let's do something**, said Karim. **Do it, before he attacks us**, said Veeru.

Karim pulled out a balloon from his pocket. He put it in his mouth and started blowing into the balloon. At last, it was blown to the size of a small bag. Karim hit the full blown balloon hard with his hand. **Bang-Bang!** The elephant stopped and trumpeted angrily. He was confused. The elephant turned away and disappeared into the forest. The boys ran and ran till they reached safely at the camp. After reaching the camp, they shared their experience with their classmates. After that, they ate dinner and slept. Next day morning, they went back to their school. After reaching school their parents' came and took them to their home. Once they reached home they told their parents what they have experienced. They were angry at both of them and told them not to repeat it ever again later they appreciated Karim for his moment of action. After some time they ate dinner and slept.

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

- a. Tommy softly told Margie that the old school was quite different from the school they had and it existed hundreds and hundreds of years ago. They had a man as a teacher who gave them homework and asked questions. They studied in a particular building, all the kids went there and all the kids of same age group learned the same thing. The children sat together and studied the same subject.
- b. A 'freak' is a word used disapprovingly for a person who is unusual in looks and behaviour. Einstein's mother thought him to be a 'freak' because he didn't behave and talk like normal children of his age. His head seemed too large to her which made her

think that he had lesser intelligence than others.

- c. The poet means that we all shall lie under the same earth. The poet feels that people of all countries have to work hard in a similar fashion to earn their livelihood. This is done by them with the help of their hands. It is the hands that do all the work in the world and it is the hands that are a source of all creativity.
- d. The dancing girl shifted the blame of the death over the goldsmith. She argued that the goldsmith made her walk up and down to his house a dozen times. When the king summoned the goldsmith, he argued that he had been making jewellery for an impatient merchant so he could not finish making the dancing girl's jewellery on time. This caused her to walk by the bricklayer and distract him from his work. Hence, the merchant should be held responsible for the thief's death.
- e. After passing junior high school, the author joined a new high school. He missed his old school, friends and teachers. He was unable to adjust to the new surroundings or make friends. He would often visit his teachers at junior high and they would encourage him to get involved in school activities and meet new people. Their affection, warmth and cooperation in making him feel special made the author miss them.
- f. Lushkoff was very grateful to Sergei. Olga made him change his ways. If he hadn't come to him, he would still have been lying to the people. Olga's words and actions had brought a change in him. She made him quit drinking. Lushkoff expressed his gratitude towards Sergei and Olga.

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

- a. The wind has blown so fiercely that the books placed on the shelf have fallen down and been scattered about the room. The wind was so strong that it blew open the books and their pages fluttered in the wind. This caused the pages to be torn.
- b. When Kezia looked through a hole in the fence she saw Mr. MacDonald playing with his children. They were running around the flower beds and laughing happily. He had Baby Mao on his shoulders. The two little girls were hanging on to his coat pockets. They all seemed to be very happy.
- c. Baba recognised the author's wife from far and howled with happiness. She ran up to him and patted him through the bars. Baba showed his happiness by standing on his head. For the next three hours, she did not leave the cage. She gave him all that he

liked to eat -tea, lemonade, cakes, ice-cream etc.

- d. Toto was a mischievous monkey. He did whatever he liked. It was impossible for the family to afford the frequent loss caused by Toto. So, Grandfather sold him back to the Tonga-driver for three rupees, thus incurring a loss of two rupees.
 - e. The deadliest cyclone which that blew wind at the velocity of 350 km per hour continued for thirty-six long hours brought the devastation of lives and materials. There were dead bodies and uprooted trees all around. A brown sheet of water covered everything. There was water everywhere. The rain ceased after two days but water could be seen as far as the eyes could gaze. Because of heavy rain, there was little hope for the betterment of the flood victims.
 - f. Sue came to Johnsy's bed the next morning after Behrman had died. Then she broke the news of Behrman's death to her that he died of pneumonia as he had been out in the stormy night.
12. Santosh Yadav proved her mountaineering skills quite early in her career. She displayed an unflinching will and a fearless mind that fought a rigid, orthodox society to rise to the top. But the stern will and bold decisions did not smother her qualities of co-operation and concern for others. Santosh was endowed with a caring heart is obvious from the fact that she took great care of a climber at the South Col. Though, the climber could not be saved, Santosh's concern for him was really commendable. In another incident, she saved the life of a fellow climber, Mohan Singh by sharing her own oxygen with him. This sense of sacrifice and team-spirit won for her the esteem of her team-mates. Moreover, Santosh's heart overflowed with patriotism when she unfurled the national flag on the top of Mt. Everest.

OR

The poem is beautifully written to show us that trees are an important part of our lives and nature is supreme. The poem itself is modelled as a plant growing from the seed. The first line states "It takes much time to kill a tree to tell us that even if humans try to kill a tree it's not easy to do that. the poet then describes the process of growth of the tree. It is presumed that the tree has grown from its seed and the seed develops the root. The root works its way through the rocks and stones of the soil. The trees grow slowly by feeding upon the earth's crust absorbing years of sunlight, air, and water. The development of the tree takes years and it is because of this slow process of growth that the tree is strong and

sturdy and hence it is difficult to kill a tree. A short yet thought-provoking poem.

13. The two most precious things in the city were the Happy Prince and the dead swallow. This is because they were not only able to understand the miseries of the poor but were also able to help them. They served humanity selflessly. The Happy Prince was happy throughout his life as he did not come across any suffering. Even after his death, he decided to help the poor. He shed all his precious jewels for the poor. Since he himself was unable to move anywhere, he requested a swallow to stay with him and help others. The bird agreed and postponed his idea to go to Egypt. He selflessly helped the Prince and the poor. He also became the eye to the prince. Both of them had the purest of intentions. The Prince did what he could after dying and the swallow did what he could in his life by sacrificing his life for the betterment of the poor and the needy. However, despite this, the Mayor couldn't see what the Prince and the swallow had done for his city and he ordered to pull down the statue.

OR

The boy accompanied his parents to the spring fair. On his way, he saw many people clad in colourful clothes and heading towards the fair. Some were riding horses and some took the road to reach there and some took the bullock carts. He saw many shops lined on the way, filled with toys, eatables and other items that attracted his eyes and he wanted to buy everything. Occasionally, he would stop and lag behind his parents. He also saw a mustard field on his way and followed the dragonflies and butterflies with his gaze and tried to catch them the moment they sat still. A shower of young flowers fell upon the child as he entered the grove, and he began to gather the raining petals in his hands.