

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 26
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

(20 MARKS)

I Read the passage given below.

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1. Hobbies help everyone grow as an individual. The right way to have a unique hobby is to practise something new. All folks are unique, and this is, often the reason why our hobbies and interests are varied. Once we discover an activity we are passionate about, we will explore that activity more. Once you get hooked, you'll realise that your hobby has become an integral part of your life. Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and refreshes us. Hobbies help us to manage our leisure and unplanned time more productively. It also affords you the chance to learn new skills in your work. But these aren't the only benefits of having a hobby.

2. It feels great to be skilled and good at something, doesn't it? And this is often what makes you confident. It can take a while to develop your hobby so that you may be able to tell that you are skilled. But, the journey of experiencing your hobby is extremely rewarding in itself. With the exposure to differing types of activities these days, it doesn't matter which activity you select. Whether you're pursuing a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be a diversion and a passion. Simultaneously, if your hobby gives you a way of purpose, then you'll be more confident about challenging yourself in your hobby and help you for learning new things at work.

3. Hobbies offer you an opportunity to enhance your life. Hobbies allow you to de-stress yourself while remaining mentally productive. Having hobbies promotes better health and should lower the risk of having high blood pressure. Enjoying some hours of your hobby a week can also reduce the risk of depression and dementia. Hobbies refocus your mind on something that you simply enjoy doing. Hobbies that include physical activities create chemical changes in your body that help to scale back stress. Although it doesn't involve physical activities, you'll still reap the advantages of getting a hobby. Obtaining a brief break from work and doing one thing you're dependent on will rejuvenate your mind and facilitate preparing you to handle challenges within the future in a very higher manner.

4. Hobbies could give a chance for you to socialize with individuals which is often a further profit for your overall well-being. you'll connect with those that relish doing the similar things that you simply do. you'll meet new individuals, discuss your hobby and become connected to a much bigger circle which will even assist you flip your hobby into your profession. The net provides various teams and forums to connect with people who relish doing similar things that you simply need to invest time to give it a try and do as many attempts as we can to achieve.

5. Some hobbies need creative thinking and if you develop creative thinking through your hobby, they are often helpful. Creative thinking will assist us and would expertise new things at college and work. The talent of being inventive is crucial in today's world.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions given below.

1. When a person gets hooked on a hobby, he realises the fact that :
 - (a) it has become an integral part of our life.
 - (b) it has much more benefits than we realised.
 - (c) It is much more enjoyable to have a hobby.
 - (d) It is quite essential for us to learn some skills through our hobbies.
2. No matter which sort of hobby you are pursuing, be it a craft, sports, puzzles, or skill development, your hobby should be :
 - (a) useful for you in the long run.
 - (b) a skill that improves your present circumstances.
 - (c) a diversion and a passion.
 - (d) followed through till the end.
3. The journey of experiencing a hobby is quite :
 - (a) challenging for a person.
 - (b) rewarding in itself.
 - (c) demanding in itself.
 - (d) inspirational for a person.
4. State any one way through which hobbies enhance your life?
5. Getting a hobby means having a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about which can
 - (a) give you a peace of mind from all the other problems of daily hectic life and make you feel refreshed.
 - (b) help you enhance and improve your skills and push you forward on your path to success.
 - (c) make you enjoy and appreciate your life much more as you are happy pursuing what you love.
 - (d) rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.
6. List any two benefits of having a hobby.
7. What is essential in today's world?
8. Give an appropriate title for the passage.
9. Supply 1 point to justify the following:

Hobby provides you with an opportunity to socialise with people.
10. Choose an option that is clearly a synonym of the word 'hooked'.
 - (a) opposed
 - (b) indifferent
 - (c) willing
 - (d) captivated

II. Read the passage given below.

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1. Conference series LLC Ltd organises a conference series of 1000+ world events inclusive of 300+ conferences, 900+ future and former symposiums and workshops in USA, Europe and Asia with support from one thousand a lot of Scientific societies and publishes 700+ open access journals that contain over 30000 eminent personalities, purported scientists as Editorial board members.
2. Waste Management Convention 2018 with pride invitations to contributors across the world to ninth World Convention on use and Waste Management throughout Gregorian calendar month 22-23,2018 in metropolis, Japan, which has prompt keynote shows, oral talks, poster shows and exhibitions. We tend to be delighted to mention that it's the ninth World Convention on use and Waste Management which is able to be controlled in an exceedingly lovely town of metropolis, Japan and thus we tend to invite you all to attend and register.
3. The Ninth World Convention on use and Waste Management principally supported the theme "Advocating Waste Disposal and use Practices for Clean and inexperienced surroundings." We tend to warmly welcome all the participants - leading scientists, researchers and students of the planet to attend the convention. We offer a platform for young analyzers and students to give their research through oral shows through which they'll develop a foundation for collaboration among young researchers.
4. The organising committee set a platform for all the budding scientists and researchers to present their real-time work and share their views and aspects related to the theme of the conference. The organising committee is gearing up for an exciting and informative conference programme including plenary lecture, symposia, workshops on a variety of topics, poster presentations and various programmes for participants from all over the world.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

1. Provide one reason for the following, based on information in the passage. Waste management and recycling it.
2. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

_____ has been treated as second nature to us.

- (a) Sorting of waste
 - (b) Recycling of waste
 - (c) Waste management
 - (d) Implementing steps framed and deployed in convention
3. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2:
Delhi : India :: Tokyo :
(Clue : Delhi is the capital of India, similarly Tokyo is capital of...)
 4. What theme is being highlighted in the given passage?
(a) Efficient means of reducing garbage
(b) Various techniques to be employed to recycle the goods
(c) Efficient ways of waste disposal
(d) Both (b) and (c)
 5. Which of the following notions in the conference has been focussed to be deployed?
(a) Waste disposal management
(b) Waste management
(c) Recycling of goods
(d) Reshaping Earth's future
 6. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.
According to the pie-chart, Branches & wood has been recycled at the rate of _____.
(a) 1% (b) 24% (c) 4% (d) 3%
 7. Substitute the word 'present' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 3:
We provide a platform for young researchers and students to present their research...
 8. List any two points that the given data represents.
 9. Which activity contributes collectively towards paper waste recycling percentage?
 10. What has been considered as an efficient means to reduce landfill area?
(a) Sorting of waste
(b) Recycling or composting waste
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) None of these

SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(20 MARKS)

III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

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1. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
The boys _____ to my lecture at 8 O'clock this morning.
(a) were listening
(b) have been listening
(c) had been listening
(d) None of these
2. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting your daughter's reply correctly.
Mother: Why are you looking so worried? Daughter: My exams are approaching.
Mother asked her daughter why she was looking very worried. The daughter replied that .

3. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

I _____ rather die than join the gang of terrorists.

- (a) could (b) should (c) would (d) can

4. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

Some political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.

No Error

Correction

- (a) can't couldn't
(b) think thinks
(c) A little Some
(d) go goes

5. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

They met you at night after you _____ your work.

- (a) had finished (b) have finished (c) finished (d) will finish

6. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

Chris, in addition to his brother Zack, _____ (play) hockey on Saturday.

7. Report the dialogue between a doctor and a patient, by completing the sentence:

Doctor : You should take this medicine every day.

Patient : Should I take it before dinner or after dinner?

Doctor : No, you should take it after breakfast.

The Doctor advised the patient that he should take that medicine every day. The patient further asked if he should take it before dinner or after dinner. The doctor replied negatively and then said that _____.

8. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

Some guys like to fight on even playing grounds, and some guys like to cheat.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

9. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech: He asked, "Will you be coming?"

10. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence. My class teacher told me that I _____ work hard.

- (a) shall (b) could (c) can (d) should

11. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Radha and Shikha. Radha: Do you know how to swim?

Shikha: Yes I know. I learned it during this summer vacation.

Radha asked Shikha if/whether she knew how to swim. Then Shikha replied in affirmative and also added that _____.

- (a) she had learnt it during the summer vacation
(b) she has learnt it during the summer vacation
(c) she have learnt it during the summer vacation
(d) she had learn it during the summer vacation

12. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following sentence: Every person went to welcome the Indian Cricket team.

Error	Correction

IV All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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- A. Write a letter to the Editor of "The Times of India", Delhi expressing your concern over the Rapid increase in the rate of road accidents, rash driving and overcrowded road transport. You are Priya/Priyanshu living at B-47, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi.

OR

- B. Write an application to your principal asking permission to remain absent from school for 5 days on account of your brother's marriage.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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- A. The diagram below shows agricultural production in two different regions of the country. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.

OR

- B. Given below is a newspaper report on the state of cancer prevailing in India. You have been asked to write an analytical paragraph on 'Cancer - a silent killer' Taking information from the clipping given below together with your own ideas, write this paragraph in 100-120 words.

"In India, cities are more cancer-prone than rural areas. Within the early 1990's, we have a tendency to expect every individual in every case and consequently one out of ten to fifteen urban Indians to induce cancer in their life-time, that's each second or third family would gotta face this i'll wellness. This can be partially thanks to high levels of benzoyl within the air and additionally that the metros area unit is exposed to high levels of pesticides in their foods. so as to examine the steady growth of cancer within the country, the government shall offer priority to preventive action. At a similar time measures to undertake improvement in facilities for the treatment of cancer shall be adopted."

SECTION-C: LITERATURE

40 (Marks)

V. Reference to the Context

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1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given

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- I.(A) "It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and went where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms..."

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)

I. The title that best suits this extract is

- (a) Freedom for everything
- (b) Knowledge about Freedom
- (c) Significance of Freedom
- (d) Realisation of Freedom

II. Why do you think the speaker mentions some freedoms as 'transitory'?

III. Choose the option that best fits the usage of the word 'illusion' as used in the extract.

- (a) He was never able to get past the illusion.
- (b) The illusion I experienced was quite intriguing.
- (c) A large mirror in the room creates an illusion.
- (d) I was living under the illusion that this is possible.

IV. The speaker says, 'at first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself.' Why do you think he only thought about himself?

- (a) He didn't want to think about the freedom denied to others.
- (b) He was being selfish and was only bothered about himself.
- (c) He didn't think that freedom denied to him was important for others.
- (d) He was too young to realise that freedom was denied to others as well.

V. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.

The speaker's belief about freedom, since _____ proved false. It was not until the speaker grew up to be a young man when it dawned on him that he was deprived of freedom.

OR

1.(B) THINK-TANK: Mirror, mirror, in my hand. Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land?

OFFSTAGE VOICE: (after a pause) You, sir.

THINK -TANK: (smacking mirror) Quicker. Answer quicker next time. I hate a slow mirror. (He admires himself in the mirror.) Ah, there I am. Are we Martians not a handsome race? So much more attractive than those ugly Earthlings with their tiny heads. Noodle, you keep on exercising your mind, and someday you'll have a balloon brain just like mine.

NOODLE: Oh, I hope so, Mighty Think-Tank. I hope so.

THINK -TANK: Now, contact the space probe. I want to invade that primitive ball of mud called Earth before lunch.

NOODLE: It shall be done, sir. (He adjusts levers on the switchboard. Electronic buzzes and beeps are heard as the curtains open.)

(The Book that Saved the Earth)

- I. Choose the option that lists the most appropriate meaning of think-tank from those given below.
 - (a) A tank that helps you think deeper than an average person, if you use its contents regularly.
 - (b) Non-stop flow of ideas from a fixed source about one particular issue.
 - (c) A pool of ideas and solutions to various problems via an individual, group or organisation.
 - (d) A method by way of which people think collectively to identify stray thoughts among them.
- II. The playwright places certain words and sentences in brackets in the given extract.
List any two ways these benefit both the director and actors.
- III. Choose the option that correctly categorises the phrase "(after a pause)" based on the dialogue given above.
 - (a) aside
 - (b) stage direction
 - (c) narration
 - (d) setting
- IV. Choose the option that fits the example of an irony from the ones given below.
 - (a) "Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land?"
 - (b) "I hate a slow mirror."
 - (c) "Noodle, you keep on exercising your mind, and someday you'll have a balloon brain just like mine."
 - (d) "I want to invade that primitive ball of mud called Earth before lunch."
- V. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text. spinning : top :: rotation :
(Clue : Spinning is the movement of a top, similarly rotation is the movement of the...)

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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2.A If strolling forth, a beast you view, Whose hide with spots is peppered, As soon as he has leapt on you, You'll know it is the Leopard. Twi'll do no good to roar with pain, He'll only sleep and leep again.

(How to Tell Wild Animals)

- I. Choose the option listing the stanza that would follow the given extract.
 1. The leopard stalks on silent paws. With deadly armour of fangs and claws.
He lies in his tree perch throughout the day. Sleeping and resting the hours away.
 2. A spotted leopard in a banyan tree, kept his yellow carnivore-ic eyes on me.
I knew better than to move fast or try to flee.
His eyes narrowed, but I refused to see. How fast that cat was chasing after me. If I can just get that tall.....
 3. His claws and paws will make you forget, If you're in a dream or reality,
And you'll feel clawed and pawed. I bet, The peppered pounce a certainty.
This is a beast that runs and strikes fast, If you're caught you sure won't last.
 4. The leopard and the lion chose to become friends, For they were all proud of claws on their paws, They each glorified one another for their mighty, Ability to live on meat of other fauna throughout a year, They each admired one another for running speed, They each remained firm and loyal to one rule; Lions don't eat leopards neither leopards eat lions.
 - (a) Option 1
 - (b) Option 2
 - (c) Option 3
 - (d) Option 4
- II. Given below are four examples of activities that Jasmeet does. Choose the option that correctly demonstrates 'strolling'.

- (a) Jasmeet runs with great speed after being chased by a dog.
 - (b) Jasmeet walks in the garden, relaxing while listening to his favourite song.
 - (c) Jasmeet skids sharply on the icy skate rink.
 - (d) Jasmeet rushes to switch off the water pump in the backyard.
- III. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE: The poet asks the reader to hide on seeing the leopard.
- IV. The repetition used in "he'll only lep and lep again" is an example of _____.
- V. Choose the option that matches with the rhyme scheme of the extract.
- 1. Proud loud child wild jungle mingle
 - 2. Wild jungle child mingle loud proud
 - 3. Wild proud child loud jungle mingle
 - 4. Loud jungle wild child mingle proud
- (a) option 1 (b) option 2 (c) option 3 (d) option 4

OR

2.B The fog comes

on little cat feet.

It sits looking

over harbour and city on silent haunches

and then move on

(Fog)

- I. List any two qualities of the cat that Carl Sandburg applies to the fog?
- II. Which one/s of the following applies to the given lines?
- 1. Personification is a literary device where you give an animal, object or natural phenomenon, qualities or abilities that only a human can have.
 - 2. Transferred epithet is a literary device when an adjective usually used to describe one thing is transferred to another.
 - 3. Imagery is the language used by poets and writers to create visual representation of ideas in the minds of the readers.
 - 4. Oxymoron is a figure of speech in which contradictory terms appear side by side.
- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 2 and 3 (c) Only 1 (d) Only 3
- III. Pick the option that includes an image of the cat on its haunches.
- (a) Option 1 (b) Option 2 (c) Option 3 (d) Option 4
- IV. Choose the option that does not list movement of the fog.
- 1. It stole in on us like a foot-pad somewhere out of the sea and air... E.J.Pratt
 - 2. A fog drifts in, the heavy-laden Cold white ghost of the sea- Sara Teasdale
 - 3. The fog tricks the eye. The wonder of the cell of shite under the clear blue sky. K.C.Cox
 - 4. comes gliding, rolling in at ground level, pressing its white featureless face against... -R.H.Grenville
- (a) Option 1 (b) Option 2 (c) Option 3 (d) Option 4
- V. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text. manacle: hands :: fetter :
(Clue : A manacle is a shackle for the hands, and a fetter is a shackle for the.)
- VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. 4 # 3 = 12
- a Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'? (A Letter to God)
 - b What special characteristic of Mijbil did Maxwell learn after he took him to the bathroom? (Mijbil the Otter)
 - c Why did the Buddha ask KisaGotami to bring a handful of mustard seeds? (The Sermon at Benares)
 - d Describe the method Anne Gregory suggested in order to prove that she is loved for who she is.
(For Anne Gregory)
 - e "Fire and Ice" projects a pessimistic outlook. Comment.

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- a Why was Tricki an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?
- b Henry unintentionally saved Ausable's life. Briefly comment.
- c How did the Loiseles react when they realised that the necklace had been lost?

(A Triumph of Surgery) (The Midnight Visitor)

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

- a Valli was sensitive, but at the same time, she was fearless and quite determined. Think of another character from your textbook, First Flight, who displayed similar character traits. Compare and contrast the lives of Valli and the other characters.

OR

- b Explain the phrase "the forest that was empty all these days". After reading the poem "The Trees", for whom do you think the forests are needed? Imagine you are a tree in a forest, what values would you like the humans to learn from the tree?

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.

- a "And in her smiling eyes was the light of deep satisfaction that an artist feels when he is contemplating the completion of his masterpiece." Imagine you are Bholi's teacher. You are overwhelmed with a sense of satisfaction to see the conversion of 'Bholi' to 'Sulekha'. Express your feelings in the form of a diary entry.

OR

- b Give a character-sketch of Hari Singh.
(The Thief's Story)

Solution

SAMPLE PAPER-7

SECTION - A

- I.
- (a) it has become an integral part of our life.
 - (c) a diversion and a passion.
 - (b) rewarding in itself.
 - (c) Hobbies offer us an opportunity to enhance our life, enjoying some hours of our hobby a week can reduce the risk of depression and mental stress.
 - (d) rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.
 1. Hobbies allow us to destress ourselves while remaining mentally productive.
2. Having hobbies promotes better health and should lower the risk of having high blood pressure.
 - The talent of being inventive is essential in today's world.
 - Importance of Hobbies
 - we will meet new individuals, discuss our hobbies and become connected to a much bigger circle which will even assist us flip our hobby into our profession.
 - (d) captivated.
- II
- for sustainable development and to clean and healthify the environment.
 - (d) Implementing steps framed and deployed in convention
 - Japan
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)
 - (b) Waste management
 - No pie chart
 - Show
 - No data
 - Incomplete passage
 - Incomplete passage
- III
- (a) were listening
 - that her exams were approaching
 - Would
 - No error or question is wrong
 - (a) had finished
 - Played
 - He should take it after breakfast
 - Error – playing, correction- play
9. Reported speech- he asked if/whether he would be coming.
10. (d) should
11. (a) she had learnt it during the summer vacations.
12. Error- person, correction - one
- IV.
- I(A)
- B-47
- Mayur Vihar
- New Delhi.
- 25, September 2018.
- The Editor,
- The Times Of India.
- Delhi.
- Subject : Increase in Road Accidents.
- Sir,
- Kindly allow me to express my concern over the sharp increase in road accidents on city roads. The recent spurt in accidents points to rash driving in inebriated states. Most of the drivers take a thrill from high speed driving. They disobey the traffic rules. Some of them continue talking on their cell phones, which definitely causes distraction and leads to accidents. The accident caused by Blue - Line bus drivers is due to over speeding and rash driving.
- Human Lives are precious. The traffic police should deal with erring drivers sternly and promptly. Dope tests should be conducted more frequently. Speed limits should be strictly enforced. The use of cell phones while driving should be made a cognizable offence. It is good that the Delhi police had decided to challan even those pedestrians who cross the roads by just jumping before the moving vehicles.
- Thank you!
- Yours sincerely
- Priya
- I.(B)
- The principal
- Abc school
- Daryaganj, Delhi -1100xx
- 28th October,2022
- Subject: leave application due to urgent piece of work at home.
- Sir/madam,
- I want to draw your kind attention that I will be unable to

come to school for more the next 5 days as my brother's marriage is this week. All the rituals and functions are going to engage me so I request you to kindly grant me leave for the next 5 days.

I will be highly obliged to you. I hope you will understand my words.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely

Abc

2(A)

There are no diagrams

Overall, it is clear to see that the percentage of vegetables and grain in the East is very different from those in Western Region. Besides, meat products occupy the same rate in both areas.

The percentage of vegetables is at the highest, about 20% in Eastern Region while in the West side, it is a very small number, only 5%. In contrast, grain in the East has the smallest percentage 45% of all agricultural products and they produce three times the grain percentage in the West than in the East.

The percentage of meat in both regions is exactly the same, 35% of all products. Meanwhile, the West has 15% of dairy products and the East has twice times the percentage of dairy products than the West,

2.(B) **Analytical paragraph**

In India, cancer is a "silent killer", people have the worst lifestyles nowadays especially in cities and urban areas. Even if someone is adopting healthier ways of living, pollution out there, the so-called cool practices like consuming alcohol exceeding the defined limit are ruining the lives of the people.

We have our Indian cities more cancer prone than rural areas within the early 1990's, we had a tendency to expect every individual in every case and consequently one out of ten to fifteen urban Indians to induce cancer in their lifetime.

India is an agriculture driven country 50% of the population is still dependent on the primary sector majorly on agriculture, in this case it is a necessity of the farmers to use pesticides and other chemicals to grow the crops. It is also necessary for their own survival.

These chemicals and other secondary sector industries' pollution rate is very high as there is minimal restriction on the industries as they are a part of the GDP of the country.

These chemicals and polluted gases in the environment are affecting the health of the people by creating dangerous diseases like cancer. This is going on with our lives and the sad thing is we are used to it. That's why cancer is the SILENT KILLER.

V

1.(A)

I (d) realisation of freedom

II. as these freedoms are temporary and materialistic, they will come and go, they are for short term pleasures not a lifelong journey.

III. (d) I was living under the illusion that this is possible

IV. (d) he was too young to realise that freedom was denied to others as well.

V. boyhood/ childhood

1(B)

I. (c) A pool of ideas and solutions to various problems via an individual, group or organisation.

II. 1. Help them to improve their timing of action with that feeling.

2. assist them in acting as well as directing.

III. (b) stage direction

IV. (c) "Noodle, you keep on exercising your mind, and someday you'll have a balloon brain just like mine."

V. Earth.

2.(A)

I. (b) option 2

II. (d) Jasmeet rushes to switch off the water pump in the backyard.

III. (c)

IV. (c)

V. (d) option 4

2.(B)

I. (a) cats are independent animals, they don't follow rules, they slip and slide in and out of our lives as they please.

(b) cats like to move on at their own pace and before you know it, they have disappeared.

II. (d) only 3

III. (b)

IV. (c) option 3

V. feet

VI

a. The postmaster sends money to Lencho so as to keep his faith in God alive and firm, as he was completely moved by it. When the postmaster reads Lencho's letter to God, he becomes serious. He decides that he wants to keep Lencho's faith intact, so he decides to answer the letter.

b. When Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom, he learnt that he went wild with joy in water, plunging and rolling in it and splashed water.

- c. The Buddha wanted the grieving woman to learn a lesson. So, he asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from the family. The mustard-seed must be taken from a house where no one had lost a child, a husband or a friend.
- d. She said that she would change her hair from yellow to some other colour by applying a hair dye to confirm that she is loved for her inner beauty and not for her outer personality.
- e. The poem tries to imply that humanity should not try to innovate and develop new weapons. It projects a pessimistic outlook by suggesting that following dreams and passion by humankind may lead to catastrophic destruction on the earth.

VII

- a. Tricki became an uninteresting object for other dogs at surgery because he was very fat and not able to run and play with other dogs, that's the reason why other dogs don't have any interest in him. Tricki looked down at the noisy dogs with dull eyes helplessly. He lay motionless on the carpet. The other dogs circled around him sniffing for a few seconds. They decided that Tricki was an uninteresting object for them.
- b. Henry unintentionally saved Ausable's life by knocking the door at the correct time when Max was in. Ausable cooked up a story and told Max that there was police outside the door. Hence, unintentionally Henry saved Ausable and Fowler.
Henry was the waiter of the hotel in which the Ausable lived. He helped Ausable in coming on time and by not telling from outside the door that he had brought the drink he ordered. Because Ausable told Max that the police will come within half an hour. He helped Ausable unknowingly.
- c. Matilda Loisel became very sad when they realised that the necklace had been lost. They were sure that the loss of the necklace would make their life hell because Mr Loisel was only a petty clerk and it was very difficult for him to replace the necklace of diamond.

VIII

- a. "The final form of a person's character lies in their own hands."

-Anne Frank

A character who has similar characteristics of fearlessness and determination would be Anne Frank. In the lesson, she was brave enough to speak and prove herself to her teacher so candidly. Even though she was extremely talkative, it never affected her academics. She was a committed student, daughter, sister and more importantly a true being. As a young girl of 13 years, she had to go through several difficulties during the World War era. Her family had to live in secrecy, their lives were under great threat when the Nazis

caught hold of them and they were sent into separate concentration camps.

Anne's life was secluded like that of Valli's. Both of them had similar ideologies of being adventurous. It is also astonishing to notice such great heights of maturity and responsibility in children of such tender ages. Lastly, both Anne and Valli had a clear goal set which inspires the readers to dream and strive for them to come true.

- b. Man's cutting the trees of the forest at an uncontrollable speed has resulted in the empty forests. In a treeless forest, birds and insects cannot find shelter and make their homes there. The sun cannot cool its rays in the shadow there.

Value of trees in humans life-

They give us clean water to drink, air to breathe, shade and food to humans, animals and plants.

They provide habitats for numerous species of fauna and flora, firewood for cooking and heat, materials for buildings and places of spiritual, cultural and recreational importance.

IX

- (a) Dear diary,

28th october, 2022

Today I felt very much satisfied as I got success in changing Bholi to Sulekha. As her name signifies, Bholi was really a simple girl. I cannot forget her first entry in my class. A frightened, confused and simple girl was her first appearance. She used to stammer while speaking. But my two words of affection filled her with confidence. She left stammering and became a confident, determined girl. She was determined to learn everything silently. In her family, nobody noticed the changes that took place in her personality and got her engaged to a fifty-year-old lame man with two children. She kept the honour of her parents and agreed to this marriage. But she could not stand the demand of dowry. She threw away her garland in the fire and asked her father to take back the money. She raised her voice against dowry. She asked the ladies of the village why girls should be treated like a dumb cow. This was the change I always wanted to see in her personality. Today, I feel I have completed my masterpiece without any error. Today, she signified her real name Sulekha.

- b. Hari Singh was a small-time thief. Hari Singh was not his actual name and he kept changing names so that the police could not get hold of him. He was a liar as well because he even lied to Anil that he could cook. His main job was to be friends with people and then deceive them and rob them and run away. He was staying with Anil, a kind hearted man who trusted Hari Singh but Hari took advantage of his trust and at night when Anil was asleep he robbed him. He ran off but as he was about to escape he stopped and remembered the promise made by Anil to teach him. So his urge to receive an education compelled him to return to Anil. He quietly kept the money back at its place and he learnt the value of trust and friendship.