

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, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A

1. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]



1. E-learning is the process of acquiring knowledge through electronic technologies and resources. A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market demand for sophisticated online learning courses. According to the Office for National Statistics, nearly all adults in the age group of 10 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99 %) in 2019.
The availability of enhanced network connectivity coupled with the convenience offered by on-demand courses, will drive the market size.
2. According to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classrooms with schools shut down globally due to COVID-19 pandemic. Electronic Learning Management Systems such as Google Classroom is helping classes to connect distantly, communicate efficiently and stay organized. Large scale national efforts to leverage technology to the market players in support of distance education, remote, and online learning during the covid-19 pandemic are emerging and evolving rapidly.
3. The virtual classroom technology in the e-learning market is expected to grow at a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of 11% during the forecast timespan. A virtual classroom is a digital environment that enables live interaction between a tutor and a learner. Videos conferencing and online white-board for real-time collaboration are the most common tools used in a digital teaching space. Synchronous and collaborative virtual classes allows active participation of students, reacting an environment similar to a physical classroom.
4. The technique is gaining traction with an increasing number of corporate and academic sectors deploying it for enhanced training sessions. Multilateral organizations and world bodies, such as WHO and G 20, are also deploying e-learning modes to teach healthcare professionals.

5. Content providers segment accounted for around 60% e-learning market share in 2019 E-learning providers share content on a varied range of topics by collaborating with domain experts that help them to develop the learning content. They focus on offering specific and customized content as per the end-user requirements.

- (i) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
1. According to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classrooms.
 2. Schools are shut down due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- a. (1) is the result of (2).
 - b. (1) is the reason for (2).
 - c. (1) is independent of (2).
 - d. (1) contradicts (2).
- (ii) Multilateral organizations and world bodies are _____ to teach healthcare professionals.
- (iii) Select the option that lists the INCORRECT statement from the ones given below.
- (I) E-learning is the process of acquiring knowledge through electronic technologies and resources.
- (II) All adults in the age group of 16 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99%) in 2019.
- (III) A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market share physical classroom.
- (IV) Content providers segment accounted for around 60% e-learning share in 2010.
- a. (III)
 - b. (IV) and (II)
 - c. (II) and (I)
 - d. (I)
- (iv) State the common tool used in digital teaching space.
- (v) What is the process of acquiring knowledge, through electronic technology and resources?
- (vi) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank.
_____ is gaining attention in the academic sectors.
- a. Paperback
 - b. Virtual classrooms
 - c. E-books
 - d. Offline classes
- (vii) Pick the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement from the options given below.
The online market of learning is supposed to be maximized by 2026.
- (I) Nearly all adults in the age group of 16 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99 %) in 2018.

(II) A virtual classroom is a sophisticated environment that enables live interaction
(III) The E-Learning market size is expected to reach \$357 billion by 2026.
(IV) Video conferencing and online whiteboard are the most common tools used in the World Economic Forum.

- a. (I)
- b. (IV)
- c. (II)
- d. (III)

- (viii) E-commerce providers share content on a varied range of topics. (True/false).
- (ix) What percent of e-learning market share was segmented by the content providers in 2019?
- (x) According to the World Economic Forum, how many students were out of classrooms as an effect of COVID-19?

2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

1. In this jet age, everyone is interested in making easy money. Thanks to the advancement in science and technology. these days life has become easier and more comfortable than earlier with a lot of domestic gadgets as well as instantaneous food recipes available in the market. This has resulted in making the people develop a mind-set to have anything immediately without waiting for-even at the traffic signals.
2. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up. Things should be easy.
3. Life is too short and there is not enough time to do all the things we want to. We tend to compare with others and get upset when they seem to be doing well and start believing God is being too kind to them and not to us. And so, we give up. But such thinking serves no purpose. For it doesn't solve the problem.
4. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. I am taking for those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavor-whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey.
5. We can get results only if we are willing to spend time, put in painstaking effort and have faith. If we don't accept this difficult but true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically for our benefit.
6. However, if we just pause to analyse what we are doing, we will realise how much time we are wasting searching for such magical solutions which simply do not exist. We actually save time when we stop this futile search and accept the

proven methods of treading the straight and narrow path however difficult it may seem initially.

- (i) What has been credited in the passage for our easier and more comfortable life?
- (ii) According to the passage, choose the correct statement from the following:
 - a. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things at their pace.
 - b. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things instantly and fast.
 - c. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things slowly and patiently.
 - d. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in a give-up attitude.
- (iii) List 1 way in which we can save our time as advised by the author.
(1) _____.
- (iv) Choose the prerequisites to get the desired results in life as per the passage:
 - a. With perseverance and painstaking efforts.
 - b. With utmost faith in mutual understanding.
 - c. With deviated mind and fluctuations.
 - d. By greasing the palms of others.
- (v) Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a **bread-making attitude**. The **bread-making attitude** tells that:
 - a. We should be absolutely inactive.
 - b. It requires a skill in household chores.
 - c. We should remain idle in order to taste success.
 - d. We should be a man of patience in order to taste success.
- (vi) Nothing in life is instantaneous. The underlined word can be replaced by the word _____ in the passage.
- (vii) Select the best option from the following that can help us reach the top in life.
 - a. Perseverance and patience
 - b. Science and technology
 - c. Dejection and frustration
 - d. Analysis and magical solution
- (viii) The author has stated the example of **bread-making attitude** to make us _____.
- (ix) We can only get the desired results if we do not waste time trying for the same thing again and again. True/false.
- (x) Most of us want results quickly. This shows that we are _____.

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

3. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]

Mike: I haven't seen you since June.

Liz: I've just come back from my holiday in Ireland.

Mike said that he had not seen Liz since June. Liz explained _____.

4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]
The police told the protesters to _____.

a) back off

b) back down

c) back into

d) back up

5. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. [1]

While much needs to be done to transforming our education system to meet the needs of all types of students, it is equally important to teach our children the art of taking stress in their strides.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

6. He _____ his boss that he _____ back after his vacation. [1]

a) won't tell / won't have come

b) isn't telling / doesn't come

c) doesn't tell / hasn't come

d) hasn't told / won't be coming

7. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]

This selfless initiative _____ (carry) out with dedication and responsibility, deserves due recognition.

8. **Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.** [1]

Doctor: How do you feel now?

Patient: Slightly better.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked how he felt then, to which, the patient affirmed _____.

9. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete Mrs. Harding's irate warning to her neighbour Joshua. [1]

You _____ your car in front of the garage entrance at any time.

a) can't park

b) shouldn't be parking

c) don't have to park

d) wouldn't have parked

10. The boss asked the new joinee Aisha a few questions on her first day. Report the question the boss asked. [1]

Do you like working in sales?

11. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Use the given format for your response.

12. I said, "Two fixed menus for us, please." [1]
I _____ our meal.

13. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:
The roof and the backside of the bus were blown off by the blast that occurred on Thursday, but no one was injured.

14. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a line from an article on [1]
depression.
No one _____ make you feel inferior without your consent.

- ## SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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- | Flavours | Ice Cream cup limits |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Vanilla | 850 |
| Chocolate | 1050 |
| Mint Choco | 500 |
| Butter Scotch | 720 |
| Mango | 820 |

OR

The given information shows how some housewives spend their spare time. Read the given information and write an analytical paragraph describing about the given information:

10% in knitting

15% in reading

50% in watching television

20% in exercising

5% in meditating

16. Express your views by writing a letter to the Editor of the daily local newspaper on the subject 'Reforming Beggars'. [5]

OR

You are Shrawan of C-2, Janakpuri, Delhi, you wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath, and Haridwar with your family of five. You saw this advertisement somewhere over the internet about Char Dham Yatra.



Write a letter to S.S. Travels Station Road, Delhi, enquiring about the schedule of their conducted tour by Deluxe buses to these places. Ask about the charges, boarding and lodging arrangements and the total time needed for the tour.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

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- (i) What was the poem about?
- A father swan who killed its baby ducklings
 - A swan who died while trying to save its baby ducklings
 - A mother duck who killed her baby ducklings
 - A father swan and a mother duck who loved their baby ducklings unconditionally
- (ii) What was the impact of the poem?
- Mr. Keesing scolded Anne
 - Mr. Keesing laughed uncontrollably
 - Mr. Keesing understood Anne's feelings and allowed her to talk

d. Mr. Keesing asked Anne to leave the class

- (iii) The word _____ from the passage means the same as **completed**.
- (iv) What does the poem highlight about Anne's nature?
- a. She was witty
 - b. She was cunning
 - c. She was crazy
 - d. She was depressed
- (v) Who killed the baby ducklings?

OR

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[5]

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- (i) _____ had been the seat of White supremacy for decades.
- (ii) Where did the ceremonies take place?
- a. Amphitheatre formed by Union Buildings in Pretoria
 - b. The sandstone amphitheatre
 - c. Both amphitheatre formed by Union Buildings in Pretoria and the sandstone amphitheatre
 - d. Neither amphitheatre formed by Union Buildings in Pretoria nor the sandstone amphitheatre
- (iii) What type of government was chosen in South Africa?
- a. A democratic government through fair elections
 - b. A democratic government through unfair means
 - c. A government in the King's name
 - d. A democratic government in the Queen's name
- (iv) Why did the military generals' attitude change towards Mandela?
- (v) What lesson can be learned from this story?
- a. To believe in justice
 - b. To fight for what is right and for those who can't fight for themselves
 - c. To go where your destiny takes you
 - d. None of these

18. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

He should be lurking in the shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

- (i) Where should he be lurking?
 - a. In the shadow
 - b. In his den
 - c. In a field
 - d. In his cage
- (ii) What should he be sliding through?
 - a. Hills
 - b. Swings
 - c. Trees
 - d. Long grass
- (iii) What would have the tiger done, had the tiger been free?
- (iv) Who would pass through the water hole?
 - a. A cat
 - b. A tiger
 - c. A deer
 - d. A leopard
- (v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
The poet here says that the actual life of a tiger is to live in jungle where he could catch his prey.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

But if it had to perish twice
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great And would suffice.

- (i) What does the **ice** symbolise?
 - a. Happiness
 - b. Freshness
 - c. Hatred
 - d. Passion
- (ii) Who composed these lines?
 - a. Robert Frost
 - b. Robin Klein
 - c. Carolyn Wells
 - d. Leslie Norris
- (iii) According to the poet, if the world has to _____, ice would be equally competent in ending it.

- (iv) What is enough to destroy the world?
- dictatorship
 - affection
 - love
 - hatred

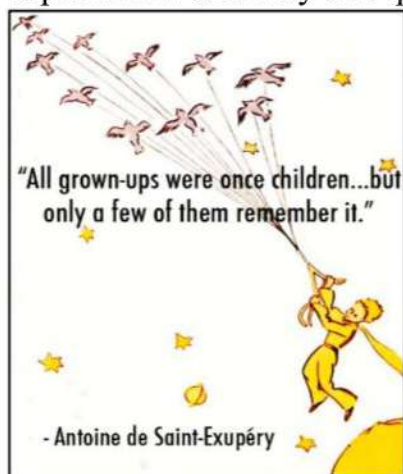
(v) _____ is the noun form of **suffice**.

19. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [6]

- When Mrs. Pumphrey talked to Mr. Herriot about Tricki, what suggestions did he give to her? Did she follow Mr. Herriot's advice?
- Discuss, briefly, the reasons owing to which Fowler was interested in meeting Ausable.
- What other interests, besides Science, did Richard Ebright pursue? What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, his social studies teacher, have about Ebright?

20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- Prejudice based on race and colour or any other reason causes profound hurt. Write about any one character from the chapters in First Flight who was subjected to such prejudice? Discuss the consequence of this prejudice for the character. Answer in the context of the lesson **Long Walk to Freedom**.
- Read the quote given below carefully. Based on your understanding of the poem, explain how and why this quote can be applied to the poem.



21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- Imagine you are Bholi and you have been invited by a girl's secondary school in another village to address a group of students about being independent, fearless and breaking stereotypes. Write that speech.
- Draw the character-sketch of Matilda.

22. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. [12]

- Do you think being enlightened placed a far greater responsibility on the Buddha than being king would have? Justify your stance.

- (ii) What does the poet compare the branches of the trees to?
- (iii) Why did Valli stand upon the seat? What did she see then?
- (iv) Suggest a suitable by-line for **The Ball Poem** with a reason for your choice.
- (v) To what end does the playwright employ Lomov's palpitations in the play?

Solution

Section A

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:



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(i) (a) (1) is the result of (2)

Explanation: It is clearly given in paragraph 2 of the passage that according to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classroom as schools are shut down due to COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

(ii) Deploying e-learning modes

(iii)(a) (III)

(iv)Online whiteboard

- (v) E-learning
- (vi)(b) Virtual classrooms
- (vii)(d) (III)
- (viii) false

Explanation: E-learners providers share content on a varied range of topics, not e-commerce.

- (ix) 60%
- (x) 1.2 billion

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- (i) Advancement in science and technology have made our lives easier and more comfortable.
- (ii) (b) Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things instantly and fast.
- (iii) We can save our time by stop searching for magical solutions to our problems.
- (iv) (a) With perseverance and painstaking efforts.
- (v) (d) The 'bread-making attitude' tells us that a person waits for achieving the true success, A baker waits for hours for the dough to rise, only to punch it again & then wait to bake it.
- (vi) immediate
- (vii) (a) Perseverance and patience.

(viii) Patient

(ix) As per the passage, we can only get results when we put in the painstaking effort and have perseverance to keep trying for the same thing again and again.

(x) Impatient

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. that she had just come back from her holiday in Ireland.

4. (a) back off

Explanation: Retreat

5.	error	correction
	transforming	transform

6. (d) hasn't told / won't be coming

Explanation: hasn't told / won't be coming

7. carried

8. that he felt slightly better

9. (a) can't park

Explanation: can't park

10. The boss asked Aisha if she liked working in sales.

11.	error	correction
	all	every

12. (c) ordered

Explanation: ordered

13. (B) off - away

14. (b) can

Explanation: can

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

15. The given bar graph shows the sale of different flavours of ice cream from an ice cream dealer in the month of June. The flavours are vanilla, chocolate, mint choco, butter scotch and mango.

From the graph the first thing we can tell is that for this month chocolate made the biggest sale with almost 1050 cups of ice cream sold. After chocolate the second favoured flavour is vanilla which made a sale just over 800 units. Vanillas sale is closely followed by mango ice cream with a monthly sale hitting 800 exact units. Butter scotch has also pulled in decent number with a sale of just under 700 units. The flavour that made the least money in the month of June for this ice cream dealer is mint choco. Looking at the graph though chocolate is the clear winner, the rest of the flavours are selling well and are almost neck to neck in competition except for mint choco with its sale numbers barely 400 cups. To conclude the graph gives us a better idea about which flavours of ice cream are more in demand and which ones are not. Chocolate being the clear winner and mint choco barely in the race makes an interesting study of choices of people.

OR

The given information states about the different types of activities housewives did in their spare time. The activities are knitting, reading, watching tv, exercising and meditating. The most preferred choice among the housewives to spend their spare time is to watch tv. Almost 50% females preferred it and made it the most favourite pastime. Next preferred choice is exercising which was preferred by 20% of housewives. Reading and knitting were neck to neck in preference and stood at 15% and 10%. 15% housewives chose reading to do in their spare time whereas only 10% preferred to do knitting.

The given data shows that the modes of entertainment i.e., watching tv and reading were preferred by most housewives to utilise their spare time. Healthcare was also a choice made by 20% housewives who preferred exercising in their spare time, but mental healthcare was at the back foot as only 5% housewives preferred to do it in their spare time.

To conclude the given data we can say that different women have different choices and it is also guided by the circumstances they have around them. As watching TV can be mingled with many other activities and many tasks can be done simultaneously while watching tv, it stood as the most preferred choice whereas meditation which needs utmost concentration and no disturbance was the least preferred choice.

16. 18, Rani Bagh

New Delhi

December 15, 2018

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Reforming Beggars

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of Local Councillor towards the above-mentioned problem. It is a very common sight to see beggars near the religious places, especially near the temples and we, the God-fearing and generous people show pity on them. Many of them are professional pick-pockets and thieves. Frequent incidents of chain-snatching and purse-lifting are done by these beggars. The beggars are reported to have been involved in different crimes. They are commonly seen in buses, at red lights, around religious and tourist places. They take advantage of the rush. Many anti-social elements have taken to the robes of beggars to escape vigilance and serve their ends. When we give money to them, we indirectly provide them with indulgence.

Instead of making them handicapped by giving them, also we should help them in such a direction so they should stand on their own i.e. they should be made capable to earn respectfully. They should be given shelter under the name of some local institution, meant for social work. Then they can be trained as per their interest. The members of our society have already taken steps in this direction.

You are requested to give this letter an appropriate place, that our request should reach to the concerned authority. The Local Councillor and the plan of involving the beggars should be started at the earliest.

Yours truly,

XYZ.

OR

C-2, Janakpuri,

Near Jain Temple

New Delhi - 53

April 4, 20XX

The Manager

S.S. Tours and Travels

Station Road,

Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Enquiry about Conducted Tours.

I wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath, and Haridwar with my family of five.

Please let me know your terms for conducted tours by Deluxe buses to the places mentioned. The packages of the whole tour including the hotel/motel and travel by bus or another vehicle. The rates should include lodging/boarding charges, fare per km per bus or fare according to the number of people.

I would like to know the kind of boarding and lodging facilities provided by you and the sitting facility of the bus. The food facilities in the tour package. The duration of journey and halting. Also, let me know if any student discount is admissible. Expecting an early response.

Yours sincerely

Shiva.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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- (i) a. A father swan who killed its baby ducklings
- (ii) c. Mr. Keesing understood Anne's feelings and allowed her to talk
- (iii) Finished
- (iv) a. She was witty
- (v) The baby ducklings were bitten to death by the **father swan** as they quacked too much.

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Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- (i) Union Buildings
- (ii) b. The sandstone amphitheatre
- (iii) a. A democratic government through fair elections
- (iv) The military generals' attitude changed towards Mandela because the country had got freedom from racial discrimination.
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- (i) a. In the shadow
- (ii) d. Long grass
- (iii) If the tiger would have been free, he would have hidden himself behind the long grass near the water bodies.

- (iv)c. A deer
- (v) TRUE

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

But if it had to perish twice
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great And would suffice.

- (i) c. Hatred
- (ii) a. Robert Frost
- (iii) end/perish/expire twice
- (iv) d. hatred
- (v) sufficiency

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

- (i) When Mrs. Pumphrey talked to Mr. Herriot about Tricki and told him about his laziness, he understood the reason for Tricki's illness. So he suggested her to cut his diet and give him a lot of exercises. Mrs. Pumphrey didn't follow the advice and continued to give him a heavy diet. As a result, Tricki fell ill.
- (ii) Fowler had come to gather necessary material for his book on secret agents. Also, like all people, he too was interested in meeting a real secret agent. He had formed quite a romantic picture of secret agent as represented in books and films.
- (iii) Other than Science, Richard Ebright was interested in collecting rocks, coins and fossils and was also interested in star-gazing and astronomy. He was also a good debater, canoeist and expert photographer. Mr. Weiherer felt that Richard could work hard to do his best and pursue his interest in debating and researching butterflies.

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

- (i) Prejudging a person on the basis of race, colour or his & appearance or any other reason is wrong if so we treat the person the same as we think of them in our mind without knowing the right intensions of that person. The character subjected to this prejudice in 'First Flight' was Wanda Petronski from the chapter. 'The Hundred Dresses'. She belonged to a very poor family. She was a polish girl. She came to school in a same faded blue dress daily. It was clean but not properly ironed. Her classmates made fun of her as they found her name funny. They would ask her how many dresses she had in her closet. The girls would suppress their laugh when Wanda replied that she had a hundred dresses and sixty pairs of shoes. Although her claim was not justified. But it is not at all right to judge people on the basis of their social status. Later on, Wanda proud herself by submitting a hundred drawings of dresses. People who judge other with their social-economic background need to understand that such an attitude is not the parameter to judge a person's capabilities.
When people are undervalued by others, their self-esteem suffers and they stop trying to improve themselves. Prejudice can often lead to bullying and other forms of discrimination.

- (ii) It is truly said that 'All grown-ups were once children... but only a few of them remember it.' Bringing up teenagers is truly challenging and fun. Teens can be rebellious and apparently not headed with a highly independent perspective. In such circumstances, felling at them, and nagging them, as done in the poem with Amanda, will only make matters worse. Forcing decisions on them only make them detached, as we see in Amanda's case, where she wishes to be the alone mermaid, an orphan, or the lonely Rapunzel. Amanda's condition may be witnessed in every child's life. When children are told a long list of do's and don'ts then they feel targeted. Then they start comparing their own life with that of the grown-ups around then be it their own parents, teachers or kinds. They feel like shutting off their mind from the outside world. But they should always remember that whatever the parents or teachers are telling is for their good only. Grown-ups can befriend the children but to a certain limits. The habits inculcated in children by their parents will help them in their adult life.

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

- (i) Hello Students!

It is an honour for me to be amongst you people and speak of my life experiences. Today, I teach in my village school. I am a senior teacher teaching senior classes. But it was not so with me in my initial years. While growing up I was a very hesitant and nervous child who even could not face people. I was so shy to meet anyone. I stammered and due to my ugly looks felt so low in confidence that I thought I would not be able to do anything in life. Even my parents thought so about me. But one fine day, I landed in a school and my life changed after this. I started studying and education brought lot of changes in me. It made me what I am today, a woman of substance whom everyone loves. So believe in your abilities and let life take it's own course.

Love you all!

Take care

Have a good day.

- (ii) Matilda was exceptionally pretty. By virtue of her good looks, she felt that she was born for all delicacies and luxuries. She wished to be admired and loved and to be married to some rich or renowned person but she was unlucky. She was born into a family of clerks. Since she had no dowry, she agreed to marry a petty clerk. She was always grumbling. She dreamed of lavish parties and rich dresses and jewels. Her dreamy, ambitious and vain nature pushed her into trouble. She paid a heavy price for her foolish desires. She borrowed a necklace to wear at a ball. She was intoxicated with joy and success but the necklace was lost. She did work to replace the lost necklace with a new necklace. She worked hard ungrudgingly to pay off her loan. She became a crude, hard shabby woman of a poor family but she was brave and honest. That ruined her beautiful appearance and life.

22. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

- (i) Yes, I do think that being enlightened placed a far greater responsibility on the Buddha. If he would have been just a king, then he would have to just serve his kingdom and people. By being enlightened he had to serve for the whole humanity which is much greater work than being a king.
- (ii) The poet compares the branches of the trees to newly discharged patients moving out of the clinic in a half-dazed condition, as they move towards the hospital doors after a long

illness and wait to get out of the hospital, stifled under the strain of confinement. They are desperate to stretch themselves in the open and get a breath of fresh air.

- (iii) Valli could not see anything outside as the canvas blind of the bus covered the lower part of the window. So, Valli stood up on her seat. She was able to see that the bus was going along the bank of a canal. The road was very narrow. On one side there was the canal and, beyond it, palm trees, grassland, distant mountains, and the blue sky. On the other side was a deep ditch and then acres and acres of green fields.
- (iv) The by-line can be 'Loss growing up and Transformation, This is something of a coming of age that is seen through the lens of loss and suffering. The child comes to understand the world better when he understands that he is never going to get his lost ball back. It is gone for good and there is nothing anyone can do about it. The child undergoes a transformation.
- (v) Ivan Iomov is a pretentious, proud, self-serving, argumentative, hysterical hypochondriac. A wealthy landowner Iomov comes to his neighbour with the over intentions of marriage, but he really wishes to expand his own land boundaries and he himself is suffering due to a weak heart and sleep-sickness.