

Class-X Session 2022-23
Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)
Sample Question Paper - 20
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- 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: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below

1. Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators, and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's important: values like hard work, contentment, honesty, and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher—and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children paint a discouraging picture of their future when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have a distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the workplace and relationships.
2. Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves, raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat-screen TV as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.
3. Today's parents aren't equipped to deal with the problem. Many of them, raised in the 1960s and 70s, swore they'd act differently from their parents and have closer relationships with their children. Many even wear the same designer clothes as their kids and listen to the same music. And they work more hours; at the end of a long week, it's tempting to buy peace with 'yes' and not mar precious family time with conflict. Anxiety about the future is another factor. How do well-intentioned parents say no to all the sports gear and arts and language lessons they believe will help their kids thrive in an increasingly competitive world? Experts agree: too much love won't spoil a child. Too few limits will.
4. What parents need to find is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving, and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behaviour because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secure structure. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

Based on the passage above answer the following questions

1. How do psychologists think overindulging children makes them prone to
(a) Depression (b) makes them confident
(c) self-dependent (d) more closer to their parents than the virtual world
2. Find the synonym for the word used in the given passage.
(a) miserly (b) greedily
(c) wealthy (d) precious
3. The important values that have to be taught to the kids are
(a) compassion (b) to party with friends
(c) to spend more time with friends (d) to be dependent on others
4. Why do children need limits on their behaviour
(a) to cope with anxiety (b) to overcome depression
(c) to live in a secure structure (d) to become a confident person
5. Older children learn self-control by
(a) Sets children up to be vulnerable to socio-manic disorders
(b) Creates a distorted environment of entitlement
(c) Pushes aside values such as honesty, hard -work, contentment, and compassion.
(d) watching how their parents act
6. "That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own." What does the author want to conclude with this passage?
(a) it means that before teaching values to their children they need to have a look at themselves.
(b) It means that parents need to make their studies well.
(c) it means that parents need to fulfill all the needs of their children.
(d) it refers to parents' need to teach values to their children in an effective way.
7. Children should be made
(a) to watch television (b) to see mobile
(c) to do small household chores (d) to not involve in any social activities
8. Today's parents themselves have been raised in such an environment where
(a) no word commonly used in houses. (b) To make them do household chores
(c) To make them study (d) To make them self-dependent
9. According to parents what are the important values that have to be taught to the children
(a) To respect elders (b) Honesty
(c) Hard work (d) All of the above

10. Give an appropriate title to the above given passage

II. Read the passage and answer the below given questions

Nature depletion to most of us have been reduced to threats of global warming with the forest cover depleted to a minimum animals poached to extinction in holidays in Wildlife Sanctuary, the interest of a few - to link with nature feels like a distinct possibility. Zoos and zoological parks remain the only places for the multitudes to connect with wildlife.

Traditionally, zoos have provided an economic form of Recre and socio-economic backgrounds. They offer a large list of possibilities for people from various strata of society, income and educational levels abilities to educate and sensitize people. According to CEE India "In India, there are more than 150 zoos, and they attract as many as 50 million visitors annually."

Today, children have a vast disconnect with Nature. An attractive place is required for more nature education that will provide a competition to internet, television and play stations. Zoos are a place where children get to see the animals. It gives form to their imagination and opens a new world of curiosity. Many grow up to become crusaders of wildlife protection.

In India, Reuben David, a champion of wildlife, created the Ahmedabad zoo. During his time, the zoo became one of India's most remarkable zoos in India and contributed substantially to conservation and research.

Animals are exchanged between Zoos of the world.

man animal conflict continues to intensify. The Wildlife Protection Society of India estimated that at least 3189 leopards were killed from 1994 to 2010. Leopards are targeted as they attack livestock and enter human habitation. Wild animals need protection.

Some animal activists talk about banning Zoos. What is the alternate plan to save various critically endangered species? Banning zoos might just accelerate their extinction. Zoos provide breeding places for the species that face a threat of extinction in the Jungle. When a species is confined to one place, it faces a threat of being wiped away by disease famine epidemic. Many species are bred in Zoos and reintroduced in their natural habitat.

The issue should not be to ban the ill-maintained zoos but to put more investment into creating a naturalized environment, keeping animals healthy and well-fed, facilitating captive breeding programs, carrying out research, and restoring endangered species' understand animal behavior, improving animal husbandry, developing conservation initiatives and educate the visitors. Zoos, a sustainable way of conservation provide a life system education and have immense educational and Research value.

1. "Nature depletion to most of us has been reduced to threats of global warming". This sentence refers to
 - (a) Depletion of nature does not lead to global warming
 - (b) We view the depletion of nature only from the point of view of global warming
 - (c) Because of the depletion of nature, we need more zoos
 - (d) Nature depletion leads to the loss of natural resources.
2. Zoos was set up initially to
 - (a) amuse people
 - (b) save animal species
 - (c) educate masses
 - (d) attract tourists
3. Zoos help children become crusaders of Wildlife Protection because
 - (a) they do not like animals locked in cages
 - (b) we understand that caring for animals is a good profession
 - (c) Zoos sensitize children to animals
 - (d) they learn to help animals
4. man-animal conflict has led to
 - (a) banning the zoos
 - (b) killing animals
 - (c) protecting wildlife
 - (d) protecting endangered species
5. Many species are bred in zoos and reintroduced in their natural habitat the word reintroduced means
 - (a) introduced to humans
 - (b) introduced to animals
 - (c) familiarised to the Jungle
 - (d) sent back to their original surroundings.
6. Zoos are must as they
 - (a) are a place to see the animals
 - (b) give form to the imagination of children
 - (c) both A and B
 - (d) none of the above
7. in the passage find the word which is the antonym of destroyed
8. The Wildlife Protection Society of India estimated that at least 3189 leopards were killed from 1994 to 2010. State one reason for the above mentioned statement.
9. which of the following words means same as multitude
 - (a) a large number of people
 - (b) very few in number
 - (c) zero
 - (d) minority
10. Zoos Are a _____ way of conservation
 - (a) Sustainable
 - (b) Survival
 - (c) Endangered
 - (d) extinct

SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**(10 Marks)**

1. _____ by hunger, the elephant herd entered the sugarcane field
(a) Drove (b) Driving (c) Driven (d) Drives
2. read the conversation between Suraj and his mother. Complete the sentence by reporting Suraj's reply correctly.
Mother: You seem so tired. Take some rest. Suraj :
Suraj: I can't even think of relaxing. I have lots of homework to do
Mother said to Suraj that he seemed so tired and advised him to take a rest. Suraj replied that _____

3. Vinay, _____ mother got an award for the best teacher is my nephew.
(a) who (b) which (c) whose (d) whom
4. Given below is the narration of the dialogue between a father and a son completed with the correct option
father: where are you going?
Son: I am going to the library
Father asked his son where he was going. The son replied _____ to the library.
(a) that he was going (b) that he is going
(c) that he has been going (d) that he had been going

5. in the given narration identify the error and correct it
A saint walks the street of Mumbai it can open only in India.
Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

6. report the dialogue between the husband and his wife by completing the sentence
husband: the landlord has come take out the money you have set aside
Wife: but there are only 300 rupees.
Husband told his wife that the landlord had come she should take out money she had set aside. His right said that _____.
7. what do you like the _____ about your school?
(a) best (b) good (c) better (d) bad
8. Given below is a news report. Select the option that and identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given lines.
The Chief Minister of Lucknow met the students of SRCC on 6th February in New Delhi. He deliver a lecture on the global role of Lucknow economy

Option	Error	Correction
A	On	In
B	Deliver	Delivered
C	Lecture	Lectures
D	Role	Roll

9. Your class makes
(a) a lot of noises (b) a lot of noisy (c) lot of noisy (d) a lot of noise
10. Given below is the conversation between the animals. Complete the sentence by reporting jumbos reply correctly
pig: see how strong and hefty I am even the jumbo was afraid of me.
Animals: Jumbo was it out of horror?
Jumbo: I could have happily crushed the dirty pig under my heels but I avoided it so that I do not become dirty.
The jaunty pig said that he was a strong and hefty. He further added that even the jumbo had been afraid of him. All the animals enquired of Jumbo if that had been out of horror. Jumbo replied that he could have happily Crush the dirty pig under his heels but he _____.

11. Identify and correct the error given in the below sentence

In 1868 a British scientist name sir Norman Lockyer was studying the sun with an instrument called the spectroscope.

Error	Correction

12. where have you been I _____ you 6 times.

- (a) called (b) has called (c) call (d) calls

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(40 Marks)

1. Attempt any one from A and B given below:

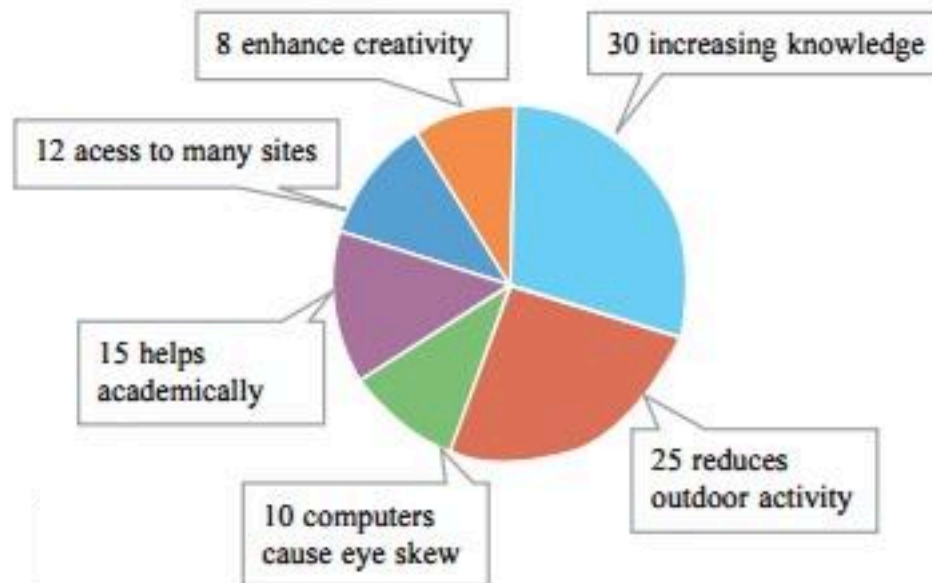
A. You are Nalini Naman Hostel Warden of ABC Matriculation School, Pune. Write a letter to the sales manager, Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances, Park Street, Mumbai placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.

OR

B. You are Mahima/Mahim of 37, Raj Nagar Jaipur. Write a letter to the General Manager J.T.C. complaining about inadequate bus service in your area and requesting him to take urgent steps in this manner.

2. Attempt any one from A and B given below:

A. A survey was conducted by a school to discuss the role that information technology/computers play in the growth and development of children. The data is given below in the form of a pie chart write a paragraph analysing the data.



B. Every 4 seconds a new baby is born in India while the death rate is very low if the present continuous serious consequences will be seen pressure is going on the Civic amenities overpopulation has become a menace being an alert citizen you feel strongly about it and intend to spread awareness in this regard you decide to write a paragraph on "over population- A Hazard".

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(40 Marks)

V. Reference to context

1. answer any one of the two extracts that are given

A. I finished my poem and it was beautiful! It was about a mother Duck and a father swam with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments and to several other classes as well.

i. the he in the passage is

- (a) her classmate (b) Mr. Keesing (c) her father (d) his history teacher

ii. During which level he had finally had enough?

- (a) 1st lesson (b) 2nd lesson (c) 4th lesson (d) 3rd lesson

iii. Which word in the passage has the meaning similar to laugh.

- (a) joke (b) ridiculous (c) Roared (d) Entitled

iv. Mr. Keesing was trying to play a _____ on Anne.

- (a) Fun (b) Song (c) Joke (d) Trick.

v. choose the answer that lists the correct option about the subject taught by Mr keesing.

- (a) Maths (b) English (c) Science (d) Geography

B. We have an Indian Legend too. Bodhidharma an ancient Buddhist ascetic cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep."

"tea was first drunk in China", Rajvir added, as far back as 2700BC. In fact, words such as tea, 'chai' and 'chini' are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage." The train clattered into mariani junction the boys collected their luggage and pushed their way to the crowded platform.

i. Who cut off his eyelids to avoid being sleepy during the meditations.

- (a) the priest (b) the Buddhist ascetic (c) The Monk (d) the Sage

ii. Tea was used in Europe as

- (a) drink (b) energizer (c) soft drink (d) medicine

iii. how many tea plants grew out of the eyelids?

- (a) 15 (b) 16 (c) 8 (d) 10

iv. Which word in the passage means a drove away?

- (a) Legend (b) banished (c) ancient (d) ascetic

v. Europeans started consuming tea in _____ century.

- (a) fifteenth (b) sixteenth (c) fourteenth (d) tenth

2. Attempt any one of the two extracts

A. An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down.
All his young days in the harbour where.
His ball went I would not intrude on him,
A dime another ball is worthless. Now
He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions.

i. The boy is in grief because his ball has been

- (a) stolen (b) misplaced (c) broken (d) lost

ii. The boy feels _____ and stands rigid because he is thinking about his days when he was young

- (a) troubled (b) happy (c) sorry (d) helpless

iii. The poet does not offer to give him the new ball because he wants to teach him the value of

- (a) Duty (b) Authority (c) Responsibility (d) Money

iv. Who senses his first responsibility in these lines?

- (a) The girl (b) The boy (c) The poet (d) The reader

v. Which word in the extract means similar to straight not bending

- (a) trembling (b) Harbour (c) rigid (d) intrude

B. I am an orphan, roaming the street,
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.
Don't eat that chocolate Amanda
Remember your acne Amanda

.....Will you please look at me when

.....I'm speaking to you, Amanda!'.
i. The speaker makes design with her

- (a) pencil (b) bare feet (c) hands (d) sketch pen

ii. Which word in the passage means the same as naked

- (a) pattern (b) bare (c) hushed (d) roaming

iii. Where does she make pattern on

- (a) on Sketch Book (b) on paper (c) on table (d) on soft dust

iv. She is not an Orphan, but she _____ to be one

- (a) wants (b) wishes (c) imagines (d) longs

v. These lines have been taken from which poem

- (a) Amanda (b) fire and ice (c) dust of Snow (d) animals

vi. Answer any four in about 20 to 30 words.

- i. Why does Anne want to keep a diary? Why does she feel she can trust a diary more than the people?
- ii. What was the most fascinating thing that Valli saw on the street?
- iii. Read the statements given below: Statement 1 – "Lomov is looking to marry." Statement 2 – "Lomov is looking to marry Natalya." Bring out the difference between the two statements and explain what it tells you about Lomov.
- iv. A simple moment proves to be very significant and saves the rest of the day of the poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem "dust of snow".
- v. The postmaster represents the people who still believe in helping others. Mention those values of the post master which you would like to emulate.

vii. Answer any two of the following in about 40-50 words each:

- i. "privilege often confuses actual needs for perceived ones". Evaluate this statement with reference to Mrs. Pumphrey.
- ii. What made Hari Singh come back to Anil?
- iii. Why did Matildas husband go out into the cold night, minutes after returning from the ball? Was he successful in his purpose?

viii. answer any one of the following in 100-120 words

- i. Read the given quote by actor Jim Carrey
..... I THINK EVERYBODY
..... SHOULD GET RICH AND
..... FAMOUS AND DO
..... EVERYTHING THEY EVER
..... DREAMED OF SO THEY
..... CAN SEE THAT IT'S NOT
..... THE ANSWER

Can you relate this to the Buddha's life before and after he attained enlightenment? Provide examples from the text to support your answer.

OR

- ii. Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and World leaders who are coming to pay their respect before the inauguration.
how did Nelson Mandela describe the scene of the inauguration

ix. answer any one of the following in 100-120 words

- i. Bholi was believed to be a dumb cow what turn her into a Fearless bold and confident girl?

OR

- ii. why were the landlord and his wife surprise to see the scientists door wide open what did they decide?

Solution

SAMPLE PAPER-4

SECTION - A

- I. 1. a 2. b
3. a 4. c
5. d 6. a
7. c 8. a
9. d 10. upbringing of children
- II. 1. b 2. a
3. c 4. b
5. d 6. c
7. created
8. the man-animal conflict continued to intensify. Man hunted leopards, as they were a threat to their livestock and entered their habitation
9. a 10. a

SECTION - B

- III. i. C
ii. He could not even think of relaxing as he had lots of homework to do
iii. C iv. A
v. Error: walks correction: walked
vi. That there were only three hundred rupees
vii. A Best viii. B
ix. D
x. Had avoided it so that he did not become dirty
xi. Error: name correction: named
xii. A

SECTION - B

- IV. 1. A. ABC Matriculation School,
Civil Lines
Pune
29 March, 20XX
The Sales Manager
Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances
Mumbai
Subject: Placing an order for electrical appliances required for our hostel
Sir,
we are running an Educational Institute and We need the following items for hostel urgently as the new school session is going to start from 1st April. I request you to quote your rates and terms of supply for the following items.

S. No.	Particulars	No. of Items
	Fans	20
	Microwave ovens	10
	Geysers	25

If your rates and other terms and conditions suitable we shall be pleased to place the order. Therefore, kindly send the rate and the discount permissible on the total purchase and also the terms of payment at the earliest. We hope to get an early response from your side.

Thank you

Yours truly

Nalini

(Hostel Warden)

B. 37, Raj Nagar

Jaipur

31 March 20XX

The General Manager

Jaipur Transport Corporation

Jaipur

Subject: inadequate bus service

Sir,

Through this letter of mine I wish to draw your attention to the inadequate bus service in our area. I would like to inform you that in our area that is Rajnagar the bus service is very inadequate. Very few buses ply through our area due to which the common public face many problems. The area is a bit away and residents need to regularly commute to every part of the city. Therefore you are requested to arrange more buses in this area people do not face the problem of transportation.

I hope you will take some action and do the needful as soon as possible.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Mahim

2. A. A survey was conducted by a School to discuss the role played by computer and information technology in the growth and development of children. Some student representatives were also invited to add to the views given by others. Only a margin of 8% of the people find that computer enhance creativity does showing that they were not in favour of it. As many as 10% of people believed that computer cause eye strain due to long sitting hours of children Infront of it where as 12% of people were of the opinion that children get access to so many sites that are in appropriate for the age. There were many others, infact 30% people who believed that Information Technology increases knowledge and helps in the growth and development of a child as compared to 25% people who were of the view that computers attract a child towards itself which results in the reduction of their outdoor activities. Very few people had the opinion that it helps academically. Hence we can sum up that 53% of the people were in favour of computer usage by children wear as they were still 47% who did not favour it.

OR

- B. Over population- A Hazard

Overpopulation is become a menace in the present time. Every 4 s a new baby is born in India while the death ratio is very low. The rise in population is taking its toll on normal life. Pressure is going on the basic amenities. The public transport services ply over crowded with no space to breathe fresh air. Where ever you go there a long queue. People can be seen waiting whether it is a hospital railway station shops Gas Agencies bus stand and in fact almost everywhere. Over population has led to un employment also which for the lead to social unrest among the youths. The cases of robbery violence and Eve teasing are on the rise. The only solution to this problem is family planning. People must be made aware of the dire consequences of overpopulation. Awareness should be spread

among the masses through campaigning or street play so that people understand that overpopulation must be checked,

SECTION - C

- V 1. A. i. B ii. D
iii. A iv. C
v. B
B. i. B ii. D
iii. D iv. B
v. B
2. A. i. D ii. A
iii. C iv. B
v. C
B. i. B ii. B
iii. D iv. C
v. A

VI.

- i. she wants to keep a diary because she feels that people change and cannot be trusted but paper does not change. Moreover it patiently documents once experiences and she would keep it confidential.
- ii. The most fascinating thing that Valli saw was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. Each time it was filled with the new set of passengers.
- iii. Indeed Lomov is looking to marry but only Natalia because he considered her as a good home Maker. Though he was not in love with Natalya, he wanted to marry her as he was suffering due to weak heart and sleep sickness. He wanted a companion who could look after him.
- iv. The poet, Robert Frost tries to convey that even simple and ordinary incidents have great significance in our life. Nothing is good or bad. It is only our thinking that makes it so. Best things in life are free of cost. Life is full of problems and obstacles. We should try to solve them rather than sitting and regretting. Sometimes even the unimportant things change the meaning of life. A simple action of crow shook of the dust of snow on the poet, taught him a great lesson. The poet realised that he had wasted his day in repenting rather than doing some useful activity. He understood how to take the adverse season in stride and work for a better life.
- v. The Postmaster represents a bunch of people like Lencho who have faith in god. We learn from the story that still there are people like the Postmaster and the post office employee who help others without any self-interest. To keep Lencho's faith in god intact, the Postmaster cooperated with his employees and collected the amount. He had love and empathy towards Lencho when he knew about his situation. He was a compassionate man and even hid his identity in helping Lencho. He sent the amount to Lencho in the name of god. Even though none of the post office employees or Postmaster was related to Lencho in any manner. It was a pure act of humanity kindness and selflessness in their part. The way they all helped Lencho in his hard times even restore our faith in humanity and motivate us to be Noble and kind person like the postmaster.

- VII. i. Mrs. Pumphrey love her dog too much. She treated him like her own son. She could never refuse to give Tricki whatever he demanded for. Infact she herself had made assumptions about Tricki's likes and dislikes so she couldn't understand that Tricki needed controlled diet rather than sweets and drinks.
- ii. Hari Singh came back to Anil because he remembers the good time that he had spent with Anil. He went to the railway station after stealing the money but did not board the train. His conscience pricked him for robbing a man like Anil who had trusted him. He roamed around aimlessly. He felt lonely and sad at the thought of leaving Anil. So he immediately decided to go back to Anil. Hari Singh knew that one day he will be able to earn more money by becoming a really clever and respected man which was more than sealing a few hundred Rupees at that time. So he returned home back to Anil.

- iii. On returning from the ball Matilda removed the wraps from her shoulders before the glass for a final view of herself in her glory. Suddenly she uttered a cry, her necklace was not around her neck. Loisel already half undressed asked her what was the matter. She informed Loisel about the missing necklace of Madame Forestier. They looked for it in the folds of the dress in the folds of the cloak in the pockets everywhere. But they could not find it. Finally Loisel dressed himself again he went over the track where they went on foot to see if he could find it. He went out into the cold night searching for the Lost necklace event on foot over the route. He filed a police complaint enquired cab officers and even put an advertisement in newspaper offering a reward. towards 7 o'clock returned home. All his efforts went in vain he was not able to find the Lost necklace.
- VIII. i. Gautam Buddha began his life as a royal prince. He was named Siddharth Gautam. At the age of 16 he got married to a princess. The Prince was deliberately shielded from all suffering of the world. But this attempt failed when the prince while out hunting chanced upon A sick man. Then he saw an aged man, he also chanced to see a funeral procession. Finally he saw a monk begging for alms. These sites of sufferings, sickness and decay shocked and moved the prince. He wanted to seek the final solutions of all the sorrows and sufferings. Finally, he sat down under a big tree after wandering for seven years in search of enlightenment. He gave his first sermon at Benares. He preached that all men, women and children are mortals. And, all mortals are destined to die. Actually, death and decay is the fate of all mortals in this world. Death spares none. Those who are born can't avoid dying. Therefore, the wise do not grieve.
- ii. The Oath taking ceremony of Nelson Mandela was the historic occasion. Dignitaries and representatives of 140 countries came to attend it. The ceremony took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre. He had gone there with his daughter Zenani. First, Mr. De Klark the 2nd Deputy President then after Thabo Mbeki the first Deputy president was sworn in. Nelson Mandela took the oath as the President. He pledged to obey and uphold the constitution and devote himself to the well-being of the republic and its people.
- After the ceremony the display of military force was carried out. Finally the Jets let off smoke trails of different colours eg. Red, green, blue, and Golden which were the colours of the new South African flag. In the end two national anthems was sung by the whites and blacks. it was a jubilant moment for him.
- IX. i. Everyone called Sulekha as Bholi the simpleton. She used to stammer and her face was disfigured by pockmarks. She was not wise and not beautiful. She was ill treated by everyone. She went to school as she is supposedly had no future. But her education changed the personality. Her teachers love and affection moulded her. She became confident and bold. She knew what was good for what was bad. Her father agreed to marry her to be Bishamber. But she didn't accept to marry the lame old and greedy man. Education had thus turned Bholi into a fearless bold and confident girl. She even chose her future rightly. She told her parents that she would serve him them in their old age. She became an inspiration for all girls and she became a teacher in the same school from where she had studied. She took a very bold decision of rejecting Bishambhar.
- ii. One day the landlord and his wife found the scientist's door wide open. The scientist's door usually, remained shut and locked. They became curious if anyone entered his room. The couple got an opportunity to enquire the matter so they decided to investigate. They went inside and found that the bedclothes were cold and the clothes and bandages that he always wore were lying in the room. Suddenly Mrs Hall heard a sniff close to her ear. After a moment the hat in the room leapt up and dashed itself into her face. Being terrified thy thought that the room was haunted by spirits. So, they decided to leave it. Mrs. Hall was convinced that the room was haunted by spirit and that a stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.