

MODEL QUESTION PAPER
(2020-21)
ENGLISH (CORE)
GRADE XII

Time Allowed: 3 hours

M.M. : 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. Both the parts are compulsory.**
 - 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.**
 - 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.**
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PART - A
(READING)

[40 MARKS]
[20 MARKS]

1. Read the passage given below and answer any ten questions: (10)

1. Suspense was over when my high school results finally came out. But I was upset. I hadn't done as well as I had expected. My father tried to console me. "Why are you worried? You have done very well my dear." "No, I haven't, Baba," I protested, controlling my tears, and wondering if I had disappointed him. "It doesn't really matter," he assured me. "Do you know what I got when I finished high school?" I looked into Baba's face and waited for the answer to his own question. "You know," he told me. I've never told you this. I got just a third division. But, look at me, I've done quite well." Baba got a third division! I was almost in shock, but the thought of my having done a lot better than that made me realize that I had no reason to complain. I certainly felt better! "Everything is under control!" said Baba smiling. That was his favourite phrase. Posted in Kolkata, my father was then a senior official in the Indian Railway Service, and an expert in goods traffic operations. He was soon to become a director with the Railway Board. By the time he retired in 1981, he was general manager of the Central Railways. By the time Baba passed away in November 2000, his name had found a place in several hearts as well. He was open, easy to know, and full of life. We were extremely close, but I had so much more to learn about him from many things I came to know after his death.
2. In September 2000, he was in hospital for treatment of cancer and given just two months to live. When he found out, his reaction was an extremely rational one. He asked me to fetch files from his cupboard, so that he could explain the details of my mother's pension. He also dictated his will from his hospital bed. "Everything is under control!" After Baba's death, Satish, our old family retainer, was inconsolable. We tried to cheer him up. "Your Baba had scolded me only once in all these years!" he cried. Satish pointed to the watch on his left hand. "I had been coming late for work and everyone in the family was complaining about it," said Satish. "Then, one day, your Baba gave me this watch and told me, 'now that you have a watch you can't be late.' That was the scolding Satish received. On the fourth day after Baba's death, my sister and I had to perform a ceremony. Since several relatives were expected, we decided to order lunch from a caterer in our locality, reputed for his home cooked food, but, when we went to pay the owner, we got a surprise. He refused to accept any money! "When I wanted to start my catering

business, it was your father who lent me money," he told us. It seems Baba never asked for it back. Now, after four or five years, the caterer wanted to repay that debt. Of course, we made him accept the full payment for the fine food and service. 'It was Baba's gift and it ought to remain so,' I told him.

3. Some days later, there was yet another piece of information as we were preparing for the main ceremony. Vikram, my brother drove me to the local market. On recognizing our car, the parking assistant, in his twenties, came running towards us and asked why he had not seen the owner for long. We had to break the news to him and to our utter surprise, he started crying. We were really surprised by this reaction from a stranger-until the man told us that Baba used to pay his daughter's school fees and buy her books. It seems, it was on my father's advice that he'd even started sending the child to school. More than three years after Baba's death, as we were looking into Baba's personal things, we came across an old file with Baba's certificates and I found among them, his high school diploma from 1937; the one he'd told me about 30 years earlier, about the third division that had made no difference in his life or career.
4. It had made me see beyond mere marks and first classes as the main road to success. But there was one more fact. Baba had actually got a first division, a rare achievement in his day. Today, years after his passing, when I think of Baba, I see a man who was able to sympathize with others so easily and touch their lives in such a special way.
 - (a) Why was the narrator in tears when her school results came out? **(1)**
 - (i) She did better than she expected.
 - (ii) She did not do as expected.
 - (iii) Her Baba had not done well.
 - (iv) Her Baba had done better than her.
 - (b) On knowing the result, how did the narrator's father react? **(1)**
 - (i) He scolded her.
 - (ii) He beat her.
 - (iii) He consoled her.
 - (iv) He made fun of her.
 - (c) Why did the narrator say she had nothing to complain? **(1)**
 - (i) She had done better than her father.
 - (ii) She had done as well as her father.
 - (iii) She had topped in her school.
 - (iv) She had not worked hard at all.
 - (d) Choose the option which is not correct: **(1)**
 - (i) Baba was a senior official in the Indian Railway Service.
 - (ii) Baba was to become a director with the Railway Board.
 - (iii) Baba was the general manager of the Central Railways.
 - (iv) Baba had got a third division in high school.
 - (e) What was Baba's favourite phrase: **(1)**
 - (i) It's all right.
 - (ii) Everything is OK.
 - (iii) Cool.
 - (iv) Everything is under control.
 - (f) Why did Baba scold Satish? **(1)**
 - (i) For not doing the work properly.
 - (ii) For untidiness.
 - (iii) For being late
 - (iv) For being punctual.
 - (g) Why was Baba admitted to hospital? **(1)**
 - (i) Due to fever.
 - (ii) To treat cancer.
 - (iii) For routine check-ups.
 - (iv) Because of heart-attack.
 - (h) Why did the caterer not charge any money from the narrator? **(1)**
 - (i) He didn't want to trouble them.
 - (ii) He could collect that later.
 - (iii) He wanted to marry the narrator.
 - (iv) He wanted to repay the debt.

- (i) Who was Vikram? (1)
 (i) Baba's colleague. (ii) Office boy. (iii) Parking assistant. (iv) Caterer.
- (j) What kind of a man Baba was? (1)
 (i) He could sympathize with others. (ii) He was carefree.
 (iii) He was indifferent to other people. (iv) He was a miser.
- (k) How did Baba help Vikram? (1)
 (i) Baba lent him money. (ii) Baba paid his daughter's school fee.
 (iii) Baba bought him clothes. (iv) Baba gave him a cycle

2. Read the passage given below and answer any ten questions : (10)

1. As dusk falls the neon lights of the jewellery shops in Bowbazaar come alive but the lights have no effect on the face of Mahadeo Yadav who is seated on the footrest of his rickshaw that is parked by the road, feeling very sad. He is sitting on his feet, hugging his knees to keep himself warm in the biting cold, so weakened and lifeless as if he had been dead for days without anyone noticing.
 2. Who would after all notice a rickshaw puller, to check whether he is breathing or not? Yet when the same rickshaw puller goes about his work pulling his rickshaw like a horse, he becomes the most noticed man in Calcutta. He makes a great subject for photographers, writers and film-makers. He is the symbol of poor Calcutta. Many a famous actor has pulled the rickshaw in films set in the city.
 3. Calcutta is said to have about 6000 rickshaw pullers running on its roads, running mostly in its old neighbourhoods. They have something in common apart from their poverty. All of them come from the countryside. All of them wear the lungi to work, perhaps, for better movement. Almost all of them are elderly; I am yet to see a young man hand pulling a rickshaw. It can be a sad sight to watch a man almost as old as your father struggling his way through the roads dressed only in a vest and lungi and often barefoot.
 4. Mahadeo Yadav, the rickshaw puller is in his seventies and has been pulling the same rickshaw in and around Bowbazaar for fifty years. For him fifty years, half a century is not an achievement, but merely the time that has passed ever since he came to Calcutta to earn a living.
 5. He lives all alone in Calcutta, in a room in a nearby lane, paying a monthly rent of fifty rupees. He is out with his rickshaw between three in the afternoon and ten at night, sometimes earning sixty or seventy rupees a day and sometimes nothing. Every month without fail he sends Rs.300 to his wife back home, and once every year visits her. "I will pull the rickshaw as long as I can" he says, "this is my only source of livelihood. These days I tire easily. Sometimes my feet hurt and sometimes my back. But do I have a choice?" He answers all my questions without looking at me even once, but continued to stare ahead blankly, his arms folded around his knees. I take a good look at his rickshaw: the two - the rickshaw and the rickshaw puller- make quite a pair.
- (a) A rickshaw puller is noticed only when he - (1)
 (i) acts in a film. (ii) becomes a subject for photographers.
 (iii) sits all alone. (iv) is old and tired.
- (b) Pick out the statement which is not true. (1)
 (i) Most rickshaw pullers are old.
 (ii) The rickshaw pullers earn very little.
 (iii) Many renowned actors are rickshaw pullers.
 (iv) They are neglected by people.

- (c) Mahadeo Yadav is in his - **(1)**
 (i) 50s (ii) 60s (iii) 70s (iv) 80s
- (d) Mahadeo Yadav visits his wife - **(1)**
 (i) Once a year (ii) Twice a year (iii) Thrice a year (iv) Four times a year
- (e) How much money does Mahadeo Yadav send his wife? **(1)**
 (i) Rs. 200 (ii) Rs. 300 (iii) Rs. 400 (iv) Rs. 500
- (f) How much does Mahadeo Yadav pay as rent? **(1)**
 (i) Rs. 50 (ii) Rs. 60 (iii) Rs. 70 (iv) Rs. 80
- (g) What is the commonality among the rikshaw-pullers? **(1)**
 (i) They are all alone. (ii) They have no family.
 (iii) They all have a rikshaw. (iv) They are all from countryside.
- (h) What does 50 yrs. mean for Mahadeo Yadav? **(1)**
 (i) An achievement (ii) Time spent (iii) Family & friends (iv) Children
- (i) What does a rickshaw puller signify for Calcutta? **(1)**
 (i) Ugliness (ii) Compassion (iii) Poverty (iv) Simplicity
- (j) What is the common attire of the rickshaw pullers? **(1)**
 (i) Kurta & Pyjama (ii) Dhoti & Kurta (iii) Shorts & T-Shirt (iv) Dhoti & Vest
- (k) The tone of the passage is- **(1)**
 (i) Positive (ii) Negative (iii) Optimistic (iv) Critical

(LITERATURE)

(20 MARKS)

3. Attempt any two passages out of the three.

(1 × 8 = 8)

- (a) From the beginning, however, I have an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to a beach in California. He and I stood together in the surf. I hung on to him, yet the waves knocked me down and swept over me. I was buried in water. My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves.
- (i) Where did his father take him?
 (A) Y.M.C.A. pool (B) California (C) Yakima (D) Maches
- (ii) What impact did this incident have on him?
 (A) He cried. (B) He enjoyed it.
 (C) He developed a dislike to water (D) He never went back to the pool.
- (iii) What happened to him there?
 (A) He was knocked down (B) He was caressed
 (C) He was strangled (D) He drowned
- (iv) What was his father's reaction?
 (A) He cried (B) He laughed (C) He shouted (D) He was shocked
- (b) The Ramsjo Ironworks which are now closed down, were not so long ago, a large plant, with smelter, rolling mill and forge. In the summertime long lines of heavily loaded barges and scows slid down the canal, which led to a large inland lake, and in the wintertime the roads near the mill were black from all the coal dust which sifted down from the big charcoal crates.
- (i) What is Ramsjo Ironworks?
 (A) A large plant (B) A mill (C) A shop (D) A milk booth
- (ii) What are barges and scows?
 (A) Round boats (B) Oval boats
 (C) Flat-bottomed boats (D) Diamond-shaped boats

- (iii) How would business be done in summertime?
 (A) By air (B) By water (C) By road (D) By taxi
- (iv) The style of the passage can be called-
 (A) Narrative (B) Pedagogic (C) Florid (D) Descriptive
- (c) Now Sadao remembered the wound and with his expert fingers he began to search for it. Blood flowed freshly at his touch. On the right side of his lower back Sadao saw that a gun wound had been reopened. The flesh was blackened with powder. Sometime, not many days ago, the man had been shot and had not been tended. It was bad chance that the rock had struck the wound.
- (i) Who was the man lying there?
 (A) A POW (B) A doctor
 (C) A Japanese (D) A fisherman
- (ii) Why was the flesh black?
 (A) Due to coal (B) Due to soil
 (C) Due to gun powder (D) Due to tar
- (iii) Where was the gun wound on his body?
 (A) On chest (B) On right arm (C) On back (D) On lower back
- (iv) Who has authored this story?
 (A) Peach Buck (B) S. Buck (C) Peal S. Buck (D) Pearl S, Buck

4, Read the stanza and answer the following questions:

(1 × 4 = 4)

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms

We have imagined for the mighty dead;

All lovely tales that we have heard or read;

An endless fountain of immortal drink,

Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- (i) What have we imagined for the mighty dead?
 (A) Doom (B) Grandeur (C) Death (D) Story
- (ii) In this stanza, beauty has been associated with-
 (A) Tales (B) Drink (C) Death (D) Heaven
- (iii) Which is the figure of speech used in the second last line?
 (A) Simile (B) Metaphor (C) Pun (D) Alliteration
- (iv) What does the word brink mean?
 (A) Brine (B) Edge (C) Top (D) Door

OR

It would be an exotic moment

without rush, without engines,

we would all be together

in a sudden strangeness.

- (i) What will create an exotic moment?
 (A) Noise (B) Talking (C) Rush (D) Silence
- (ii) The word exotic means-
 (A) Unusual (B) Similar (C) Simple (D) Bad
- (iii) Which is the figure of speech used in the last line?
 (A) Simile (B) Metaphor (C) Pun (D) Alliteration
- (iv) What are engines symbolic of?
 (A) Train (B) Noise (C) Leadership (D) Continuity

5. Answer any 8 of the following 10 questions:

- i) What would be the usual information displayed on the notice board?
- ii) What is Mukesh's dream?
- (iii) Why was Y.M.C.A. pool safer?
- (iv) How did the father convince Edla about tramp's manners?
- (v) Why has Shukla been called an irresolute person?
- (vi) What did the Ironmaster want to do when the real identity of the pedlar was disclosed?
- (vii) How much did the wizard ask the Skunk for changing the smell?
- (viii) What is aunt Jennifer doing?
- (ix) What are we doing every morrow?
- (x) What happens when we listen to the bees for a long time?

**PART-B
WRITING**

**[40 MARKS]
[16 MARKS]**

6. You require a teacher to teach Maths and Science to your son at home who is in Class 10. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words giving all your requirements. You are Arun/ Aruna. Contact no. 93*****. **(3)**

OR

Sarvodaya Education Society, a charitable organization is coming to your school to distribute books among the needy students. As Head Boy/ Head Girl, Sunrise Public School, Surat, write a notice in about 50 words asking such students to drop the lists of books they need in the box kept outside the Principal's office. You are Navtej/ Navita. **(3)**

7. Draft a formal invitation to be sent to your friends and relatives on the occasion of your son's marriage. **(3)**

OR

Write a formal reply to Mrs. & Mr. Anil Jain declining their invitation to dinner on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd March 2016. **(3)**

8. You live in a crowded area in Mumbai. Unauthorised parking of vehicles in your area is causing a lot of inconvenience to the locals. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner of the District complaining against this practice. You are Rohan/ Rohini of Sakinaka, Mumbai. **(5)**

OR

Suppose yourself to be Srikant/ Sreeja of A-45 Tilak Nagar, Tonk road, Jaipur. You saw an advertisement in the Times of India for the post of a PGT Maths in Sanskar Public School, Alwar. Draft a letter for the same.

9. India is a tourists' dream destination. Give your views on the tourism potential of India in an article in 150-200 words. You are Navtej/ Navita. **(5)**

OR

You are Anu/ Anupam, a reporter with The Hindu. You have heard that a doctor at AIIMS died in mysterious conditions. You rush to the site and write a report on it in 100-125 words. **(5)**

(LITERATURE)

(24 MARKS)

10. Read the following questions and answer any five of them in 30-40 words each:

(2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) Who occupied the back benches in the class room on the day of the last lesson? Why?
- (b) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being 'resolute'?
- (c) What were the poet's feelings as she drove to Kochi airport?
- (d) Whom did M. Hamel blame for Franz's inability to answer his question?
- (e) What lesson did Douglas learn when he got rid of his fear of water?
- (f) Why did Douglas' mother recommend that he should learn swimming at the YMCA swimming pool?

11. Read the following questions and answer any two in 30-40 words each:

- (a) Which do you think is a better ending of Roger Skunk's story, Jo's or her father's?
- (b) What could the Governor have done to securely bring Evans back to the prison from the 'Golden Lion'?
- (c) How did the Governor, Oxford Prison describe Evans to the Secretary Examination Board?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

What did the French teacher tell his students in his last French lesson? What impact did it have on them?

OR

"Freedom from fear is more important than legal justice for the poor." Explain with reference to the story "Indigo."

13. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

Both Derry and Lamb are victims of physical impairment, but much more painful for them is feeling of loneliness. Comment.

OR

The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behaviour that the person expects from others?

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(g) (iv) (h) (ii) (i) (iii) (j) (iv) (k) (iv)
3. (a) (i) B (ii) C (iii) A (iv) B
(b) (i) A (ii) C (iii) B (iv) D
(c) (i) A (ii) C (iii) D (iv) D
4. (i) B (ii) C (iii) B (iv) B

OR

- (i) D (ii) A (iii) D (iv) B
5. (i) It would be about lost battles, draft and orders of the commanding officer.
(ii) Mukesh wants to be a motor mechanic and drive a car.
(iii) Because it was two or three feet deep at the shallow end and at the other end it was nine feet deep but the drop was gradual.
(iv) He said tramp manners would fall away with tramp clothes.
(v) He didn't leave Gandhi until he accepted his demand.
(vi) He wanted to take the matter to the Sheriff.
(vii) The wizard asked seven pennies.
(viii) She is making tigers on a panel.
(ix) We are collecting small pleasures to stay connected to the earth.
(x) When we listen to the bees for a long time they hum.

6.

SITUATION VACANT

Require a teacher to teach Maths and Science to the student of Class X. Should have at least 5 yrs. of experience. Emoluments: 8000/- p. m. (negotiable as per eligibility). Contact- Arun, Mob: 93*****

OR

SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, SURAT

1st March 20**

NOTICE

BOOK DISTRIBUTION

This is to inform all the students that Sarvodaya Education Society, a charitable organization is coming to our school to distribute books among the needy students. Those who are in need of books and cannot afford to buy can drop the list of the books they need in the box kept outside the Principal's office. For further details contact the undersigned.

Navita
Head Girl

7.

Mrs. & Mr. Abhilash Nair
request the pleasure of your benign presence
on the auspicious occasion of the
Wedding Ceremony
of their son
Sumit
with
Sumitra
(d/o Mrs. & Mr. Anup Nair)
on Sunday, 27th March, at Vrindavan Garden
from 6 p.m. onwards

R.S.V.P.
Mr. Abhilash Nair
A-27, Housing Board Colony
Banswara
Mob. 9352602728

With Best Wishes
Near & Dear

OR

Mrs. & Mr. Deepak Gautam have much pleasure
in receiving the kind invitation of
Mrs. & Mr. Anil Jain to their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on 15th May, 2016 from 6 p.m. onwards.
However, they express their inability to
attend the function due to a prior engagement.

Best Wishes

8.

Sakinaka
Mumbai.
1st March 20**

The Police Commissioner
Sakinaka, Mumbai.

Subject: Unauthorized parking in the locality.

Sir

With reference to the subject cited above I would like to state that I am a localite of Sakinaka, sector no. 4 and for a long time the residents of this locality are facing the problem of unauthorized parking.

There are two big shops in this area without any proper parking arrangement which makes the place always overcrowded with the customers and their vehicles. The problem is mainly due to the people lacking civic sense who park their vehicles haphazardly causing inconvenience to all and sundry. Often, there are altercations and fights which make the atmosphere tense deviating the students from their studies. The passers-by cannot move easily and the residents find it difficult to move in and out of their homes.

The matter has already been reported to the corporator of the society but he couldn't do anything so far. Therefore, I, on behalf of the local residents request you to look into this matter so that we can have a peaceful life once again.

I hope, you'll definitely do something redress our problem at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Rohini

OR

A-45, Tilak Nagar

Jaipur

1st March, 2016

The Principal

Sanskar Public School

Alwar

Subject: Application for the post of PGT Maths.

Sir

With reference to the subject cited above I would like to state that I came to know through your advertisement published in the Times of India that you have a vacancy for the post of PGT Maths in your esteemed Institute.

Since I meet the required eligibility criteria, I would like to offer my candidature for the same.

I hope, you will definitely provide me with a chance to be interviewed so that I can prove my worth for your institute.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Sreeja

Enclosure: Curriculum Vitae

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Information

Name	-	Sreeja
DOB	-	09 February 1993
Marital Status	-	Single
Languages Known	-	Hindi, English, Malayalam
Father's Name	-	Sreedharan Nair
Nationality	-	Indian
Address for Correspondence	-	A- 45, Tilak Nagar, Tonk road, Jaipur

Educational Abstract

Exam	Board/ University	Year	Remarks
X	CBSE	2007	90%
XII	CBSE	2009	95%
B.Sc.	UOK	2012	95%
M.Sc.	UOK	2014	80%
B.Ed.	UOK	2015	80%
Interests	-	Reading, writing and painting	
Reference	Name	-	Prakash Purohit
	Address	-	2-B-2, Virat Nagar, Jaipur
	Mobile	-	9352*****

Date : 1st March 20XX

Place : Jaipur

Sreeja

Signature

9. Tourism Potential of India

By-Navtej

India is well known all over the world for its ancient civilization, and the artifacts recovered and being excavated till today prove the genuineness of the claims.

The ancient history of our culture has left behind exquisite monuments and temples together with archaeological finds for the tourists who are interested in them. Besides this, our country has been blessed with natural scenic beauties, right from the coast lines and beaches to the majestic mountains and hill stations.

Tourism is a high potential industry the world over and there are several economies which are totally based on the tourism industry for their survival. The amount of money involved and high returns could be mind-boggling but India has not been successfully able to develop an infrastructure conducive to the promotion of tourism industry.

Hospitality and tourism industry is still at infantile stage in our country with the tourist arrival in the global context a meagre 0.3% of the total tourist arrival worldwide. It shows there is a lot to be done. Some infrastructural improvements and the awareness of people can give a boost to this industry. The foreign tourists are attracted towards the heritage buildings; an overhauling of such buildings and a modern touch can work wonders.

Medical tourism has also emerged as an extremely viable option because people get world-class facilities at half the prices they get anywhere else. Getting treated permanently for ailments without the use of high concentration medicine is sought after by all. Yoga packages are also being included in several tourism packages. The options enumerated so far are just some instances of India's diversified touristic potential. There is so much more waiting to be explored in what can truly be the dream destination for tourists.

OR

DOCTOR FOUND DEAD AT AIIMS

(By Anupam)

New Delhi, 29 February, 2016: A doctor working at the AIIMS was found dead at his hostel room within the hospital premise on Thursday. Initial investigations have revealed that the deceased was a drug addict and had not eaten for the past three days, said the police adding that prima facie an overdose of drugs coupled with starvation is suspected to be the cause of death.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Premnath, however added that the circumstances under which Kumar Kunal (34) a junior resident in Medicine Department, was found dead remained mysterious.

"So far the family has not revealed much about what led to his addiction or whether he was facing some stress related issues. We are also waiting for the post-mortem to establish the exact cause of death. The report is expected to be on Friday," said Mr. Premnath.

- 10.** (a) The village elders occupied the back benches in the class room on the day of the last lesson because they were sorry for not going to school. Moreover, it was their way of thanking their master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect to the country which was theirs no more.
- (b) Rajkumar Shukla is described as being 'resolute' because he would do what he decided. He had decided to complain about the injustice to the sharecroppers so he went to Gandhi ji and didn't leave him until he got ready to visit Champaran.

- (c) She was quite anxious about her mother. Her mind was obsessed with her mother's aged and old condition. She had a fear of losing her mother. She was upset how her mother would look after herself at that stage.
- (d) M. Hamel blamed all. He said that not only children but the parents also were not anxious enough about their children's study. They preferred to send them to farm or mill to earn more money. M. Hamel himself had been negligent sometimes sending the children to water the flowers and giving them a holiday.
- (e) Douglas learnt that there is no fear in death rather it is in the terror of death. He learnt that one should not fear at all; there should be no fear in one's life.
- (f) Douglas' mother recommended so because YMCA pool was safe. It was two or three feet deep at the shallow end and while at the other end it was nine feet deep but the drop was gradual.

- 11.** (a) The ending by Jo's father was better as it was the practical one. Jo's father, through the story conveyed a message to her that it's better to live with what one has rather than aspire for the things that others possess.
- (b) After finding Evans at the Golden Lion, the Governor could have brought Evans along with him to the prison instead of leaving him with the other police officers. This would leave Evans no chance of escaping.
- (c) The Governor said that Evans was dead keen on getting some academic qualification; his full name was James Roderick Evans; he was a pleasant sort of fellow who performed at the Christmas concert but was a kleptomaniac.

- 12.** M. Hamel told the students about the order that had come from German. He told them that it was going to be his last class and from the next day they would be taught German. He tried to instil love for their language in their hearts. He told them that French was the most beautiful language of the world, the clearest and the most logical that they should guard it among them and hold fast to it as it can be the key to their prison.

Listening to his words, the students and the villagers became emotional. Their outlook was completely changed. They realized their negligence and felt sorry for that.

OR

Freedom from fear is more important than legal justice for the poor as until one is free from fear one cannot use law for one's benefit. On the contrary, the enemies can use one's fear to serve their interests. The weak are always bullied and their possessions are captured by the enemies. In Indigo, the peasants were very much afraid of the British who bullied them, beat them and captured their lands, and the peasants could not do anything. They never had the courage to rebel and protest. It was only because of the courage which Gandhi Ji's presence passed on to them, the peasants came out in thousands and protested against the British.

- 13.** Derry is a boy of fourteen and one side of his face is burnt by acid, and Mr. Lamb is a lame person. They are able to bear the pain of physical impairment but the pain caused by alienation and the special behaviour of people is really very hard to bear, especially to a boy like Derry. Such people also expect an equal standing and good behaviour from others but when they are alienated and not respected by others, they are dismayed and develop a negative attitude towards the society. Such treatments hurt them and stimulate them to take wrong steps. The society should develop an understanding towards such people as they are also a part of society.

OR

A disability is always painful and causes a lot of inconvenience to the one having it. But with the passage of time one learns to live with that. At times, it may feel very embarrassing but Time teaches the man to accept the fact and adapt himself to the situation. But on the contrary the pain or inconvenience caused by the sense of alienation is unbearable. When people keep them aloof from celebrations and responsibilities, and think of them as unworthy of doing anything, it pains them a lot. The society doesn't treat such people respectfully. People have a different attitude for them. Either they are ill-treated or given too much sympathy. But they don't want too much sympathy rather they wish to have love, respect and a human consideration from others.