

**Class-X Session 2022-23**  
**Subject - English-Language and Literature (184)**  
**Sample Question Paper - 22**  
**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. Great people are born to produce an influence on society. One such personality, who was so humble and lived his complete life with determination and purpose to achieve certain aims was Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. He was a great social reformer, writer and educator and worked endlessly to transform society. He strongly protested against polygamy and child marriage. He favored widow remarriage and women's education in India. The Widow Remarriage Act was passed in 1856 making the marriage of widows legal because of his efforts to solve these problems.
2. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar refined the way the Bengali language was written and taught. His book 'Borno Porichoy (Introduction to the Alphabet)' is still used as the introductory text to teach the Bengali alphabet. Thus, he brought about a revolution in the Bengali education system. Vidyasagar is credited with the role of completely changing the old method of teaching which prevailed in Sanskrit College. As a professor at Sanskrit College, he brought a modern outlook on the method of teaching. He included English and Bengali as mediums of learning, besides Sanskrit. He, also, introduced courses in European History, Philosophy and Science alongside Vedic scriptures. He encouraged students to study these subjects and make the best of both worlds.
3. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a strong advocate of women's education. He rightly viewed education as the primary way for women to achieve emancipation from the society's oppression they had to face at that time. He exercised his power to open schools for girls and even outlined a suitable curriculum to educate them. He went from door to door, requesting heads of families to allow their daughters to be enrolled in schools.
4. Ishwar Chandra was a man who defined his own path of action. He never listened to what others said about his work and made decisions based on his own judgement. He was famous for all these qualities. He was also known for his great courage. Vidyasagar had a very soft heart that sympathized with those in trouble. He was easily moved to tears when he saw someone in pain and was always the first one to offer his help to colleagues and friends in distress. After his death, Rabindranath Tagore said, "One wonders how God, in the process of producing forty million Bengalis produced a man!"

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

1. What kind of life did Ishwar Chandra lead?  
(a) determined                      (b) social reformer                      (c) purposeful                      (d) all of these
2. The book which is still used to teach the alphabet in the Bengali language is .....  
(a) Borno Porichoy                      (b) Burano Perichoy                      (c) Borno Porchoy                      (d) None of these
3. .... and ..... were included besides Sanskrit as a medium of learning.  
(a) Science, Philosophy                      (b) Science, English  
(c) English, Bengali                      (d) English, Sanskrit



4. According to Ishwar Chandra, women's education was a way for them to
  - (a) achieve relaxation from day-to-day work
  - (b) achieve liberation from society's oppression
  - (c) achieve freedom to do things their own way
  - (d) all of these
5. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was ..... at the Sanskrit College.
  - (a) headmaster
  - (b) teacher
  - (c) professor
  - (d) graduate
6. Widow Remarriage Act was passed in
  - (a) 1856
  - (b) 1854
  - (c) 1855
  - (d) 1857
7. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about Ishwar Chandra?
  - (a) He defined his own path of action.
  - (b) He was not moved by the pain of others.
  - (c) He always helped his colleagues and friends.
  - (d) He advocated women's education.
8. Supply 1 point to justify the following:  
Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a great influence on the society.
9. What does the author mean when he uses the term 'transform'?
  - (a) improve
  - (b) change
  - (c) impress change
  - (d) insist
10. Substitute the word 'advocate' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 3:  
Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a strong advocate of women's education.

**II. Read the passage given below:**

1. If you are addicted to coffee and doctors warn you to quit the habit, do not worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it is not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in the American diet, and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.
2. Antioxidants, in general, have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer, but Vinson, a dietician said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on the serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.
3. Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.  
The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

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

1. Who is Vinson in the paragraph?
  - (a) A Doctor
  - (b) A Health consultant
  - (c) A Nutritionist
  - (d) A Dietician
2. Of all the foods and beverages studied, ..... actually, have most antioxidants.
  - (a) dates
  - (b) tea
  - (c) cranberries
  - (d) coffee
3. Based on your understanding of the passage, which beverage helps in preventing liver and colon cancer?
  - (a) Tea
  - (b) Milk
  - (c) Coffee
  - (d) Hot chocolate
4. .... is a type of diabetes.
  - (a) Type 5
  - (b) Type 4
  - (c) Type 3
  - (d) Type 2
5. Substitute the word 'primary' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 1:  
In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants,



6. List one reason why the researchers recommend that one should consume coffee in moderation. (vii)
7. The graph above depicts that the maximum of caffeine is in  
 (a) Instant (b) Brewed (c) Filter (d) Espresso
8. How much caffeine is found in two cups of Brewed coffee?  
 (a) 200 mg (b) 15 mg (c) 300 mg (d) 50 mg
9. Coffee, which has minimum caffeine per cup is  
 (a) Espresso (b) Decaf Brewed (c) Instant (d) Decaf Instant
10. Brewed coffee has more caffeine than  
 (a) Filter (b) Instant (c) Espresso (d) None

## SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

### III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

1. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Sumit and Rahul

Sumit: When I grow up I want to go to Harvard.

Rahul: You'll have to study really hard.

Sumit: No, my father will have to work really hard.

Two friends Sumit and Rahul were going home after school. Taking a bite at his bar of chocolate, Sumit said that when he grows up, he wants to go to Harvard. Rahul was duly impressed to hear this and said that he would have to study hard. Sumit negates in his typical style and further says that his .....

- (A) father will have to work hard
- (B) father would had to work hard
- (C) father had to work hard
- (D) father would have to work hard

2. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

Last week the super thief was caught in Pune by the Pune police. He was arrested from a hotel in the city.

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	Weak	week
(B)	Was	Is
(C)	By	From
(D)	a	The

3. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete this office virtue:

Every employee..... consider himself as a part of team.

- (a) need (b) had to (c) needs to (d) had

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

Doctor You must exercise daily to keep your heart fit.

Patient: Is it enough if I go for a daily morning walk and do some breathing exercises?

The doctor advised the patient that he had to keep his heart fit. The patient questioned whether it was enough if he .....

5. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Poor Condition of Heritage Sites

Sir,

Last Sunday I ..... (go) to visit the Taj Mahal along with my parents. I was quite excited but all the excitement was only short-lived as the place was not as beautiful as it should have been. The Taj, no doubt, is an epitome of beauty. But the place outside was littered with plastic plates, broken bottles, leftover food, etc.



6. Identify the error in the given sentence, from an art magazine report and supply the correction. Madhubani Painting is one of the many traditional Indian art forms. It is but known as Mithila or Godhna paintings.  
Use the given format for your response  
..... Error/ correction
7. Lakhan shared some information, with Seema, about his new film shooting in Coorg, Report Seema's question.  
Is shooting challenging for you?
8. Read the conversation between Seema and Rita. Complete the sentences by reporting Rita's reply correctly.  
Seema: Why haven't you brought my practical file?  
Rita: I had gone to my uncle's house with my parents, so I forgot to. Seema asked Rita that why had she not brought her practical file. Rita said .....
9. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a news report and supply the correction.  
Gold prices are now touched an all-time high. Some says it could be a bubble that may grown but will at last burst after the recession in the West is over.  
Use the given format for your response.  
Error/ Correction
10. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from the insect corner of a daily magazine. Spiders are one of the most fascinating creatures. Several hundred species are in India.  
(a) found (b) Find (c) Lose (d) Lost
11. Complete the narration of the dialogue between Sanjay and Vijay by reporting Vijay's reply correctly.  
Sanjay I am surprised to see you here in London. When did you come? Vijay: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here. Sanjay told Vijay that he was surprised to see him there in London and asked when he had come. Vijay replied that he had come the previous day and added that
12. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the given narration about two friends  
Two friends were walking, .....a desert. During some point of the journey, they had an accident and one friend slapped the other one on the face.  
(a) from (b) above (c) through (d) by

## SECTION B: Creative Writing Skills

(40 Marks)

### 1. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

- A. You are Akshay/Akshita, 23, Rampur Road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When on the road, you see that people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and drive recklessly which sometimes leads to road accidents. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper to urge people to follow rules while driving vehicles.

OR

- B. You are Tripti, Head Girl of Guru Nanak Girls Sr. Sec. School, Kanpur. Write a letter to Dimpi Motijheel, Kanpur to find out the rate for conducting the XII standard farewell party, enquire catering charges per head, service charges and advance to be paid.

### 2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

You came across the following advertisement published in the public interest by the Ministry of Health. You feel that despite rising taxes and restrictions against smoking in India, there are still smokers in the country and the number is still rising. Taking ideas from the advertisement, with your own ideas, write a paragraph for your school magazine.

### 3. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

- A. You came across the following advertisement published in the public interest by the Ministry of Health. You feel that despite rising taxes and restrictions against smoking in India, there are still 260 million smokers in the country and the number is still rising. Taking ideas from the advertisement, with your own ideas, write a paragraph for your school magazine.

WHEN YOU SMOKE YOU BURN YOUR LUNGS!!!

Take a deep breath and think

FACTS:



### SMOKERS HAVE

- (a) 20-25 higher risk of developing lung cancer.
- (b) 2-3 times higher risk of having a heart attack
- (c) 3 times higher risk of sudden death

### PASSIVE SMOKERS

Risk of having bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma and reduced rate of lung growth. If current patterns continue, Smoking will cause some 10 million deaths every year

### SMOKING BRINGS YOU

Brain strokes, heart attack, lung cancer, sperm deformities and impotence in males cancer of the cervix and infertility in females.

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

### OR

The number of tigers, the biggest cats in the world is gradually decreasing. Given below is the data which reveals the number of Royal Bengal Tiger in different countries. Write an analytical paragraph by interpreting the data.

S no.	Name of Country	Minimum	Maximum
1.	Bangladesh	300	460
2.	Bhutan	80	460
3.	China	30	35
4.	India	2500	3800
5.	Nepal	150	250

### Reference to the Context

#### 1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

A. Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary, his pain will be great and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale; yet the dead are not saved by his Lamentation.

i. The speaker of these lines is

- (a) Sant Kabirdas
- (b) Gautama Buddha
- (c) Lord Mahavira
- (d) Sant Surdas

ii. He who seeks..... should draw out the arrow of lamentation, complaint and grief.

- (a) solitude
- (b) knowledge
- (c) worldly
- (d) peace

iii. He who has overcome all sorrows will become free from sorrows and be

- (a) blessed
- (b) rewarded
- (c) awarded
- (d) protected

iv. Which words does lamentation' correspond to?

- (b) repenting

v. Who is the listener of these words?

- (a) people
- (b) a boy
- (c) Kisa Gotami
- (d) none

B. Max was slender, a little less than tall, with features that suggested slightly the crafty, pointed countenance of a fox. There was about him aside from the gun-nothing especially menacing.

"The report," he murmured. "The report that is being brought to you tonight concerning some new missiles. I thought I would take it from you. It will be safer in my hands than in yours." Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily. "I'm going to raise the devil with the management this time, and you can bet on it," he said grimly. "This is the second time in a month that somebody has got into my room through that nuisance of a balcony!"

i. Owning a gun gave a menacing impression to Max's character because:

- (a) a gun is only used by police officials.
- (b) he was carrying it without any official license.
- (c) a gun has a threatening implication.
- (d) the gun was particularly huge.

ii. Choose the option that displays the correct analogy.

- (a) crafty fox:: menacing gun
- (c) crafty fox:: management balcony
- (b) report missile:: management devil
- (d) armchair grim:: balcony nuisance

iii. Choose the part of the house through which Ausable thought

- (a) Main Door
- (c) Window
- (b) Balcony
- (d) None of these

iv. Delnaaz is a new tenant in her locality and Mrs. Mehta is the landlady. Choose the option that would require Mrs. Mehta to raise the devil with Delnaaz.

- 1. She uses the elevator five times a day.
- 2. She feeds the stray dogs in the street.
- 3. She works late at night and stays home in the afternoon only.
- 4. She plays music louder than is necessary late into the night.

- (a) Option 1
- (b) Option 2
- (c) Option 3
- (d) Option 4

v. Which word replaces 'sat down heavily' in the sentence-Ausable moved to an armchair and se down heavily'?

- (a) dumped
- (c) pumped
- (b) flumped
- (d) jumped

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

A. He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole,

Where plump deer pass

1. The fact that he is stalking the few steps means:

- (a) he is free
- (b) he is caged



Near the water hole,  
Where plump deer pass

1. The fact that he is stalking the few steps means:
  - (a) he is free
  - (b) he is caged
- i. Where was the crow sitting?
  - (a) On a banyan tree.
  - (c) On a pine tree.
  - (b) On a hemlock tree.
  - (d) On a gulmohar tree.
- ii. What did it shake on the poet?
  - (a) Rubber ball
  - (c) A small pebble
  - (b) Fruit of a tree
- iii. Give a rhyming word of 'crow' from the p passage.
  - (a) heart
  - (c) snow
- iv. What was the poet's state of mind at that time?
  - (a) good mood
  - (c) not very good mood
- v. The rhyme scheme of these line is
  - (a) aabb;abab
  - (c) abbcaabb

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

- i. What legends are associated with the origin of tea?
- ii. What did being free' mean to Mandela as a boy and as a student?
- iii. How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage?
- iv. What do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for and what is the general opinion regarding the world?
- v. Give examples from the text to show that Valli was a meticulous planner?

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

- i. What lesson did Ebright learn when in the seventh grade he entered a country science fair?
- ii. What was Mme Loisel shocked to know at the end of the story?
- iii. Give a character sketch of Griffin, the invisible scientist.

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

An elderly woman came and sat beside her. Are you all alone, dear? She asked Valli as the bus started the woman absolutely repulsive. write a dialogue between Valli and the woman showing Valli and the woman showing Vallis dislike towards the woman.

**OR**

Lencho had faith in God but lacked faith in humanity. Elaborate with reference to 'A Letter to god'.

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

(i) "don't you worry, Pitaji! In your old age, I will serve you and mother." Through the statement, the narrator wants to highlight the moral values Bholi was imbued with. Based on the reading of the lesson, what made Bholi aware of her rights and how did she use them?

**OR**

(ii) Write a brief character sketch of Hari Singh in light of his honesty. Express your opinion also.

# Solution

## SAMPLE PAPER-5

### SECTION - A

- I. 1. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: One such personality, who was so humble and lived his complete life with determination and purpose to achieve certain aims was Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. He was a great social reformer, writer and educator and worked endlessly to transform society.

2. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: His book 'Borno Porichoy (Introduction to the Alphabet)' is still used as the introductory text to teach the Bengali alphabet.

3. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: He included English and Bengali as mediums of learning, besides Sanskrit.

4. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a strong advocate of women's education. He rightly viewed education as the primary way for women to achieve emancipation from the society's oppression they had to face at that time.

5. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: As a professor at Sanskrit College, he brought a modern outlook on the method of teaching

6. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The Widow Remarriage Act was passed in 1856 making the marriage of widows legal because of his efforts to solve these problems.

7. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: Vidyasagar had a very soft heart that sympathised with those in trouble. He was easily moved to tears when he saw someone in pain and was always the first one to offer his help to colleagues and friends in distress.

8. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar greatly promoted women-education. He opened school for girls, went door to door requesting the heads of families to enrol their daughters in school

9. Option (b) is correct.

10. promoter

- II. 1. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: Vinson, a dietician said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilised in the body.

2. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on the serving size.

3. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: Coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.

4. Option (d) is correct.

5. major

6. Consuming too much of coffee can make one jittery and cause stomach pains.

Explanation: The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.



7. Option (c) is correct.
8. (c) Explanation: It is proved from the graph: 160 mg (vii) Option
9. (d) Explanation: 2 cups means  $150 + 150 = 300$  mg (ix) Option  
Explanation: It is proved from the graph: 10 mg
10. Option (b) is correct.

### SECTION - B

1. (a) is correct
2. (a) is correct.
3. (c) is correct.
4. went for a daily morning walk and did some breathing exercises.
5. went
6. error/correction  
but/also
7. Seema asked Lakhan if shooting was challenging for him.
8. that she had gone to her uncle's house with her parents, so she had forgotten to keep it.
9. error/ correction  
Grown / grow
10. Option (a) is correct.
11. he had been offered a job there
12. Option (c) is correct.

### SECTION - B

1. A. 23, Rampur Road,  
Delhi  
26 march.....  
The Editor  
i-Next  
Delhi

Subject: Concern over growing accidents of Road Rage in Delhi

Sir, Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers to the serious issue of growing incidents of road rage in Delhi. Now and then, we come across the news of road rage where people start fighting on the roads on trivial issues. People are over stressed these days and the frustration is often displayed through such incidents. They start quarrelling on a matter of small collision or honking or even on the issue of parking. Generally, the fight starts verbally which turns into a physical fight. Many incidents of serious injuries and death of people have been reported so far and hence it needs immediate attention from everyone.

The government should come forward with strict legal provisions to stop these and the people should also learn to be patient and tolerant in order to make Delhi roads safe to travel.

Thank you

Yours truly

Akshay

OR

- B. Guru Nanak Girls Sr. Sec. School  
Lajpat Nagar  
Kanpur



28 December, 20XX

The Manager

Dimple Caterers

Motijheel

Kanpur

Subject: Enquiry about Catering Charges

Sir,

We are conducting a farewell party for the students of class XII on 30th January, 200C We want the de regarding your catering services. We wish to know the number of items that will be provided by you the services and the catering cost per head. We will not in any way compromise on the service and quality of food. It should be the best Also, inform us whether you will be providing snacks and soft drinks along with the food and if sweet dish is included in your meal. If so, how many sweet dishes will be provided to us? We will need you to arrange the snacks, soft drinks, food, sweet dishes, crockery, etc. We request you to provide us with be best, prompt and quick servicemen.

Thank you

Send in your details with the price list at the earliest so that we can place our order.

Yours sincerely

Tripti

(Head Girl)

**2. A. WHEN YOU SMOKE YOU BURN YOUR LUNGS!!!**

Smoking is one of the major causes of death throughout the world. The Ministry of Health published a advertisement stating that the number of smokers is rising. There are around 260 million smokers and a number fact is that smokers have 20-25% higher risk of developing lung cancer and 2-3 times higher mik of having a heart attack. The risk of sudden death is three times higher. Not only smokers, even paste smokers have the risk of having bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma and a reduced rate of lung growth the current patterns continue, smoking will cause 10 million deaths every year. Smoking brings brain stres heart attack, lung cancer, sperm deformities in males and cancer of the cervix and infertility in females s high time people should become aware of the hazards and quit smoking

**OR**

- B.** Tigers are the biggest cats in the world but their number is gradually decreasing because some of the tiger parts are used by people for various selfish purposes. The given data tells us that the number of Royal Bengal Tiger is as low as 30-35 in China. The estimated population of tigers in India ranges between 2500 and 3800 and is the highest as compared to other countries where this animal is found. Bangladesh comes next where the minimum number of tigers is 300 and goes up to a maximum of 460. Bhutan also shares the maximum number of Royal Bengal Tiger, i.e., 460 with Bangladesh but there is a vast difference between the minimum number which is 80 in it. The number of tigers in Nepal is also not very encouraging as the minimum number is 150. Even the maximum number is only 250. To sum up, we can say that the tiger is in danger as the data clearly indicates all this.

**SECTION - C**

- V. A. i.** Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The lesson is Sermon at Benaras.

- ii. Option (d) is correct.

- iii. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: Blessed means peace of mind.

- iv. Option (a) is correct.

- v. Option (c) is correct.

**OR**

- B. i.** Option (c) is correct.



Explanation: Max's further actions were totally influenced by the presence of that gun.

- ii. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: Both the sets comprise characteristic features.

- iii. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: According to Ausable, Max entered through the balcony.

- iv. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: Loud music, most often, late at night can disturb anyone's sleep. Hence it was enough to with Delnaaz

- v. (b)

- VI.** (i) Chinese Legend is that once a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water and gave a delicious flavor. It is said that they were used as tea leaves according to Indian legend. Bodhidharma 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.
- (ii) As a boy being free meant for Nelson Mandela, meant to run freely in the nearby fields, to ride on the broad backs of the slow-moving bulls, to swim in the clear stream that flowed through his village, or to see stars and open fields at night. As a student to stay out at night to read what he pleases and to go wherever he chose was being free.
- (iii) Chubukov was eager to marry off his daughter Natalya. So he was quite happy when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage. He kissed Lomov and blessed him.
- (iv) And the central theme of the poem is destruction. Hence the correct answer is 'Fire' stands for greed, avarice, lust, conflict, and fury. 'Ice' stands for cruelty, intolerance, rigidity, insensitivity, coldness, indifference, and hatred. The general opinion regarding the world is that the world with the end in fire and some Say ice.
- (v) Valli was a keen observer as well as a meticulous planner. Her desire to experience a bus ride was realised by systematic and organised planning. She had collected all the useful information by observing and planning and making discreet inquiries about the time of the bus, the duration of the journey as well as the fare. She was focussed and saved every penny to finance her trip and finally accomplished it by efficient execution of her plans.

- VII. I.** Value Points: Learnt winners do real experiment, not simply display slides.

Richard abright in the seventh grade, entová a country abright, science fair and with anything did not wis from thishe learnt, that in order to with and be a true scientist, one needs to do val experimate and not just show a neat display of a code.

- ii. Mme Loisel who had borrowed a necklace from Mme Forestier, to wear at the minister's ball lost it by the time she was back home. Both her husband and she could not find it and decided to replace it with a new one. This costed them 36,000 francs and 10 years of toil and suffering. At the end of the story, she was shocked to know from Mme Forestier that her necklace (diamond one) was fake and did not cost over 50 francs. (3 marks)
- iii. The invisible scientist was a brilliant scientist who misused his scientific discovery and became a lawles person. He started enjoying harming people. When his landlord tried to catchy him, in revenge Gine fire to the house, (3 marks)

- VIII. I.** Woman: Are you all alone, dear?

Valli: Yes, I am travelling alone. VITY

Woman: You are so young. You should not travel alone.

Valli: Oh, why don't you mind your own business?

Woman: Oh my God! Such big mouth! Child, you should travel with your parents.

Valli: Moreover, I don't like talking to strangers. Woman:

Woman: How rude you are?

Valli: Will you stop your conversation here? I'm getting bored. You're so ugly to look at. And that betel juice spilling over your lips, Ugh! It's making me sick.

Woman: It's no use talking to you.



**OR**

- ii. Lencho was a simple and hard-working farmer. His corn crops were destroyed in a hailstorm and he was very sad. He felt that he and his family would go hungry the whole year unless they found someone who could help them. He had a firm faith in God, so he started correspondence with God and asked for a hundred pesos. He was confident of receiving the amount. The letter, on the other hand, was read by the postmaster of the post office. 127

To ensure that Lencho does not lose faith in God, the postmaster collected money from post office employees and sent the 70 pesos that he had collected to Lencho. When Lencho opened the envelope, he found a lesser amount in it. He was not happy. He thought that the rest of the money had been taken by the post office employees. He called them a bunch of crooks and wrote another letter to God asking for the remaining money but telling Him (God) not to send it through the Post Office employees. He did not realise the irony that it was in fact, those people only who were the real helpers. Calling them a bunch of crooks was not at all justified.

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Bholi gives out great lessons to women at large. She is a symbol of the value of education, marriage and the general well-being of girls. Earlier, she was like a dumb cow. But education made her a woman of substance. In fact, her teacher was behind her self-confidence, self-respect and self-determination. She now had the capacity to know what is right and what is wrong. She was fully aware of her rights and so she rejected the proposal of the greedy man, Bishamber. She took the right decision by telling her parents that she would serve them in their old age. In this way, she not only showed her love and affection for her parents but also became an inspiration for all the girls.

**OR**

- ii. Hari Singh, a boy of 15, was an experienced and successful thief. He was successful because of his deviousness and intelligence. He planned everything meticulously before choosing his victims. He went to places where he would meet an unsuspecting victim. He would then win his confidence to get a job. After sometime, he used to run away after stealing money from there. Then he used to change his name to fool the police and his former employers. Thus, he was a liar. He got a job as a cook, though he could not cook well. He was a greedy boy. He was cruel enough to rob a simple and trusting man like Anil. He managed to steal six hundred rupees from his house. But, there is a transformation at the end of the story, when he decides to come back to Anil and keep his trust alive. This shows that there is goodness concealed in even the worst of men. Hari Singh wanted to become an educated person in future. He wanted to mend his ways by becoming a big, clever and respected man and earn his livelihood honestly instead of stealing.

