

**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2023-24)**

**CLASS: 10<sup>th</sup>**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**M.M. : 80**

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**General Instructions:-**

- (i) The Question Paper contains four sections – Reading Skill, Grammar, Writing Skill and Literature.
  - (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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**SECTION - A**

**20 Marks**

**(READING SKILL)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (10)**

- (i) The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles, which is nearly the size of the continent of Australia. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon river, the world's second largest river, which runs directly through the heart of the region. The rainforest itself is simply the drainage basin for the river and its many tributaries. The vast forest itself consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.
- (ii) The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two per cent of the sunlight filters through the top layers to the understorey, very few plants grow here. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and the bodies of dead organisms which are quickly broken down into nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earthworms use these nutrients for food.
- (iii) The understorey is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2-5 per cent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understorey have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understorey is so thick that there is

very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

- (iv) The layer above the understorey is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occur. Many canopy leaves have specially adapted leaves which form "drip tips". Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves. The canopy leaves are very dense and filter about 80 per cent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow. Bromeliads, cuplike plants, provide drinking pools for animals and breeding locations for tree frogs.

**Questions :**

- (i) How much area is covered by the Amazon rainforest?
- (a) About 3.8 million square miles      (b) About 2.8 million square miles  
(c) About 4.8 square miles              (d) About 1.8 million square miles
- (ii) .....is the world's second largest river.
- (a) The Thames                                      (b) The Nile  
(c) The Amazon                                      (d) The Brahmaputra
- (iii) The Amazon rainforest is simply the..... for the river.
- (a) Drainage basin                                      (b) Catchment area  
(c) Both (a) and (b)                                      (d) Neither (a) nor (b).
- (iv) How much sunlight is received by the understorey of the rainforest ?
- (a) About 3-5 per cent                                      (b) About 2 per cent.  
(c) About 2-5 per cent                                      (d) About 2-4 per cent.
- (v) Bromeliads which are ..... provide drinking pools for animals and breeding locations for tree frogs.
- (a) Cup-shaped pits                                      (b) Open spaces  
(c) Water points                                      (d) Cuplike plants.
- (vi) How many layers does the vast forest consist of?

- (vii) Why is there very little air movement in the understorey?
- (viii) What is a canopy?
- (ix) What is the food for millipedes and earth worms?
- (x) What will be the suitable title for this passage ?

**2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (10)**

1. Water is being used as if it is a never-ending source. Obviously, we cannot decide how much rain we will get, nor can we predict to a good degree of accuracy when rain would occur. The only thing we can do to save ourselves from the dangerous situation of "lack of water to drink while we are thirsty" is to conserve water.

2. Let us ask ourselves how much water is wasted when we brush our teeth due to the non-stop flow from the tap, Water is wasted while washing clothes, cleaning dishes and flushing the toilet. Most of us know about these things but realizing it and taking remedial steps is crucial. We can impart the message of conservation to our children in school so that the younger generation today will become responsible citizens of tomorrow.

3. All of us can conserve at least a bucket of water everyday by using the scarce resource prudently. Please remember, a bucket of water saved by every individual everyday in our country of billion-plus means enormous.

4. We may become richer if we have a lot of gold reserves, but we will die if we don't have water. In India, where agriculture is the primary occupation for many people, water conservation is a must.

**Questions :**

- 1. What is difficult to predict?
- 2. Which hazardous situation we may face in future?
- 3. What can be done to make the younger generation responsible citizens of tomorrow?
- 4. What is the only solution to the crisis of water?
- 5. Why is water more precious than gold?

**(6-10) Choose the correct option.**

6. Water is being used as if \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a. It is a holy source.
- b. It can be recycled.
- c. It will always be available.
- d. It will never be available in future.

7. Which of the following is not mentioned in paragraph two among the examples of water wastage?

- a. flushing the toilet
- b. washing clothes
- c. cleaning dishes
- d. washing cars

8. What is the primary occupation for many people in India?

- a. fishing
- b. agriculture
- c. swimming
- d. cycling

9. What message does the passage convey?

- a. Save Trees
- b. Save Girl Child
- c. Save Nature
- d. Save Water

10. What does the word 'prudently' mean?

- a. effectively
- b. greatly
- c. rudely
- d. carefully

## SECTION – B

10 Marks

### (GRAMMAR)

**3. Attempt any ten sentences from the given items. (10 X 1 =10)**

**A. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verb.**

(i) She \_\_\_ (go) to temple everyday.

- a. go
- b. goes
- c. is going
- d. has been going

(ii) We \_\_\_ (wait) for the school bus at the moment.

- a. waits
- b. is waiting
- c. are waiting
- d. have waited

**B. Fill in the blanks with correct article.**

(iii) He is \_\_\_\_\_ M. L. A.

- a. the
- b. an
- c. a
- d. No article

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_ Man is mortal.

- a. The
- b. A
- c. an
- d. No article

**C. Punctuate the following sentences :**

(v) dr anu said why are you beating rajesh

- a. Dr. Anu said, "Why are you beating Rajesh?"
- b. Dr Anu said, "why are you beating Rajesh!"
- c. Dr Anu said, " Why are you beating rajesh."
- d. None of these

(vi) we went to agra on friday

- a. We went to agra on Friday
- b. We went to Agra on friday
- c. We went to Agra on Friday?
- d. We went to Agra on Friday.

**D.** Change the following sentences into indirect speech :

(vii) The teacher said to me," Don't go there."

- a. The teacher forbade me to go there.
- b. The teacher asked me not to go there.
- c. The teacher ordered me not to go there.
- d. All of these

(viii) My father said, " Union is strength. "

- a. My father said that union was strength.
- b. My father said if union is strength.
- c. My father said that union is strength.
- d. My father exclaimed with sorrow that union is strength

**E.** Fill in the blanks with suitable modals.

(ix) He ran fast so that he \_\_\_\_\_ catch the bus.

- a. may
- b. might
- c. will
- d. would

(x) I \_\_\_\_\_ swim when I was young.

- a. can
- b. may
- c. need
- d. could

**F.** Fill in the blanks with correct non finite form of the verb.

(xi) The signboard said, " No \_\_\_\_\_." (park)

- a. park
- b. parking
- c. parked
- d. to park

(xii) We were made \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the wall.

- a. painting
- b. to paint
- c. painted
- d. paint

### (WRITING SKILL)

4. **Attempt any one of the following :** (5)
- (i) Write an application to the librarian of your school, requesting him/her to remit the fine for returning the books late. You are Aarush/Arshita, student of 10<sup>th</sup> A class of R.M.S. Sr. Sec. School, Ambala.
  - (ii) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the polluted water supply in your area.
5. **Attempt any one of the following :** (5)
- (i) Your school has organized a Blood Donation camp. Write a report about the camp for your school magazine.
  - (ii) You have been transferred to Mumbai and you want to sell your Hyundai car. Write a suitable advertisement for a newspaper.

### SECTION - D

40 Marks

### (LITERATURE)

6. **Do any *one* of the passages given below and answer the questions that follow.** (5)

Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mail box the postmaster went to open it. It said: "God: of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail, because the post-office employees are a bunch of crooks... Lencho."

- (i) Why did Lencho go up to the window?
- (ii) Which feeling of Lencho does the phrase 'much wrinkling of his brow' express?
- (iii) How much money did Lencho find in the envelope?
- (iv) Why did Lencho call the employees 'a bunch of crooks'?
- (v) Name the chapter and its writer.

**OR**

The second night Mijbil came on to my bed in the small hours and remained asleep in the crook of my knees until the servant brought tea in the morning, and during the day he began to lose his apathy and take a keen, much too keen, interest in his surroundings. I made a body-belt for him and took him on a lead to the bathroom, where for half an hour he went wild with joy in the water, plunging and rolling in it, shooting up and down the length of the bathtub underwater, and making enough slosh and splash for a hippo.

- (i) Who was Mijbil?
- (ii) Where did Mijbil sleep?
- (iii) What happened when Mijbil was taken to the bathroom?
- (iv) What did the author make for Mijbil ?
- (v) Name the lesson and its writer.

**7. Attempt any two questions:- (2x3=6)**

- (i) What compelled the young seagull to take his first flight?  
(His First Flight)
- (ii) Why does Anne Frank want to keep a diary?  
(The Diary of Anne Frank)
- (iii) Where is Coorg situated? What is it famous for? (Coorg)
- (iv) Why does the conductor call Valli 'madam'? (Madam Rides the Bus)

**8. What does Nelson Mandela recall on the day of inauguration?**

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom) **(6)**

**OR**

Why did the Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring a handful of mustard seeds?  
What message did he want to convey? (The Sermon at Benares)

**9. Attempt any one from the given stanzas : (5)**

Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) What is the poet's opinion about the ending of the world?
- (ii) What do people think about the ending of the world?
- (iii) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
- (iv) Which word in the stanza means “agree”?
- (v) Name the poet and the poem.

**OR**

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,  
What, what is he to do? I saw it go  
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then  
Merrily over- there it is in the water!  
No use to say 'O there are other balls':

- (i) From which poem has this stanza been taken?
- (ii) Why does the poet repeat the word 'What'?
- (iii) Which feeling is expressed in the first line?
- (iv) Where did the ball go?
- (v) How was the ball bouncing?

**10. Attempt any two of the following questions:**

**(2x3=6)**

- (i) How would the tiger behave in the forest? (A Tiger in the Zoo)
- (ii) What does the poem tell us about Amanda? (Amanda!)
- (iii) How does the fog come? (Fog)
- (iv) How did Custard kill the pirate? (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

**11. Answer any two of the following questions:**

**(2x3=6)**

- (i) Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is a triumph of surgery?  
(A Triumph of Surgery)
- (ii) Describe Max as a secret agent. (The Midnight Visitor)
- (iii) What was the cause of Matilda's ceaseless suffering? (The Necklace)



(iv) What is Think-Tank's second guess about books? (The Book That Saved the Earth)

- 12.** Prove the following quotation true in the context of 'The Thief's Story' : (6)  
"Trust and the spirit to forgive someone can change a person."

**OR**

How did the teacher help Bholi to become a confident girl? (Bholi)

## Answer key

### Sample Question paper

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### Marking instruction

Question No.	Expected Answers	Marks awarded
1.	(i) b About 2.8 million square miles (ii) c The Amazon (iii) a Drainage basin (iv) c About 2-5 per cent (v) d Cuplike plants (vi) The vast forest consists of four layers. (vii) There is very little air movement in the understorey because it is very thick. (viii) The layer above the understorey is the canopy. (ix) Nutrients from rotting vegetation and bodies of dead organisms (x) The Amazon : The World's Largest Tropical Rainforest (Any other similar title)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
2.	(i) Accurate timing and amount of rain. (ii) We won't get enough drinking water. (iii) By teaching them the message of water conservation in school. (iv) Water conservation (v) We can live without gold but not without water. (vi) c. It will always be available (vii) d. washing cars (viii) b. agriculture (ix) d. Save Water (x) d. carefully	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

3	<p>(i) b. goes</p> <p>(ii) c. are waiting</p> <p>(iii) b. an</p> <p>(iv) d. no article</p> <p>(v) a. Dr. Anu said, "Why are you beating Rajesh?"</p> <p>(vi) d. We went to Agra on Friday.</p> <p>(vii) d. All of these</p> <p>(viii) c. My father said that union is strength.</p> <p>(ix) b. might</p> <p>(x) d. could</p> <p>(xi) b. parking</p> <p>(xii) b. to paint</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
4	<p>Application 5 marks</p> <p>Format : 1 mark</p> <p>Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of application &amp; Complimentary Close</p> <p>Award full marks if all aspects are included.</p> <p>Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.</p> <p>Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.</p> <p>Content : 2 marks</p> <p>Suggested value points :</p> <p>A fine of ....imposed...library books.....after the fixed time....delay.... to my grandmother's house (any other reason)....request you...remit the fine</p> <p>Accuracy &amp; Expression : 2 marks</p> <p>Award full marks if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate</li> <li>• Coherent and relevant ideas</li> <li>• One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake</li> </ul>	5

Model Answer :

To

The Librarian

R.M.S. Sr. Sec. School

Ambala

Subject: Request to remit fine for returning books late

Respected Sir/Madam

I am Aarush/Arshita, a student of class 10th A of your school. I am writing to you today to request you to remit the fine for returning the books late.

I borrowed 3 books from the library on 20th August 2023. I was supposed to return the books on 30th August 2023, but I was unable to do so due to some unforeseen circumstances. I had to go to my grandmother's house for a week. A fine of Rs.200 has been imposed on me. I request you to kindly remit the fine considering my genuine circumstances.

I am a regular library user and I have always returned the books on time. This is the first time that I have been late in returning the books. I promise that it will not happen again.

I hope you will consider my request.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently

Aarush/Arshita

1st September 2023

OR

Letter 5 marks  
Format : 1 mark

Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of letter & Complimentary Close

Award full marks if all aspects are included.

Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.

Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.

Content : 2 marks

Suggested value points :

polluted water supply..... brown and foul smell.... health risk..... complained many times.... no attention... help us...

Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks

Award full marks if

- Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate
- Coherent and relevant ideas
- One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake

**Model Answer :**

463, Sector 15

Chandigarh

1st July 2023

The Editor

The Tribune

Chandigarh

Sub : Polluted Water Supply in Sector 15

Sir

I am writing to express my concern about the polluted water supply in our area. For the past few months, the water coming out of our taps has been brown, smelly, and foul-tasting. I am worried about the health risks associated with drinking this contaminated water.

	<p>The residents of this locality have complained to the authorities many times. But no attention has been paid to this problem.I am writing to you in the hope that you will help to raise awareness of this issue.</p> <p>Thanking you.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Sahil</p>	
5	<p>Report Format : 1 mark Box, Title/ Heading, Place, Date, Name of reporter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award full marks if all aspects are included.</li> <li>• Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.</li> <li>• Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.</li> </ul> <p>Content : 2 marks Suggested value points N.S.S. Unit .....organised blood donation camp.....chief guest.....team of doctors.....students donated.....a noble cause....honoured.....memento....</p> <p>Accuracy &amp; Expression : 2 marks Award full marks if :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate</li> <li>• Coherent and relevant ideas</li> <li>• one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake</li> </ul> <p>Model Answer :</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>R.M.S. Sr. Sec. School</b></p> <p><b>Blood Donation Camp</b></p> <p>Report by</p> <p><b>Aman</b></p> </div>	5

	<p>Ambala</p> <p>1st September 2023</p> <p>Our school organized a blood donation camp on Saturday, 30 August 2023. The camp was held in the school auditorium from 9 am to 1 pm. The camp was organized by the school's N.S.S.unit.</p> <p>The camp was inaugurated by the chief guest, Mr. Suresh Kumar. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of blood donation and urged the students to donate blood regularly. A total of 150 students and teachers donated blood at the camp. The camp was a great success. The Principal honoured the blood donors with mementos and certificates.</p>	
	<p>OR</p> <p>Advertisement marks 5</p> <p>Format : 1 mark</p> <p>Box, Heading, Content, Contact no, Address/ Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Award full marks if all aspects are included</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.</p> <p>Content : 3 marks</p> <p>Suggested value points</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Catchy phrase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Details of vehicle - model, mileage, present condition etc</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Selling price</p> <p>Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar - 1 mark</p>	





**Model Answer :**

The young seagull was too afraid to fly, but his hunger compelled him to take his first flight. When his mother came to him with a piece of fish in her beak, he could not resist the temptation. He dived at the fish, and in doing so, he finally took flight.

Ans. (ii)

- Paper has more patience than people
- She has no true friend
- She names her diary Kitty
- She records her feelings

**Model Answer :**

Anne Frank has no true friend. She feels that paper has more patience than people. So she decides to keep a diary. She names her diary Kitty and records her feelings about her friends, parents, teachers and school days in the diary.

Ans. (iii)

- the smallest district of Karnataka
- Between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore
- known as Kodagu
- Famous for coffee plantation, evergreen rainforests and spices

**Model Answer :**

Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka. It is known as Kodagu also. It lies between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore. It is famous for its coffee plantation, evergreen rainforests and spices.

	<p>Ans. (iv)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conductor was a jolly man</li> <li>• Valli behaved like a grown up woman</li> <li>• answered his questions</li> <li>• He was amused to see her self-confidence.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>The conductor was a jolly man. He called Valli 'madam' because she behaved like a woman. She declined his help and quickly answered his questions. He was amused to see her self-confidence.</p>	
8.	<p>Suggested Value Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandela recalls history</li> <li>• a system of racial domination against the black people</li> <li>• created a deep wound</li> <li>• the most inhumane system overturned</li> <li>• pays homage to all leaders</li> <li>• calls himself simply the sum of all those leaders</li> <li>• learnt meaning of courage from them</li> <li>• takes a pledge to protect everyone's rights and freedom</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>On the day of the inauguration, Nelson Mandela gets overwhelmed with a sense of history. He recalls that in the first decade of the 20th century, the white- skinned people made a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. It was one of the harshest and most inhumane system. It created a deep and lasting wound in the mind of the black people. But it was overturned in the last decade of the 20th century. It was replaced by a system that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples without any bias of colour, caste and creed. He recalls all those leaders who sacrificed their lives for the rights of the black people. He says that he is simply the sum of all those leaders. Those people taught him the meaning of courage. He takes a pledge to protect the rights and freedom of all people.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kisa Gotami's only son died.</li> </ul>	6 marks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She wanted to make her son alive again.</li> <li>• approached the Buddha</li> <li>• asked to bring a handful of mustard seeds</li> <li>• The seeds must be from a house where no one had died.</li> <li>• Gotami could not find such a house.</li> <li>• She realised that death is inevitable.</li> <li>• The Buddha wanted her to realise the bitter truth of life.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>Kisa Gotami lost her only son. She wanted some medicine to bring her son to life. A man suggested her to approach the Buddha. She went to him and requested him to make her son alive. The Buddha asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds. But there was a condition. She must bring it from a house where no one had died. Kisa Gotami went from door to door to get the mustard seeds. The problem was that there were mustard seeds in every home. But she was unable to find a house where nobody had ever died. She felt very tired and sad. Then she realised the bitter truth of life. The Buddha wanted her to accept the inevitability of death.</p>	
9.	<p>(i) The poet thinks that fire of desires will end the world.</p> <p>(ii) People think that fire or ice can ruin the world.</p> <p>(iii) abaa</p> <p>(iv) hold with</p> <p>(v) Poet : Robert Frost</p> <p>Poem : Fire and ice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>(i) The Ball Poem</p> <p>(ii) to show the desperate mental state of the boy</p> <p>(iii) The boy is confused and sad</p> <p>(iv) in the water</p> <p>(v) Merrily (happily)</p>	5 marks
10.	<p><b>Suggested value points :</b></p> <p><b>Ans. i)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free and slide through long grass</li> </ul>	2x3=6 marks

- hunt the plump deer
- show his white fangs and claws
- terrorise the villagers

**Model Answer :**

The tiger would feel free in the natural habitat. He would slide through the long grass to hide himself from the view. He would wait near the source of water to kill the plump deer. He would show his white fangs and claws to the villagers and terrorise the whole village.

**Ans. ii)**

- teenager
- lives in her own imaginative world
- wishes to be a mermaid, an orphan and Rapunzel
- yearns for freedom

**Model Answer :**

Amanda is a teenager. She lives in her own imaginative world. She does not pay any attention to the instructions given by her mother. She wants to be a mermaid, an orphan and Rapunzel. She yearns for freedom.

**Ans. iii)**

- portrays the silent working of nature
- Fog like a little cat
- comes silently and slowly
- sits on haunches and moves on

**Model Answer :**

The poet portrays the silent working of nature in the poem 'Fog'. He says that the fog comes silently and slowly like a cat. It sits on its haunches and looks over the harbour. Then it moves on without making any sound.

**Ans. iv)**

- Custard snorted like an engine

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• struck the pirate with his tail</li> <li>• attacked like a robin</li> <li>• swallowed the pirate</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>Custard snorted like an engine. He struck the pirate with his tail. The pirate fired two bullets. But they did not hit Custard. Custard attacked him as a robin attacks a worm and swallowed him.</p>	
11.	<p>Suggested value points :</p> <p><b>Ans. i)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Pumphrey worried about her pet dog</li> <li>• Tricki taken to Dr. Herriot's surgery</li> <li>• Transformed into a hard – muscled animal</li> <li>• no idea about Tricki's disease and cure</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>Mrs. Pumphrey was very much worried about her pet dog Tricki as he was seriously ill. He was taken to Mr Herriot's surgery. Herriot gave Tricki no food for two days. He gave him a lot of exercises. He was transformed into a hard muscled animal. When Mrs Pumphrey saw him, she said, "This is a triumph of surgery."</p> <p>In fact, she had no idea about Tricki's ailment and treatment.</p> <p><b>Ans. ii)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max entered Ausable's room</li> <li>• wanted to have the important documents</li> <li>• befooled by Ausable</li> <li>• dropped himself to the balcony and died</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>Max was a cunning secret agent. He entered Ausable's room secretly with an automatic pistol. He wanted to take important documents from the room. But Ausable made</p>	2x3=6 marks

	<p>him believe that there was a balcony outside the window. He was fooled by Ausable about the police. To escape himself from the police, Max dropped himself to the balcony and died.</p> <p><b>Ans. iii)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matilda : very charming and pretty lady</li> <li>• wanted to enjoy a life of luxury</li> <li>• led an ordinary life</li> <li>• her discontentment: cause of suffering</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>Matilda was a very beautiful and pretty lady. She wanted to live a life of comforts and luxuries. But she was married to a clerk. She lived in a simple house. She led an ordinary life. All this made her very sad. Her discontentment with life was the cause of her ceaseless suffering.</p> <p><b>Ans. iv)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• communication devices</li> <li>• orders Omega to listen to books</li> <li>• unable to hear any sound</li> <li>• not on the correct frequency</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Model Answer :</u></b></p> <p>Think-Tank looks at the books with the help of his remote camera. His second guess about the books is that they are communication devices. He orders Omega to listen to them. Omega follows his orders. But he is unable to hear any sound. He replies Think-Tank that they may not be on the correct frequency.</p>	
12	<p>Suggested Value Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hari Singh, the thief boy meets Anil</li> <li>• gets the job to cook food for him</li> <li>• Anil teaches him how to read and write</li> <li>• He steals Anil's 600 rupees</li> </ul>	6 marks

- but decides to come back
- feels thankful to Anil
- Anil knows about the theft but says nothing
- His behaviour changes the life of the thief boy.

**Model Answer :**

'The Thief's Story' presents the story of a fifteen year old thief boy Hari Singh and a writer named Anil. Anil is a simple-hearted and easy-going man. Hari Singh finds him as an easy target for his purpose of stealing. Anil trusts him and gives him a job to cook food for him. Anil teaches him to read and write. One day Anil brings some money at home. The thief boy steals 600 rupees and runs away. But he is unable to board the train. He feels that Anil is the only person whom he can trust. He thinks that when Anil will come to know of the theft, he will feel very sad not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust. So he decides to come back. He puts the money back under the mattress. Anil knows all this. But he is a kind-hearted man. He says nothing to the boy. Rather he promises to pay him regularly. His behaviour brings out a change in the life of the thief boy. Thus the following statement is quite true in the context of this chapter :

"Trust and the spirit to forgive someone can change a person."

**OR**

- Bholi : neither intelligent nor beautiful
- got frightened in school
- all laughed at her
- her teacher motivated her
- Bholi became confident
- refused to marry Bishamber Nath
- decided to serve her parents
- proved herself the teacher's masterpiece

**Model Answer :**

Bholi was the youngest child of Ramlal. She was neither intelligent nor beautiful. Nobody talked to her with love. She was a backward child. She had pock marks on her face. On the first day of school, she was frightened. All students laughed at her when she was unable to pronounce her name properly. But her teacher spoke to

	<p>her in a soft and soothing voice. The teacher's behaviour touched her heart. The teacher advised her to come to school regularly. Then she would be more learned than anyone else in the village. She assured her that she would be able to speak without a stammer and everybody would listen to her with respect. Her words became a new hope for Bholi. She became a confident girl. She refused to marry Bishamber Nath. She decided to serve her parents in their old age. She proved herself the teacher's masterpiece.</p>	
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