

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU



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QUESTION BANK-II

Subject: English

Class: X

LITERATURE

Q1. Describe the hardships that the sailors had to undergo when the ship was stuck in the silent sea?

Ans: When the ancient mariner killed the albatross, the blowing breeze came to a standstill. The ship stopped moving. There was silence and sadness all around. The sun continued to shower fires of heat from the sky. The ship was now stuck in water. There was water everywhere but inside the ship, due to lack of water, the wooden boards appeared to have shrunk. There was not any drop to drink. There was no breeze, no motion and no sound. The sun was looking as red and hot as copper. The mariners were unable to speak as their throats were parched. Sea water was looking like witch's oil. The slimy creatures were seen on the surface of water. The water seemed to change its colour like witch's oil.

Q2. What is the poet trying to convey through the poem "The Rime Of The Ancient Mariner"?

Ans: Whenever we act or behave thoughtlessly, we are made to suffer consequences of our reckless actions. We are repentant but only when it is too late. What has been done cannot be undone. Happiness and joys are denied to guilt-ridden heart. He who knows he has sinned, moves around with a bent head. A guilty person wants to share his burden and goes around looking for someone to hear his heart out. This act can help him feel light. Acceptance of one's folly, asking for forgiveness and a firm resolution can assuage the suffering.

Q3. Why did the sailors hang the dead albatross around the neck of the Ancient Mariner?

Ans. The mariners felt that the ancient mariner was responsible for their suffering. He had killed an innocent bird, the albatross, without any provocation. The mariners hung the albatross around the neck of the Ancient Mariner in order to remind him constantly of the ghastly deed he had committed by killing the innocent bird.

Q4. How did the sailors punish the ancient mariner?

Ans. The mariner was made to carry the dead albatross around his neck as a punishment for killing the bird. The fickle mariners faced with a state of doom, avenged their hurt by humiliating the mariner.

Q5. "The sailors are fickle minded." Justify this statement.

Ans. First they blamed him. Then they praised him. They thought that the killing of the bird brought them great woe. When the sun rose, they felt he had done the right thing. They didn't judge the killing of albatross by any standard of reasoning but by the change of weather.

Q6. What ideas and thoughts come to the poet's mind when he finds poisonous snake drinking water at his water-trough?

Ans. When the poet went to the water-trough to take water in his pitcher, he saw a snake drinking water like cattle and felt honored. It looked majestic to the poet. He admired it and realized that it was poisonous and decided to attack it. He picked up a log and threw it at the snake. But the snake escaped. The poet felt a sense of cowardice, perversity and humility. He regretted his action- felt he would have to expiate for his moral lapse.

Q7. "Man is the most selfish animal on this earth, who has not spared any other species to satisfy his greed." Elaborate.

Ans. God created all living beings. The only difference between man and the other living beings are that the man has been endowed with the power of reasoning, while the other living things are guided by their instincts.

Animals kill only when they are hungry .But man kills to eat, for fun ,for power ,as a sport, in the name of religion. Man has destroyed the earth given to us by God. He has destroyed the ecological balance, by killing animals and birds and chopping down trees. All this to satiate his greed for wealth and power. Allowing other beings to stand against him will be a crash of his ego, which he will not allow even if it means that he has to kill.

Q8. Whenever we act against the voice of our conscience, the result is suffering. Explain with reference to the poets action against the snake and its consequences.

Ans.The graceful and dignified presence of the snake that had come to quench its thirst had fascinated the poet and filled him with awe. The poet who had also gone to fetch some water waits patiently, with due respect for the guest. However the voice of education tells him that yellow snakes are venomous and urges him to throw a log at the receding snake. When the poet sees the harmless snake slithering in panic for safety into the bowels of earth, he is filled with sense of guilt and remorse. He hates himself for being petty and wishes that snake would reappear to accept his hospitality and seek redemption for his evil acts.

Q9. What did the voice of education say to the poet in the poem” snake”.

Ans. Education had made him understand that snakes are poisonous and it should be killed for survival. Snake poison could result in death. It had not taught him to understand respect and protect another living being.

Q10. What is your impression about Julius Caesar’s character?

Ans.:Julius Caesar was a well-wisher of Rome. He loved his country and people but at the same time he also loved flattery. It was this flaw that cost him his life. Decius Brutus interpreted Calpurnia’s dream in way that flattered Caesar and he agreed to go to the Snate with him.

Q11. Why is Antony ‘meek and gentle’ with the ‘butchers’?

Ans. Antony is ‘meek and gentle’ with the ‘butchers’ because he is a far-sighted man and knows the only way to avenge Caesar’s death was to join hands with his assassins.

Q12. Why did Brutus kill Caesar?

Ans. According to Brutus, Caesar was growing greedy of power and he would soon become a dictator and make the people of Rome his slaves. To protect the honour of his people, he killed Caesar.

Q13. How does Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia’s dream?

Ans.Decius Brutus appealed to the flaws of Caesar by interpreting the dream of Calpurnia in his own way. He told Caesar that people of Rome were dipping their handkerchiefs in his blood so that they could keep it as memory with them that such pure and pious blood had served them.

Q14. What frustrations with her life in hiding does Anne describe during this period?

Ans. Anne talks about how difficult it had become for her and other members to live in the annex. There was food shortage because of which they had to eat stale and sometimes rotten

food. The members would often fight with each other. They were not allowed to turn on the radios lest they should be found out by the Nazis. Anne also talks about her deteriorating relationship with her mother and her growing closeness with Peter.

Q15. “Paper is more patient than people”. Elucidate with reference to the novel ‘The Diary of a Young Girl’.

Ans. With reference to the novel, the line ‘Paper is more patient than people’, holds a lot of relevance. Anne never had any friend with whom she could open up her hidden feelings. She was a bubbly girl but still missed companionship. When she got her diary, ‘Kitty’, it turned out that Anne could share every secret with her and could confide in her without the fear of getting her secrets revealed. The people she was living with never paid attention to her feelings and thoughts but her diary was the one who listened to everything she had to say. So yes, for Anne, ‘Paper is more patient than paper’.

WRITING

Q16. Write a story based on the inputs given below in 200-250 words:

Once upon a time, the lion, the king of the forest, was celebrating his son’s first birthday. All the animals and birds of the forest were to participate in the grand function by each of them bringing a suitable present for the lion cub. Ramola, the squirrel, was wondering what present to take because he knew that lion cubs do not eat corns or nuts which squirrels eat. So he decided to give the cub something unique: a bouquet made out of the best flowers in the forest.

He went deep into the jungle to collect different variety of flowers. He was delighted to see so many flowers in different colors and sizes. He took a long time to collect the flowers and bind them together into a bouquet. As he finished his work, he realized that it was very late and he must rush to the party.

Unfortunately, he got lost in the jungle and could not find the way to the lion’s cave where the party was taking place. The squirrel tried hard, went from here to there but somehow couldn’t find the way.

Suddenly he saw a group of hunters who had come to hunt in the jungle. The squirrel followed them quietly. Very soon he was out of the deep jungle as the hunters’ group was heading towards the lion’s cave. The squirrel speeded up and finally reached the lion’s cave where party was in full swing. He realized that he was the last person to reach there. However, the lion appreciated the variety of flowers Ramola had selected. The cub was also delighted at the colorful flowers. The lion decided to put the bouquet at the centre of the birthday cake. The cake was cut and the party began. Ramola also informed the lion and the other animals about the hunters’ presence in the jungle. Everybody appreciated his efforts and also his information about the hunters. The party continued till late at night. Ramola returned to his tree after the party with a satisfied smile on his face.

Q17. Using the inputs given below, write a story in about 200-250 words:

Last summer vacation-visited Kulu Manalai- friends-beautiful valley-full of lush green trees-apple orchids and forests-trekking-rain locals help-scary experience.

Last summer vacation, I visited Kulu Manali along with my friends. Kulu is a beautiful valley full of lush green trees, apple orchards and forests. We stayed at Hotel Seven Seventeen for three days. On the first day, we visited the Roerich Art Gallery situated on the top of a steep hill. The view from top was breathtaking. We were wonderstruck at the sight of the beautiful paintings made by Nicholas Roerich, the famous Russian painter of the 19th century. While we were going down the hill, we saw an old lady selling apples. We bought some fresh apples from her. They were indeed very delicious.

Next day we planned to go for trekking. We all started early. When we reached half way, it suddenly became dark and cloudy. Very soon it started raining heavily. We were at a loss for what to do. We waited there for one hour for the rain to stop but as rain did not stop, we decided to return to our hotel. Slowly we tried to descend but the grounds had become slippery and muddy. When we reached down, we found that the road going to our hotel was blocked due to a landslide. We were stuck there and could not think of any way to reach our hotel. We were hungry and tired and had no place to sit.

Q18. Complete the story using the following hints:

‘Raman was a 14 yr old boy who lived with his family in a Kerala village. One day during the monsoon season

Q19. Complete the story using the following hints:

‘It was a lovely sunny morning. A duck at a farm sat on her nest watching her young brood hatching.....

Q20. Complete the story using the following hints:

Merchant going home from work- carrying large amount of money- day's collection- sudden heavy downpour- merchant soaked- cash also wet- merchant grumbles- shortly after attacked by armed robber- robber attempts to shoot- pistol falls to fire- gunpowder wet- merchant escapes.

Q21. (Letter of Enquiry) You are Samrat, a student of Class X and a resident of Mumbai. You are interested in learning French in your summer vacations. Write a letter to the Director of Language Learning Institute, Colaba, Mumbai, asking him about the various courses offered by the French during the vacations,

A-46, Marine Drive
Mumbai-400020

10th April 20xx

The Director
Language Learning Institute
Colaba, Mumbai

Subject: Query regarding French Classes in Summer Vaccations.

Dear Sir

I am a student of Class-X residing in South Mumbai. I am interested in learning French during my summer vacations starting from 25th April. I would like to start with beginner's course offered by you during the months of April-June.

Kindly send me the detailed information, fees applicable and any other relevant information. I would also like to have the brochure of your institute. You can send the information and brochure by post or at my email address samrat97@gmail.com.

Also kindly inform me the addresses and phone numbers of your branches in the western and eastern suburbs of Mumbai, as many of my friends residing in those areas of the city want to learn French.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely
Samrat

Q22. Write a letter to Lightways Sports, Amarpalli, Thane, placing an order for sports articles (minimum 4 items) to be supplied to your school., ABC Matriculation School, Civil Lines, Pune. Sign as Ravi/ Raveena, Sports Secretary. (100-120 words)

ABC Matriculation School
Civil Lines, Pune- 411013
11th August, 20xx

Lightways Sports
Amarapalli, Thane

Subject: Purchase order for Sports Articles.

Dear Sir

This refers to your quotation no. ISA/23/17-18 dated 4th August, 20xx for various sports items. We are pleased to place an order on you to supply the following

items at the earliest.

Item Description	Brand	Quantity	Rate(each)	Amount
1. Football with bladder	Nivea	4	Rs. 435/-	Rs. 1750
2. Cricket bats	SVG	6	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 4500
3. Cricket balls	SVG	6	Rs. 170/-	Rs. 1020
4. Batting gloves	SVG	8	Rs. 220/-	Rs. 1760/-

Total
Rs. 9010/-

Please send the goods to the school on any weekday between 8 am and 2pm. Payment will be made after the consignment is received and checked by the games department of the school. Further, please ensure the quality of the consignment. If defects are found in the goods, the whole consignment will be returned without payment.

Yours sincerely
Ravi
Sports Secretary

Q22. You are Ritika, a resident of Delhi. With the increase in the choices of processed food and an inactive lifestyle, the problem of obesity is rising. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times', Mumbai, expressing your concern regarding the issue and suggest measures that can be taken to reduce the problem. (100-120 words)

36-D Nehru Enclave, Jangpura
New Delhi-110014

1st March 20xx

The Editor
The Times
Mumbai

Subject: Obesity- A major concern.

Dear sir

Using your newspaper as a medium, I wish to throw light on the exponential rise in the number of overweight individuals in our country. This is a medical condition in which excess body fat accumulated in our body to adversely affect our health. It is called 'obesity' and has increased health problems among people

nowadays. Though the causes of obesity are complicated and diverse, the contribution of inactive and readily available fast food cannot be ignored. Our country needs a reminder about the problem so that the solution can be improved. We can bring about a change with the stringent actions taken by the government and individuals.

We can encourage the masses to adopt measures like a morning walk or jogging, using bicycle for short distances, practicing physical exercises, eating healthy and nutritious food, banning of beverages with high calorie content, etc to improve their health.

I hope my thoughts will make the affected people take some positive action.

Yours sincerely

Ritika

Q23. Write a letter to M/S Students Book Store for placing an order for stationary required for the Art Competition to be held at your school. You are Savi/Savan.

Q24. You are Kavita Yadav , a resident of B-3/13 Ashok Vihar, New Delhi. You have noticed that in spite of the government's initiative and provisions made for the girl child , the actual school enrolment school statistics do not show an encouragement trend. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily , expressing your concern about the issue and need to counter the problem.

Q25. Write an enquiry letter to the Manager of Satyam Banquet Hall, Udham Singh Nagar, for catering a wedding reception of your younger brother after 15 days.

GRAMMAR

Q26. Read the following conversations and complete the passages given below:

1. Gautam: Hello, Aditya. How're you doing?

Aditya: Very well, thanks. How're you?

Gautam: I'm fine, thank you. Haven't seen you in several months.

Aditya: Well, I was busy with some personal stuff. I have received a good job offer from a US company.

Gautam: Oh, I see. When are you leaving?

Aditya: I will be leaving for the US next week.

Gautam: You've made it big, mate. I'm really happy for you.

Aditya: Thank you. Well, I've got to do some packing. See you later. Bye.

Gautam: Bye. Have a nice journey.

Aditya: Thank you.

Dear Mithun

I hope you are doing well. I think you remember Aditya. He was your classmate at IIT Bombay. I met him yesterday and he told me that he (a)_____ a good job offer from a US company. I asked him when he (b) _____He said that he (c)_____ for the US the next week. I congratulated him and told him that I (d)_____for him.

Questions 1. a) has received; b) received; c) had received; d) have received

2. a) are leaving; b) was leaving; c) will be leaving; d) will leave

3. a) will be leaving; b) would be leaving; c) would leave; d) will leave

3. a) am happy; b) was happy; c) had been happy; d) will be happy

2. Patient: Can I have an appointment with the doctor this evening? I am very sick

Receptionist :I'm sorry. There's a long waiting list. You will have to wait for at least two weeks.

Patient : But by then I can die.

Receptionist :No problem. If your wife informs me, I can cancel the appointment.

A patient went to his doctor's clinic and asked the receptionist (a)..... with the doctor that evening. He said to the receptionist that he was very sick. The receptionist apologised saying that there (b)..... She further added that(c)..... for at least two weeks. When the patient said that he could be dead by then, the receptionist calmly replied that there was no problem.

3. **Iris** : Hi, Tom, How are you?

Tom : Life's rather tough. I desperately need a job.

Iris : We have a vacancy in our office for the post of an Accounts Officer.

Tom : I have five years experience in a reputed firm as an Accounts Officer.

Iris : Will you like to go abroad?

Tom : I have no problem.

Iris on meeting Tom asked him how he was. Tom replied that (a)..... Iris told him (b)..... On that Tom (c)..... Iris enquired if he would like to go abroad and Tom replied that he had no problem.

4. **Reporter** : Congratulation Sachin! You have now another world record to your credit.

Sachin : God is great. I only enjoy my cricket.

Reporter : After 200 not out in an ODI, what next? Can we hope for 400 plus innings in a test match?

Sachin : The love of my countrymen is my greatest strength.

A press reporter congratulates Sachin and tells him that (a).....Sachin thanks God's greatness and adds that (b)..... The reporter asks Sachin what they should expect next from him after his scoring 200 not out in an ODI and further asks (c) Sachin replies that the love of his countrymen is his greatest strength.

5. **Doctor** : Stop taking junk food, oils, sweets, alcohol, salt and you will live a longer life.

Patient : What if I take all of them regularly?

Doctor : You will die after a year.

The doctor asks the patient (a)..... The patient asks the doctor(b)..... The doctor replies that (c).....

6. **Reporter** : You and Sachin Tendulkar are ageless wonders. Both of you defy age and your critics.

Amitabh : Sachin is the God of Cricket. I just try to live and enjoy my roles.

Reporter : That's your modesty. Three great films in a row—Paa “, „Rann “ and „Teen Patti“. You seem to have reidentified yourself.

Amitabh : I believe in working hard and leave everything on the audience.

The reporter calls Amitabh and Sachin ageless wonders and adds that(a)..... Amitabh calls Sachin the God of Cricket and adds that(b)..... The reporter calls it Amitabh's modesty. He recounts his three great films Paa“, Rann “ and „Teen Patti“ coming in a row. He adds that(c)..... Amitabh replies that he believes in working hard and leaves everything on the audience.

7. **Husband** : Doctor, what will the total expenses be in the end?

Doctor : You will have to pay only six lac and you will have a healthy and happy wife.

Husband : Any concession?

Doctor : Not a penny.

Husband : Then forget it. The husband of a patient asked the doctor(a)..... The doctor replied that he would have to pay only six lacs and added that (b)..... The husband asked(c)..... When the doctor refused to leave even a penny then the patient asked the doctor to forget about the money.

8. **Master** : Out of two thousand I owe you, I deduct 500 for not being on duty for a week and another 500 for not doing your duty well.

Servant : Give me my one thousand then?

Master : I deduct 800 more for breaking my crockery and after that you are left with just two hundred.

Servant : Accept that as a small tip from me.

The master told the servant that out of two thousand he owed him, he(a)..... The servant asked the master (b)..... The master continued that (c)..... The servant asked the master to accept that amount as a small tip from him and find out a new servant just then.

9. **Reporter** : Sorry to learn the break up of your engagement. I think marriage and sports can't go together.

Sania : What can't be cured must be endured.

Reporter : Of late you are doing not so well. Your ranking has gone down to 90s.

Sania : I am preparing myself for reorientation.

The reporter felt sorry for the break up of Sania's engagement and opined that(a)..... Consoling herself Sania told the reporter that(b)..... The reporter told Sania that of late she was doing not so well and reminded her that (c)..... Sania assured the reporter that she was preparing herself for reorientation.

10. **Ram** : At last, you have decided to go to Kerala. Congratulations, you are going to God's own country.

Mohan : They say Kerala is one of the most beautiful places in India. People like its beaches, backwaters and canals.

Ram : Every inch of Kerala is lush green. Kerala has everything that soothes one's eyes.

Mohan : Hope you enjoy your holidays in Kerala.

Congratulating Mohan that at last he had decided to go to Kerala, Ram added(a)..... Mohan replied that it is said that Kerala is one of the most beautiful places in India and added that (b)..... Ram told Mohan that every inch of Kerala is lush green and added that (c)..... Mohan hoped that Ram enjoyed his holidays in Kerala.

ANSWERS

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(c) if he could get any concession

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10. (a) that he was going to God's own country

(b) people like its beaches, backwaters and canals

(c) Kerala has everything that soothes one's eyes

GAP FILLING

II. Choose the best word from the options given in bracket to complete the following passages:

1. About half of India's children ageda..... (among, between, with, about) 6 and 14 do not go to school. About 5.5 crore childrenb..... (worked, working, has been working, work) in factories, cottage industriesc..... (and, around, about, some) in the agricultural sector. One of the most importantd..... (reason, reasons, reason's, reasons') for our nation'se..... (backwardness, backwardsness, backness, backward) is illiteracy

2. Most UFO sightings occur (a)..... (at, in, on, during) the night, either late in the evening or in the early hours of the morning, (b)..... (As, While, When, Often) they take place on a dark moonless night when the person (c)..... (are, is, were, was) alone on a country road. This eerie atmosphere is perfect (d) (of, for, off, on) playing tricks on a person's imagination. Police and newspaper officers are often (d) swamped(e)..... (in, for, with, among) calls when something strange is seen in the skies, (f)..... (How, Then, Once, Before) an explanation is given, most people are happy to accept it.

3. Climate change (a)..... (is, was, will, has) one (b)..... (at, on, with, of) the most (c)..... (hot, hoted, hotly, hoting) contested environmental debates of our time. (d)..... (Will, Can, Have, Has) the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream ocean (e) current(e)..... (was, be, is, are) disrupted? May be. May be not. (f)..... (Neither, Either, Or, As) way, Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate.

4. Sadao had taken this (a)..... (in, into, at, of) his mind as he did(b)..... (nothing, everything, all, everywhere) his father said, his father who (c)..... (always, seldom, never, ever) joked(d)..... (and, or, else, nor) played (e)..... (with, of, at, in) him but (f)..... (whose, whom, who, what) spent infinite pains upon him who was his only son.

5 So (a)..... (a, an, the, one) wizard said, "Oh, very well. (b)..... (Go, went, gone, going) to the end of the lane and turn (c)..... (on, in, around, from) three times and look down the magic well and there you will (d)..... (found, finding, find) three pennies. Hurry (e)..... (up, at, on, of)." So Roger Skunk went to the end of the lane and (f)..... (turn, turned, turning, has turned) around three times and there in the magic well were three pennies!

6 Human civilisations have been around (a)..... (at, on, for, in) a paltry 12,000 years, barely a (b).....(many, few, some, each) seconds (c)(at, in, on, of) the geological clock. In that short amount (d)(of, on, with, at) time, we've managed(e)..... (at, to, of, for) create quite a ruckus, etching our dominance (f)..... (at, in, off, over) nature with our villages, towns, cities and megacities. The rapid increase of human population has left us battling with other species for limited resources.

7 Sadao Hoki's house (a)..... (was, is, will, can) built on a spot of the Japanese coast (b).....(here, where, everywhere, anywhere) (c)..... (like, as, same, similar) a little boy he had(d).....(never, ever, often, seldom) played. The low, square stone house was set (e).....(on, upon, in, at) rocks well(f).....(above, below, beneath, over) a narrow beach that was outlined with bent pines. His father had taken him often to the islands of those seas.

8. Antioxidants were first cast into doubt (a)..... (during / from / since) a major clinical trial in the US, in (b)..... (which/ what / that) a very common antioxidant, beta carotene, (c)..... (was / were / is / are) tested for (d)..... (its / it's / their / theirs) efficacy against lung cancer in high-risk subjects (e)..... (To / For / With) the surprise and concern of the scientists (f)..... (those / that / which / whose) individuals taking the supplement (g)..... (intend / intended / intended) to reduce the risk of cancer were (h)..... (on / at / with) a significantly higher risk (i)..... (for / of / to) developing lung cancer.

ANSWERS:

1. a) between

b) work

c) and

d) reasons

e) backwardness

2. a) in

b) often

c) is

d) for

e) with

f) once

3. a) is

b) of

c) hotly

d) will

e) be

f) either

4.a) into

b) everything

c) never

d) or

e) with

f) who

5.a) the

b) go

c) around

d) find

e) up

f) turned

6.a) for

b) few

c) on

d) of

e) to

f) over

7.a) was

- b) were
- c) as
- d) often
- e) upon
- f) above

8. a) during
- b) which
 - c) was
 - d) its e) to
 - f) those
 - g) intended
 - h) at
 - i) of

PRACTICE PAPER (2018-19)

Class: X

Marks: 80

Subject: English

Time: 3 hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(i)The paper consists of 3 sections.

(ii)All questions are compulsory.

(iii)Strictly adhere to the word limit.

A.Comprehension

Q.1. Read the following poem carefully:

The glories of our blood and state
Are shadows , not substantial things;
There is no armour against fate;
Death lays his icy hand on kings;
Aceptre and crown,
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made

With the poor crooked scythe and spade.
 Some men with sword may reap the field,
 And plant fresh laurels where they kill;
 But their strong nerves at last must yield.
 They tame but one another still.
 Early or late
 They stoop to fate,
 And must give up their murmuring breath
 When they, pale captives, creep to death.
 The garlands wither on their brow;
 Then boast, no more your mighty deeds!
 Upon death's purple altar now
 See where the victor-victim bleeds.
 Your heads must come
 To the cold tomb;
 Only the actions of the just
 Smell sweet and blossom in their dust.

I. Complete the following sentences:
5m

- a. Death makes no distinction between_____
- b. The poetic device in 'Death lays his icy hand' is_____
- c. It is useless to boast of_____
- d. The poet at the end says_____
- e. The 'blood and state' suggests_____

II. Find words or phrases in the poem which means the opposite of :
3m

- a. negligible
- b. achieve
- c. wither

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully:

Every single mistake is a blessing in disguise...there are untold blessings hidden within every mistake.

Children make many mistakes while how to ride a bike or write , and we don't give it a second thought because we know that through their mistakes they will learn and eventually master what they are trying to do. Why adults are so hard on themselves? We all make mistakes and we didn't make them we'd never learn anything and we wouldn't grow wiser. We have the freedom to make our choices and the freedom to make mistakes. Mistakes can hurt but if we don't learn from them, the pain we've suffered from them has been for nothing.

To learn from a mistake, we first have to own it and this is where many people can come undone because they often blame someone else for their mistakes.

Let's consider the scenario of being pulled over by the police for speeding and being given a speeding ticket. Instead of taking responsibility for speeding, we blame the police because we were caught unawares. But the mistake was ours as we chose to speed.

So, how do we learn from our mistakes. Gratitude! No matter how bad something may seem, there are always many things to be grateful for. When you look for as many things as you can to be grateful for in a mistake, you magically transform the mistake into a blessing.

Let a mistake be a blessing. Look for the things to be grateful for. Ask yourself what you have learnt from this mistake. Every blessing you find has magical power. So get ready to write out your list in a gratitude journal or type them on a computer.

I. Answer the following questions:

8m

- a. What is hidden in a mistake?
- b. How are children different from adults with respect to mistakes?
- c. How can we gain from a mistake that hurts?
- d. How can a mistake become magical?

II. Find the words from the passage which mean

2m

- a. finally (para 2)
- b. unprepared (para 4)

III. Give synonyms of

- a. disguise

journal

2m

B.WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. Complete the story in about 200-250 words ...

The children's book writer was invited by his readers to their birthday party. He had accepted the invitation. Yet.....

12 m

Q4. You are shocked to read a news item that some drug manufacturing companies are making spurious medicines. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily in 100-120 words expressing your concern. You are Prerna Chadha of 29/8 R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

OR

You are Radhika Puri, a councillor. You are tensed to see the burden of studies on small children. Write an article on 'Heavy Bags_Making Children Beasts of Burden' in 150 words.

8 m

Q5. The following passage has not been edited .Write the incorrect word and the correct word against each line.

Correct 4m

Parts in north India could still experience a extended winter. As cluster of disturbances has closed in nearly half of the country in many sides. These twirling ball of moisten_laden

Incorrect

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

winds have fan out into a wide swathe
across the Indian mainland. Storm
have better farms in nine states.

f) _____
g) _____
h) _____

Q6. Read the dialogue and complete the paragraph.

3m

Teacher: Did you brush your hair this morning?

Asha: Yes, I did but the wind blew it about while I was coming to school.

Teacher: Wear a hair band tomorrow.

The teacher asked Asha a) _____ Asha replied that b) _____ The teacher instructed her
c) _____

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write the missing word, the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it.

Before missing after

3m

A bicycle gets punctured when thorn a
or nail runs into its tube. Puncture b
needs to be repaired. First of all c
the tube taken out of the tyre and d
inflated. It is then dipped a trough e
containing water locate f
the puncture.

C. LITERATURE

Q8. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

4m

so, till the judgement that yourself arise,

you live in this and dwell in lover's eyes.

- What does 'judgement' refer to here?
- Who does 'you' refer to here?
- What is the poetic truth the speaker refers to here?
- Explain the first line.

OR

Cowards die many times before their deaths;

The valiant never taste of death but once.

- Whom is Caesar speaking to? Why does he say so?

- b. What fears has the listener expressed?
- c. What is the basis for the fears expressed?
- d. How do cowards die and why?

Q9. Do any four in 30-40 words:

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- a. How do you know that Patol Babu was a perfectionist?
- b. How is the snake personified? (Snake)
- c. Give a character sketch of Miss.Mebbin.
- d. What is the significance of the title, 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner'?
- e. How is Sebastian Shultz saved by Michael?

Q.10. Do any one in 100-120 words.

- a) Elaborate the theme of the play 'The Dear Departed'?

8m

OR

- b) How is Shakespearean play, 'Julius Caesar' a tragedy? Elaborate.

Q11. Do any one in 150-200 words:

What is the role of diary in Anne's life?.

10 m

OR

Discuss the restrictions imposed on Jews during the second world war with reference to 'Diary of A Young Girl'.

