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SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

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LESSON: TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

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Date - 16.1.2XXX

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Q2.In the story, 'The letter' is the title appropriate. Substantiate your answer with instances from the story.

Ans. The story is about Coachman Ali, once a clever shikari, waiting for a letter from his daughter, Miriam, for five long years. His daughter had got married and left him. He then understands the meaning of love and separation and gives up hunting. He waits for a letter from Miriam with boundless faith and patience tolerating the insults and teasing of the clerks in the post office. It is the arrival of Miriam's which changes the insensitive Postmaster's heart. His encounter with Ali's ghost come to collect Miriam's letter, leaves him absolutely shocked. The postmasters attitude towards letters changes. He beings to perceive them as containing a warm beating heart. He discover the essential human worth of a letter. Hence the title is appropriate as it sensitizes the reader to the importance of a letter and the promise of happiness, hope and emotion it carries with it.

LESSON: A SHADY PLOT

SHORT ANSWER TYPE

Q1.What genre of stories does Jenkins want the narrator to write? Why?

Ans. Jenkins wants the narrator to write ghost stories. He wants them because ghost stories are very popular. Moreover, the ghosts in the narrator's stories are highly convincing.

Q2.Does the narrator like writing ghost stories? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

Ans.The narrator does not like writing ghost stories. At the beginning, he admits that he writes them because Jenkins assigns him with writing ghost stories. The author is not sure about how he is able to come with such stories. The author also admits that he writes ghost stories because he needs money to pay for his expenses.

Q3.What makes Helen, the ghost, and her other co-ghosts organize The Writer's Inspiration Bureau?

Ans. Helen used to be a writer when she was in mortal life. But she was not able to write good stories which she appears to be repenting. She wants to help other authors so that they could write convincing ghost stories. Due to this, Helen and her other co-ghosts organize The Writer's Inspiration Bureau.

Q4.How does the ghost undermine the narrator's faith in his ability to write ghost stories?

Ans. The ghost reveals that the narrator does not know how to write a ghost story. She tells the narrator

how did she help him in his earlier assignments. She also tells that the highly convincing ghosts of his stories were because of inspiration from her only. Thus, the ghost undermines the narrator's faith in his ability to write ghost stories.

Q5. Why does the narrator hesitate to be a partner to Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board Party?

Ans. The narrator does not like to play a game of Ouija. Moreover, he is also turned off by flirtatious attitude of Laura Hinkle. Hence, he hesitates to be a partner to Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board Party.

Q6. Why is John's wife angry? What does she decide to do?

Ans. John's wife is angry because of two reasons. She is angry because John left the party midway. She is also angry because of the suspicion she had regarding John and Helen. She decides to talk to her lawyer for a probable divorce. She is planning to go to her grandmother's place.

LONG ANSWER TYPE

Q1. After her reconciliation with her husband, John Hallock, Lavinia writes a letter to her friend expressing how her relationship with him had almost been on the verge of breaking and what saved it. Write her letter.

Ans.

16, Meadows Green,

Downing Street,

London

November 1, 20xx

Dear Laura,

Hope you are fine and enjoying your life to the fullest. I just felt sharing some of my secrets with my dearest friend, i.e. you.

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Bye

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Q2. John Hallock reflects upon his experience with Helen's ghost and in retrospect he finds it quite amusing. All the same he is relieved that he is no longer plagued by it. Ironically, the self same ghost inspires his creativity and he writes a diary entry reflecting upon the comical aspect of his experience. Write his diary entry.

Ans.

December 1, 20xx

10:15 p.m.

London

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I must admit that I am also scared of ghosts, the way most of the people are. But when I saw this ghost I could not control my laughter. She appeared in installments and never came as a whole package. She looked more like a boring librarian than a ghost. She is scary but not in the sense ghosts are. Her preacher like demeanor really scared me.

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(Name of postmaster)

Q2.In the story, 'The letter' is the title appropriate. Substantiate your answer with instances from the story.

Ans. The story is about Coachman Ali, once a clever shikari, waiting for a letter from his daughter, Miriam, for five long years. His daughter had got married and left him. He then understands the meaning of love and separation and gives up hunting. He waits for a letter from Miriam with boundless faith and patience tolerating the insults and teasing of the clerks in the post office. It is the arrival of Miriam's which changes the insensitive Postmaster's heart. His encounter with Ali's ghost come to collect Miriam's letter, leaves him absolutely shocked. The postmasters attitude towards letters changes. He beings to perceive them as containing a warm beating heart. He discover the essential human worth of a letter. Hence the title is appropriate as it sensitizes the reader to the importance of a letter and the promise of happiness, hope and emotion it carries with it.

LESSON: A SHADY PLOT

SHORT ANSWER TYPE

Q1.What genre of stories does Jenkins want the narrator to write? Why?

Ans. Jenkins wants the narrator to write ghost stories. He wants them because ghost stories are very popular. Moreover, the ghosts in the narrator's stories are highly convincing.

Q2.Does the narrator like writing ghost stories? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

Ans.The narrator does not like writing ghost stories. At the beginning, he admits that he writes them because Jenkins assigns him with writing ghost stories. The author is not sure about how he is able to come with such stories. The author also admits that he writes ghost stories because he needs money to pay for his expenses.

Q3.What makes Helen, the ghost, and her other co-ghosts organize The Writer's Inspiration Bureau?

Ans. Helen used to be a writer when she was in mortal life. But she was not able to write good stories which she appears to be repenting. She wants to help other authors so that they could write convincing ghost stories. Due to this, Helen and her other co-ghosts organize The Writer's Inspiration Bureau.

Q4.How does the ghost undermine the narrator's faith in his ability to write ghost stories?

Ans. The ghost reveals that the narrator does not know how to write a ghost story. She tells the narrator how did she help him in his earlier assignments. She also tells that the highly convincing ghosts of his stories were because of inspiration from her only. Thus, the ghost undermines the narrator's faith in his ability to write ghost stories.

Q5.Why does the narrator hesitate to be a partner to Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board Party?

Ans.The narrator does not like to play a game of Ouija. Moreover, he is also turned off by flirtatious attitude of Laura Hinkle. Hence, he hesitates to be a partner to Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board Party.

Q6.Why is John's wife angry? What does she decide to do?

Ans. John's wife is angry because of two reasons. She is angry because John left the party midway. She is also angry because of the suspicion she had regarding John and Helen. She decides to talk to her lawyer for a probable divorce. She is planning to go to her grandmother's place.

LONG ANSWER TYPE

Q1. After her reconciliation with her husband, John Hallock, Lavinia writes a letter to her friend expressing how her relationship with him had almost been on the verge of breaking and what saved it. Write her letter.

Ans.

16,Meadows Green,

Downing Street,

London

November 1 , 20xx

Dear Laura,

Hope you are fine and enjoying your life to the fullest. I just felt sharing some of my secrets with my dearest friend, i.e. you.

I have just been saved a great deal of misfortune because of some misunderstandings between me and John. For the past many days I could hear John talking loudly when he used to be all alone in his room. I suspected that he must be talking to some lady. Things came to a boil when I found him openly flirting with one of my friends during Ouija Board Party at my home. I decided that I had enough of it and went on to live with my grandma. I also planned to consult a lawyer to carry out divorce proceedings. But thanks god that good senses prevailed and returned to sort out things with John. I discovered that John was talking to none but a ghost. It was the ghost from whom John used to get inspiration for writing his wonderful ghost stories. I just felt a pity on poor John. I just hugged him said sorry for suspecting him.

Now, everything is fine and we enjoying a life of bliss.

Bye

Lavinia

Q2. John Hallock reflects upon his experience with Helen's ghost and in retrospect he finds it quite amusing. All the same he is relieved that he is no longer plagued by it. Ironically, the self same ghost inspires his creativity and he writes a diary entry reflecting upon the comical aspect of his experience. Write his diary entry.

Ans.

December 1, 20xx

10:15 p.m.

London

Day 1:

I must admit that I am also scared of ghosts, the way most of the people are. But when I saw this ghost I could not control my laughter. She appeared in installments and never came as a whole package. She looked more like a boring librarian than a ghost. She is scary but not in the sense ghosts are. Her preacher like demeanor really scared me.

Day 2:

She can be quite annoying at most of the time. Today she crossed all limits when she almost gave away my secret to all the ladies at the party. She began calling me a traitor as if I had had promised something to her. She should understand that a meek husband like me cannot even have control on my wife then how does she expect me to control and guide all other ladies.

Day 3:

Finally the ghost has left me for better. I am a highly relieved man now. I no longer need to fear the watchful eyes of my wife.

POETRY

Q1. Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(A) When wasteful war shall statues overturn
And broils root out the work of masonry,
Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire
Shall burn

The living record of your memory.

- Why are wars wasteful?
- What does the phrase 'the work of masonry' refer to?
- Why can't war have any ill-effects on the poet's writings?

d) What does the word 'broils' mean?

Answers:

- a) Wars are wasteful as they spread death and destruction?
- b) The phrase 'the work of masonry' refer to the statues and monuments built by kings and rulers.
- c) Unlike statues and monuments, the poet's writings are ideas, thoughts and emotions; they are not physical things. Hence, war can have any ill-effects on them.
- d) It means tumult, fighting, disturbances, especially resulting due to war.

(B)'gainst death and all oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still
Find room,
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom.

- a) What is meant by the word 'Gainst'?
- b) Explain 'your praise shall still find room'.
- c) What does the word 'doom' refer to?
- d) How will the poet's friend pace forth against death and oblivions enmity?

Answers:

- a) It means 'against'.
- b) The poet wants to say that his beloved want to receive praise from future generations due to the poet's sonnet.
- c) It refers to the last day of judgment.
- d) The memory of the poet's beloved will pace forth against death and oblivious enmity because she will remain alive in the lines of his poem.

Q2. What purpose do the statues and monuments serve?

A. The rich and the powerful people believe that the future generations would remember them through these statues and monuments. It is a natural human tendency to want to somehow survive even after one's death. These statues and monuments are erected to serve this purpose.

Q3. Bring out the sum and substance of Shakespeare's sonnet, 'Not Marble nor the Gilded Monuments'?
/Theme of the poem.

A. In this poem, the poet pays tribute to the quality of verses and also the intensity of his love for his beloved. The poet is confident that his verses will continue to be read forever. His beloved will outlive all other things of the world when she is described in the poet's verses.

Q4. Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(A) Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose
Frown, And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,

- a) What lay near the trunkless legs of stone?
- b) Describe the expressions on the face of the visage.
- c) What does 'sneer of cold command' mean?
- d) What do you mean by 'shattered'?

Answers:

- a) Near the trunkless legs of stone lay the partially buried broken face of the statue.
- b) On the face of the visage, the traveler could see the expressions of a frown, wrinkled lip and a sneer of cold command.
- c) 'Sneer of cold command' means the facial expression of scorn or contempt in which the upper lip may be raised.
- d) 'Shattered' means 'to be broken into pieces'.

(B) The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;

And on the pedestal these words appear:

"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:

Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair”!

- a) What do the words on the pedestal depict?
- b) What does the word ‘pedestal’ in the extract mean?
- c) Ozymandias wants other kings to recognize his.....
- d) What is the meaning of ‘king of kings’?

Answers:

- a) The words written on the pedestal depict king Ozymandias pride and haughtiness.
- b) The word ‘pedestal’ means a column where a statue stands.
- c) Achievements and exploits.
- d) It means a king who rules over other kings or ‘the most powerful king’.

Q5. What do the ‘trunk less legs’ and ‘shattered visage’ suggest you?

A. The ‘trunk less legs’ and ‘shattered visage’ suggest the morality of the man. No one can live forever, even if he is a king. Time is a great leveler. Even colossal statues can’t stand the test of time.

Q6. What does the dilapidated state of the statue suggest?

- A. The broken statue of Ozymandias was surrounded by vast stretches of sand and the loneliness of the desert. These ruins prove that the king’s work and civilization has crumbled to dust. Nothing lasts forever, and the desert conveys a feeling of vanishing due to passage of time.

Q7. The poem, ‘Ozymandias’ highlights the vanity of human glory and power. Elaborate.

- A. The poem ‘Ozymandias’ highlights the vanity of human glory and power. It conveys that no human emotions of haughtiness, sneer, pride and arrogance assure immortality and durability against the all powerful effect of time.

Everything in the world degenerates with the passage of time and under the powerful influence of the elements of nature. Even the mightiest of the mighty becomes dust. No trace of them is left on the sands of time. Ozymandias, a powerful king of Egypt, was proud of his glory and achievements. He desired to immortalize his name and got a statue of himself made. But nothing could stand against time and powerful elements of nature. The broken statue symbolizes the desert, boundless and bare, symbolizes the power of the elements.

Writing Skills

Q1. You are Arun/Aarti, 112 Bank Street Agra. In 100-120 words, write a letter to the Editor, of a national daily, expressing your views on the subject - *How to bloom with good health in today's demanding life*

112, Bank Street

Agra

Date:

The Editor

The Deccan Herald

Agra, U.P

Subject: How to bloom with good health in today's demanding life.

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to throw some light on the importance of good health in today's demanding world .

It is difficult to meet the expectations of today's demanding world. To maintain a balance between your professional and personal life is a task. Work is demanding - you are expected to show up for a full day to complete your tasks, and sometimes, the expectations are set to be available 24x7. In today’s competitive world, we are running to excel in our career without caring for our personal health and life. We want to achieve the best in our career even at the cost of our own health.

We need to understand that our body is also a machine which needs rest and proper care. We need to think, relax and give ourselves a break , otherwise the productivity will decrease. We need to understand that only a healthy body can reside in a healthy body. Take time for your personal well- being. Do exercise, take proper rest and have healthy meals. We have burdened ourselves with stress and loads of work which ultimately results

in diseases and hypertension. So, balance the demands of a busy lifestyle by managing your priorities, learn to delegate your work and look after yourself to enjoy work as well as life.

Thanks

Yours sincerely

Aarti

Q2. Write a letter to M/s Aryan Books Depot, Nai Sarak, New Delhi telling them that the books you have ordered have arrived, but some books were with torn pages and a few of them were old editions. Ask for replacement of the books.

Examination Hall

Date:

M/s Aryan Books Depot

Nai Sarak

New Delhi

Subject: Supply of defective and old edition books.

Sir

I have received the parcel you sent to me in response to my order No. A- 10 /2016 dated 2nd April 2016.

I am sorry to bring to your notice that out of twenty books only ten books are O.K. Five of them are of old edition and five have torn pages and dirty covers.

I am sending back these ten books to you. Kindly replace them. The books should be of the latest edition and in proper condition. The Postal expenses will have to be borne by you.

You are, hereby, advised to check the books properly before they are properly delivered.

Yours sincerely

X Y Z

Q3. You are Raghubir Singh, Sports Incharge of Dayanand Public School, Bhera Enclave, New Delhi - 87. Write a letter to M/s Royal Sports, Karol Bagh, N. Delhi requesting them to supply some sports items for your school.

Dayanand Public School

Bhera Enclave

N. Delhi

Date:

M/S Royal Sports

Karol Bagh

N. Delhi

Subject : Order for sports goods

Sir

Kindly send the following sports good at the above address:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1. Hockey sticks - | 20 pcs |
| 2. Ball - | 2 dozens |
| 3. Cricket bats - | 20 pcs |
| 4. Cricket balls - | 2 dozens |
| 5. Badminton rackets - | 6 pcs |

All the items should be very good quality. They won't be accepted if the quality is not good. Any damage on the way will be your responsibility.

The payment will be made through cheque within a week of receiving.

The goods should reach the school by the school by the 20th August otherwise, the order will stand cancelled. They may be sent by post or personally by hand.

Thanks
Yours faithfully
Raghubir Singh
(Sports incharge)

Q. 1. Write a letter to the HR Manager of ABC Insurance ltd. regarding opening in their organization . You, Sandeep, has seen the opening in the organization's recruitment drive on the notice board of Vidya Institute of management.

**Ans. 34/6 S C Lal Road
Civil Lines
New Delhi**

November 24, 2017

**The HR Manager
ABC Insurance Ltd.
Sector-62
Noida**

Sub: Enquiry about job openings

Sir

I read about the job opportunities your organization is providing, to MBA fresher's in suitable positions, from the information put up by you on your institute's notice board.

I would like to find out about the current vacancies. As mentioned in the attached resume, I have recently appeared for the final semester of MBA in finance and am awaiting the results. From the resume you will also observe that I have 14 months of hands-on experience as a back office coordinator in life insurance.

I would be grateful if given an opportunity to meet you for an interview. In case you need any further information about my qualification please feel free to call on my cell phone or via my email as mentioned in my resume.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Regards

Yours sincerely

Sandeep

Q4.Story Writing

'Get up , Sunita ! you are getting late for school'

Get up Sunita . You are getting late for school ! It is your first day to school and you are going to belate if you don't get a move on . You are starting your ninth grade today and it is already 6 a.m . Your alarm went off , but you didn't wake up. You cannot be late on the first day of your school . Please get up . "Alright mom. I am awake. I know , its day of my new grade . Please prepare my breakfast till I get ready for school . My school van will come at six- forty -five , so I have still sometime left". Sunita your friend ,Chetna called up in the morning. She said , she'll be coming to our place to pick her text book which you had borrowed from her .she searched for the book but could not find and finally she found it torn into pieces Her dog Bruno had torn it . She stated crying and told her mom that it was Chetan's new textbook. Her mom stopped her crying and said she would get a new text book for her . She advised her not to keep things like this.

There were a lot of people on this beach

There were a lot of people on the sea beach . The children played with the waves under the watchful eyes of the their parents . The sea looked call . No one could imagine it to be a fateful day .

However the wrath of nature soon swept a little child away from the shore. The sudden tide proved too great a force for the unfortunate child's parents. Even before they, or for that matter anybody on the beach could understand anything, the child was swept away.

The life guard was summoned soon. He didn't spare any effort. The child was traced in the waters and brought back on the beach after a little time.

The little child had fainted by this time. He was rushed to the nearest hospital. Water had entered his lungs. Besides, the entire experience of almost drowning in the seas was quite traumatic for him. He was treated by a team of experts. He showed signs of recovery only after a couple of days, though he had come back to his senses a little time after he was admitted to the hospital.

Q.2. Write a story in 200-250 words:

Aravind was distracted. He couldn't concentrate in the class. The incident which had happened that morning had shattered him.....

The Best Mom

Aravind was distracted. He couldn't concentrate in the class. The incident which had happened that morning had shattered him. Aravind felt dizzy at the very thought and covered his face with his hands as if to save himself from the horror of his thoughts. Ever since Aravind's father died, his mother was his only family. He died before Aravind could get to know him better and so his mother was the only family he knew. Lately his mother had become very protective of him and felt the urge to question his every action and prevented him from going out with his friends. He had an argument with his mother about the same. What started off as a mere spark escalated to wild fire and Aravind stormed out of the house leaving his mother in tears as he slammed the door behind. He cursed her for ruining his life. Now that an hour had passed he finally realized how wrong he was.

He thought of various ways to make amends with his mother. When he went back home with heavy steps, he did not find his mother at home. He wrote a letter to his mother saying how sorry he was about how he acted and that he would never repeat it. He bought flowers for her and left the letter and the flowers at her desk. When his mom came back from work, he hid himself behind the curtains to note her expressions on reading it. Within 5 minutes he noticed her crying and rushed to give her a hug and whispered in her ear, "You are the best mom ever".

GRAMMAR

Q1 Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentence:-

- a) For many/on/relies dogs/people/ have/generations
- b) Companionship/used/they/for/hunting/have been/and
- c) Very/a dog's/are/and years/sensitive/nose
- d) Proved/very/the mankind/useful/they/have been/for/for years

Q2.

- a) Have/today/credit/a/necessity/become/cards
- b) Considered/are/they/a/for/boon/the/shoppers
- c) Have to/you/worry/don't/about/cash/enough/carrying
- d) Simply/the/card/serve/as/a/reveling/credit/may/form/of/credit

Q3.

- a) the/body/fasting/removes/from/also/poison
- b) Four /hours/the fast/liquids/during/every/take
- c) During/high/avoid/like/stress/exams/times/fasting
- d) Not/children/below/of/the age/must/drive/eighteen years

Q4.

- a) Protection/our/we/must/helmets/own/wear/for
- b) Phones/must/used/not/mobile/be/driving/while
- c) Traffic police/efforts/to/making/is/increase/on the road/safety
- d) Thirst quenchers/one of the best/water melon/in summer/is

Q5.

- a) Cultivated/in /96/countries/it is/around/the world
- b) Grown/around 500 years/first/ago/it was/in Africa
- c) Reducing/is/effective/water melon/blood/pressure/in

Q6.

- a) The leisure hours/ of a child/of the Tv /today/are spent/in front
- b) Of most/nw a days/ attitude/the/parents/is/different
- c) Work and play/different things/they see/as two

Q7.

- a) Concerned/the/really/indian/are/authorities
- b) Tigers/the /of/population/falling/is/sharply
- c) Tiger/70/percent/india/has/nw/world's/of/population
- d) Have been/by/infuriated/i/of/etiquette/lack/people's

Q8.

- a) Cant /freedom/away/ be/taken/one/from/of speech
- b) Can not/speaking/yetone/all the time/keep on
- c) You/cultured/makes/etiquette/a/ individual

Q9.

- a) a/period/over /time/of/they/weight/losing/have been
- b) the/of/sunderban/tiger/length/a/come down/has
- c) the/Bengal/found/tiger/commonly/species/in/delta/is/the sunderban

Q10.

- a) entirely/blame/the/we/public/can not
- b) them/educate/have/we/to
- c) elephant/land/animal/largest/is/ today/the

Q11.

- a) Mild/peace/loving/is /animal/it/a/and
- b) More easily/that is why/domesticated/he/can/it
- c) Span/lives/one/long/it/hundred/has/and/years/life/around

Q12.

- a) Is/basic/truth/change/of/existence/the
- b) Every/entire/is/the/cosmos/changing/moment
- c) Shows/tagore/path of/the/taking/pride/love/in the God/of

Q13.

- a) Only/doesn't/ change/effect/at/employees/work
- b) Often/snore/we/a/ cold/have/when/we
- c) Nasal/because/is/this/blocked/airways/are

Q1. Read the passage and fill the blanks with appropriate words.:

Q1. One of the ___ problems facing the world today is global warming. Many scientist believe that the production of Co2 and other green house gases is having a heating effect ___ the atmosphere and this

-----be very dangerous for human life. We ___ examine the problem of global warming.

Q2. The FBI field office is a four storey brick fortress ___ the southern shore of Lake Pontcharian. We stop ___ the heavy iron gate ___ show an armed guard our credentials. Once inside, we hurry ___ to the vestibule where a woman awaits us.

Q3. Kiran could get ___ (along/away) ___ well with ___ (all/most)of the students in the class ___ (but/even) the girls felt very comfortable talking to him. Everybody was fond of him ___ (yet/although) he was very down to earth person.

Q4. Reading a novel or short story ___ second language(in/from) ___ dramatically(could/should) ___ physiological(reduce/reduces) responses to emotions such as ___ (as/like)smiling.

- Q5. The daughter of a merchant ___(be) upset ___(at/with)her father for ___(give /giving)her a second hand car as a birthday gift. She angrily ___(walk/walked)out of the house.
- Q6. Buddhist have survived in india only ___(as/so) comparitively small section___(but /and) Buddhism in the east today has ___(above/over)hundred and fifty million adherents,is ___(the /a)chief religion of Ceylon,Burma, and Malaysia.
- Q7. We are often discouraged by others not to dream.People say dreamers are ___(lose/lost) in their own world and___(doesn't/donot) do anything worthwhile. They are ___(write/right)but to a certain extent only. A person, who only dreams and ___(do/does)not do anything to fulfill them, will be called a failure in life.
- Q8. Jesus Christ was accused ___misleading the masses despite ___fact___ he was leading them from darkness ___ light.
- Q9. The butter___melted.Onions and vegetables are ___(fry/fried)in it for three minutes.Flour and stock ___(is/are) added. It is brought to a boil while ___(stirred/stirring)continuously.
- Q10. The rapid changes that India ___(endure) over the last few decades_____ welcomed by ___(most of us/many of us).It is an enthusiasm which___(should be kept/have been kept).

NEWS HEADLINES

Complete the following news items :

- Singapore tops most competitive nations list.
For the first time, Singapore ___to oust the United States in its top spot ranking of the world's most competitive nation.
- Justice Kapadia sworn in as new CJI.
Justice Kapadia _____ as the 21st Chief Justice of India on May 12.
- Kohli gets death for girl's murder.
CB I court on Wednesday _____ Suraj Kohli to death for murdering 7 years old Arti from Noida.
- Sholay's 'SAMBHA' Mac Mohan dies.
Veteran actor Mac Mohan , immortalized in the role of Sambha in film 'Sholay' ___in Mumbai on Monday.
- 14 year old's Hoax Call to his school.
A 14 year old boy of Army Public School of Jammu _____claiming there was a bomb in the school.
- Jayalal New Air Chief
G.Jayala l_____ as Director General of All India Radio.
- Neglect caused mall tragedy
The tragedy at the pioneer Mall _____due to neglect of authorities.
- Four hurt as cylinder blast triggers collapse.

Four members of a family including 2 children ,_____their house collapsed following a gas cylinder explosion in Delhi on Sunday morning.

Answers

- Has been able to
- Was sworn in
- Sentenced
- Died
- Made a PCR call
- Has been appointed
- Was caused
- Were injured

LONG READING

Q1. What is the main theme of the Diary of a young girl?

Ans. The diary of a young girl is a true account of the everyday happenings of Anne, a thirteen year old Jewish girl. The diary covers a period of nearly two years when Anne and her Jewish family had been forced to hide themselves by the Nazis during world war II. Anne took days to think about writing a diary as neither she nor would anyone else be interested in the accounts of a girl of her age. Though Anne knew about thirty people whom she could call herself friends, she didn't have confidence to get closer to anyone or share her feelings to one. Hence, she decided to record her thoughts and feelings in the form of a diary. She wanted to write and thereby bring out all kinds of things that lie buried in her heart. Thus, her hopes frustrations, clashes of her parents and observations of her companions form the theme of the book.

Q2. How did the diary help overcome her loneliness?

Ans. The diary of a young girl is a recordings of a little girl's feelings in the form of a diary. Therefore, whatever we find here, can be understood as her genuine thoughts and feelings. For Anne, writing a diary had been a great relief, an outlet for her pent-up feelings. Her family consisted of four members- She, her father, her mother and her sister, Margot. Her father Mr. Frank had been the only person whom she loved most. Her mother Mrs. Frank had always felt that Anne was a small girl who needed guidelines. So, she showed more friendliness towards Anne's sister Margot. These things had somewhat made Anne feel lonely. As long as she went to school, she didn't feel this much. Once in the hideout, Anne started feeling lonely. Though, she tried to be on good terms with other members of the secret annexes, no one showed her love, care or respect. Anne longed for everything and beyond these a companion with whom she could share her feelings. Being in the hideout increased her longing to take her freedom and her friends and her Diary had thus been her only reliable companion.

Q3. Anne disliked Mrs. Van Daan. What was the reason?

Ans. If there was anyone in the 'Secret Annexe' whom Anne could dislike out and out, it was Mrs. Van Daan. As for Mrs. Van Daan, she was somewhat out of place in the Secret Annex. She always seemed to be holding some grudge against Ann's family. Anne had the habit of chattering, for which she always got nothing but blown ups from Mrs. Van Daan. Also, she refused to wash up the pans, which she was supposed to, being an inmate of the Secret Annex and share the works. She had even said that she would not wash up if there was even a fragment left. Mrs. Van Daane also showed herself to be disorganized for she never kept the plates at right place. While Margot did a lot of work, Mrs. Van Daan always left some work for Margot. Not only Anne, but also the others in the family felt that Mrs. Van Daan was very pushing, selfish, cunning, calculating and never content, in all totally disagreeable.

Q4. Anne writes about her 'diary': 'Paper has more patience than people'. Comment.

Ans. Anne repetitively says in her diary that paper has more patience than people. Although, she has loving, caring parents, a sister and a number of friends. She hardly feels close enough to anyone to talk about what she actually feels. Anne desperately feels the need to have someone around her who can understand her. But no one around her has the patience to talk to a young girl like Anne nor finds time to listen to what and how she feels about life. No wonder, and finds paper more patient than people. She turns to her diary, sharing most of her joys and sorrows with this newly found friend.

Kitty, the diary, proves to be quite patient. It is always there for Anne Frank. It always listens to her.

However, Anne is quite humane even to the diary. She keeps telling Kitty that she needs it desperately as there must be someone she can confide in. She reveals her innermost desires to Kitty, without applying the morals of good and bad to them, and is happy not to be judged. Though paper is patient, Anne misses having a 'real mother' who can understand her. She can pour her heart out on paper. But the diary is not a real companion. However, the great patience exhibited by paper allows Anne a great friend in Kitty to share her thoughts, ideas, patience, joys and sufferings with.

KEY TO JUMBLED WORDS AND PHRASES

Q.1

- a) People have relied on dogs for many generations.
- b) They have been used for hunting and companionship.

- c) A dog's nose and ears are very sensitive.
- d) They have been proved very useful for the mankind for years.

Q.2

- a) Credit cards have become a necessity today.
- b) They are considered a boon for the shoppers.
- c) You don't have to worry about carrying enough cash.
- d) The credit card may simply serve as a form of raveling credit.

Q.3

- a) Fasting also removes poison from the body.
- b) Take liquids every four hours during the fast.
- c) Avoid fasting during high stress time like exams.
- d) Children below the age of eighteen years must not drive.

Q.4

- a) We must wear helmets for our own protection.
- b) Mobile phones must not be used while driving.
- c) Traffic police is making efforts to increase safety on the roads.
- d) Water melon is one of the best thirst quenchers in summer.

Q.5

- a) It is cultivated around 96 countries in the world.
- b) It was first grown in Africa about 5000 years ago.
- c) Water melon is effective in reducing blood pressure.

Q.6

- a) Today the leisure hours of the child are spent in front of the TV.
- b) The attitude of most parents is different now-a-days.
- c) They see work and play as two different things.

Q.7

- a) The Indian authorities are really concerned.
- b) The population of tigers is falling sharply.
- c) India has now 70 per cent of world's tiger population.
- d) I have been infuriated by people's lack of etiquette.

Q.8

- a) Freedom of speech cannot be taken away from one.
- b) Yet one cannot keep on speaking all the time.
- c) Etiquette makes you a cultured individual.

Q.9

- a) They have been losing weight over a period of time.
- b) the length of a Sunderban tiger has come down.
- c) Bengal tiger is the commonly found species in the Sunderban Delta.

Q.10

- a) We cannot blame the public entirely.
- b) We have to educate them.
- c) Elephant is the largest land animal today.

Q.11

- a) It is mild and peace loving animal.
- b) That is why it can be domesticated more easily.

- c) It has long life span and lives around one hundred years.

Q.12

- a) Change is the basic truth of existence.
b) Every moment the entire cosmos is changing.
c) Tagore shows the path of taking pride in the love of God.

Q.13

- a) Change at work doesn't only effect employees.
b) We often snore when we have a cold.
c) This is because nasal airways are blocked

Q8. Change the following into Indirect speech.

1. The girl said, 'It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening.'
2. The man said, 'I must go as soon as possible.'
3. She said, 'I don't want to see any of you; go away.'
4. The teacher says, 'If you work hard, you will pass.'
5. He said, 'I have won.'
6. He said, 'Let's wait for her return.'
7. Alice said, 'How clever I am!'
8. 'Which way did she go?' asked the young man.
9. He said to me, 'Where are you going?'
10. 'Please wait here till I return,' she told him.

Answers:

1. The girl said that it gave her great pleasure to be there that evening.
2. The man said that he must go as soon as possible.
3. She said that she did not want to see any of them and asked them to go away.
4. The teacher says that if you work hard you will pass.
5. He said that he had won.
6. He proposed that they should wait for her return.
7. Alice exclaimed how clever she was.
8. The young man asked which way she had gone.
9. He asked me where I was going.
10. She requested them to wait there till she returned.

Q9. Change the following into Indirect speech:

1. He says, "Switzerland is the heaven on earth."
 2. The Shopkeeper says, "Prices are shooting up alarmingly."
 3. She said, "Nobody can solve the problem."
 4. Antony said, "Martin has gone home."
 5. She said, "I shall be taking a test."
 6. The man said, "Is your father at home?"
 7. The clerk asked his manager, "Shall I email this letter again, Sir?"
 8. She said, "Will you tell me what it means, David?"
 9. She said to me, "How have you done this sum?"
 10. The man said, "Is your father at home?"
 11. The clerk asked his manager, "Shall I email this letter again, Sir?"
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- 12 She said, “Will you tell me what it means, David?”
- 13 She said to me, “How have you done this sum?”
- 14 The policeman said to the stranger, “Who are you? Where do you come from?”

ANSWERS:

1. He said that Switzerland is the heaven on earth.
2. The shopkeeper says that prices are shooting up alarmingly.
3. She said that nobody could solve the problem.
4. Antony said that Martin had gone home.
5. She said that she would be taking a test.
6. The man asked me whether my father was at home.
7. The clerk asked his manager politely if he should email that letter again.
8. She asked David if he would tell her what it meant.
9. She asked me how I had done that sum.
10. The man asked if his father was at home.
11. The clerk asked his manager if he would email that letter again.
12. She asked David if he would tell her what it meant.
13. She asked me how he had done that sum.
14. The policeman asked the stranger who he was and further asked where he came from.

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A. Comprehension

Q.1. Su means number and Doku means single. The game of Sudoku has many similarities to the game of life. The game consists of 9*9 grid divided into 3*3 boxes in which a few numbers called ‘given’_the number of given varies between 17 and 30 for a puzzle to be reasonably viable__are already in place.

In life too, you start with a given set of notions and then work from thereon. In Sudoku, you need to follow a set of rules to build up the grid filling each row, column and box with numbers ranging from 1 to 9 , much so in life where you have to go on in your way without antagonizing anyone else. Respect every number (person) and things would be fine. While trial or error may or may not work, the correct technique is eliminating numbers that don’t fit in a particular box.

In Sudoku, the arrangement of the given numbers is symmetrical. This is instructive in life, on how to maintain steadfast faith, poise and equanimity despite situations when everything turns topsy_turvy.

There is a subtle difference between the two. Make a mistake and you can erase it and begin all over again in Sudoku. Not, so in life. You can learn a lesson though , and avoid making the same mistake in future

Now answer the following questions

(8m)

- a. What does Sudoku mean?
- b. How is the arrangement of given numbers in Sudoku?
- c. What is the difference between Sudoku and life?
- d. What are the similarities between Sudoku and life?
- e. Mention the rules you need to follow in Sudoku.
- f. Describe the game of Sudoku.
- g. Antagonise means_____

h. How is symmetry maintained in life?

Q2. The piranha is a much _maligned fish. Most people think that this is a deadly creature that this is a deadly creature that swarms through rivers and creeks of the Amazon rainforest looking for victims to tear apart. And woe betides anyone unlucky enough to be in the same water as a shoal of piranhas. It takes only a few minutes for the vicious piranhas to reduce someone to a mere skeleton. Piranhas belong to omnivorous fish. They are known for their specialized teeth. Piranhas are indigenous to the Amazon basin, in the Orinoco, in rivers of the Guyanas. Aquarium piranhas have been introduced into parts of the US, with specimens occasionally found in the Potomac River. All piranhas have a single row of sharp teeth in both jaws; the teeth are tightly packed and are used for rapid puncture and shearing. Piranhas have a reputation as ferocious predators that hunt their prey in shoals.

Recent research, however, shows that they are timid fish and they move in shoals for protection from their own predators. The truth is that the piranha is really a much more nuanced animal than the mindless killer depicted in the movies. Infact, piranhas are a group made up of approximately twelve different species. Each piranha species occupies its own ecological niche. Each piranha species plays a unique role in the ecology of the rainforest floodplains. So what should you do next time you hear someone talking about the deadly piranha? You can remind them that the piranha is not always the notorious killer fish that the tough, muscular heroes of popular nature television shows would have us believe!

2.1 Now answer the following questions:

4*2=8m

- A. Why are piranhas considered vicious?
- B. What is your perception about the piranha now?
- C. Mention 2 characteristics of piranha.
- D. Mention 4 places where piranha are found.

2.2 answer in one word:

4*1=4m

- E. Which word from the passage means 'to move around in groups'.
- F. Which word from the passage means 'native'.
- G. Write the antonym of 'occasionally'.
- H. Find a word from the passage opposite in meaning to 'exactly'.

C.WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. Complete the story in about 200-250 words .It was a dark night. I was studying for my mid-term exam. I alone was awake. All of a sudden, I heard some strange voices behind the window. My blood ran dry___ (12 m)

Q4. You are Aryan of sector 2, Mohali, Chandigarh. Write a letter to The Samsung Hub, sector 22, Chandigarh complaining against the LCD TV which you had purchased from the showroom in 100-120 words. (8 m)

OR

You are Raghav Gupta of 11 A, Gurgaon, New Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper expressing your concern over the plight of unemployed youth today in 100-120 words .

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

	Incorrect	Correct	(4 m)
Singapore is located in a highest strategic	a) _____	_____	
Area in south Asia. It lay on an	b) _____	_____	
Important trade route. Trade was its life	c) _____	_____	
Line. It is a major port. Goods from every	d) _____	_____	
East Asian countries flow in Singapore	e) _____	_____	
On their way for ports in Western Asia,	f) _____	_____	
Africa and Europe. From a Singapore dock	g) _____	_____	
ship carrying rubber, copper, timber and spices	h) _____	_____	
Sail to other countries.			

Q6. Complete the passage by filling the blanks with one word.

(4m)

Every city should have a flower that a) _____ can call its own. Tokyo is b) _____ its best c) _____ the cherry blossoms bloom. Amsterdam d) _____ the tulip. And our own Delhi has laburnum..

Q7. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences. (4m)

1. Is/good/both/for/early rising/adults/old people/and
2. Finish/work/early/one/can/go/and/for a walk/one's
3. The/weekend/I/can/love/down/be/I/myself/because/and/dress
4. Went/Rohan/after/a long break/to school/last week

LITERATURE

Q7. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (4 m)

Are we pinching it before aunt Elizabeth comes?

- a. What does 'it' refer to here?
- b. How does Victoria conclude that her parents are 'pinching it'?
- c. What is meant by 'pinching'?
- d. What does it reveal about the difference between the attitude of elders and that of Victoria?

OR

Nor Mars ,his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.
Gainst death and all-oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth.

- a. What is 'The living record'?
- b. 'your' represents _____
- c. 'Mars' is _____
- d. Which poetic device is used in the third line?

Q8. Do any four in 30-40 words: (2*4=8m)

- a) What is the irony in the poem, 'Ozymandias'?
- b) Appearances are deceptive. Discuss with reference to the two boys in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?
- c) Give a character sketch of John Hallock.
- d) What is the significance of the title, 'The Dear Departed'?
- e) How is Mrs.Pakletide's Tiger a satire?

Q.9. Do any one in 100-120 words. (8m)

a) The prospect of earning a thousand rupees had stimulated the sporting and commercial instinct of the villagers. How? Discuss with reference to 'Mrs.Pakletide's Tiger'.

OR

b) What is the significance of the title of the fiction, 'A Shady Plot'? Elaborate the plot.

Q10. Do any one in 150-200 words.

Draw a character sketch of Anne Frank.

(10 m)

OR

What is the significance of Kitty in Anne's life? Discuss.

OR

Give a brief character sketch of Hellen Keller.

OR

What were the qualities that attracted everyone towards Helen before she fell victim to her mysterious illness?