

# CBSE

## TERM-1 SAMPLE PAPER

### SOLVED

# ENGLISH

## LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time Allowed: 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

### General Instructions:

- (i) The Question Paper contains THREE sections.
- (ii) Section A-READING has 18 questions. Attempt a total of 14 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
- (iii) Section B-WRITING & GRAMMAR has 12 questions. Attempt a total of 10 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
- (iv) Section C-LITERATURE has 30 questions. Attempt 26 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
- (v) All questions carry equal marks.
- (vi) There is no negative marking.

### READING

#### I. Read the passage given below.

- (1) *Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she teaches us is to maintain an equilibrium in life. We learn to maintain composure through our joys, sorrows and fears. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them.*
- (2) *With time, a sapling grows into a full-grown tree; something so tiny and delicate develops into a strong tree capable of supporting others. No matter how tall it grows, how much it may flourish, or how many animals and birds it may support, its roots are firmly buried from where it once rose. That's a lesson - to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots, and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are.*
- (3) *Then there is the message of peaceful coexistence. 'I am because we are.' Nature provides every creature a chance to exist. However, the existence of one creature or being depends on the existence of the other. The tiger eats the antelope; without the antelope, the tiger wouldn't survive. Likewise, without tigers, the over-abundance of antelopes would cause them to starve to death.*
- (4) *I wonder if you have noticed that when birds or squirrels see a predator, they give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures, of the lurking danger. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Many animals, like the salmon, usually die after they spawn, but this doesn't stop them. One life extinguished for the betterment of others is a small price to pay.*

- (5) *The snow melts in the warmth of spring to give birth to fresh green leaves. In autumn these leaves age into shades of gold only to be buried in the cold grave of winter. Change is inevitable; the sooner we embrace this, the better it is for us. We must also understand that even in pain there is growth. If you cut a hole in the tree, it will grow around it. No matter what may come in its way, a river will continue to flow. Similarly, no matter what grief may break your heart, nature teaches us that life goes on.*
- (6) *Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live. Take a break-stop being a workaholic, and smell the roses, do whatever makes you feel happy and most of all spend some time with nature to pick up invaluable lessons.*

(419 words)

(Source: <https://missionself.com/important-lessons-we-can-learn-from-nature>)

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY EIGHT out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option:**

- 1. According to the author, what, from the following, is the greatest lesson being taught by nature?**
- (a) balanced in our emotions.
  - (b) partial to joys in life.
  - (c) afraid of unhappiness.
  - (d) indifferent to fears.

**Ans.** (a) *balanced in our emotions.*

**Explanation:** It is clearly given in the passage that author says that the nature teaches us to maintain an emotional equilibrium in our life by maintaining composure through vivid emotions such as our joys, sorrows and fears. One shouldn't be (b) partial, (c) afraid or (d) indifferent to any emotions. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

- 2. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph 2.**

**Jai:** I've done well for myself in this school. I'm the best they have. I can get admission anywhere. This is my moment!

**Sid:** Congratulations! Just remember, we should .....

- (a) become strong despite our weakness.
- (b) be kind and supportive towards everyone.
- (c) respect the origins from where we have grown.

- (d) nurture ourselves well from the beginning.

**Ans.** (c) *respect the roots from where we have grown.*

**Explanation:** Paragraph 2 tells us to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots, and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

- 3. Choose the option that best conveys the message in - 'I am because we are.'**

- (a) Tigers are dependent on antelope
- (b) Antelope are dependent on tigers
- (c) Humans are dependent on animals
- (d) Everyone is dependent on each other

**Ans.** (d) *Everyone is dependent on each other.*

**Explanation:** This phrase conveys a message of co-existence. The existence of one creature or human being depends on the existence of the other. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 4. What qualities do the birds and squirrels display when they warn others of possible danger? Choose one option from the following:**

- (a) Observation skills and alertness.
- (b) Tendency to get easily frightened.
- (c) Selfless assistance to help others.
- (d) Determination to protect themselves.

**Ans.** (c) *Selfless assistance to help others.*

**Explanation:** It is given in the passage that the animals like squirrels and birds warn other creatures when they see a predator. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

- 5. Select the option with the underlined words that can suitably replace lurking (paragraph 4).**

- (a) The policeman pulled up the person who was wandering aimlessly through the city.
- (b) The thief knew that remaining hidden was the best strategy to avoid being caught.
- (c) The policeman was caught on camera while pouncing with force, to grab the fleeing culprit.
- (d) The thief was walking boldly into the house thinking it was devoid of residents.

Ans. (b) remaining hidden.

**Explanation:** The meaning of the term 'lurking' is hidden. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

6. A Portmanteau words like smog (smoke + fog), is a blend of words in which parts of multiple words are combined into a new word.

From the options given below, select a Portmanteau word that appears in the para 6.

- (a) coexistence (b) workaholic  
(c) full-grown (d) flourish

Ans. (b) workaholic (work + alcoholic).

7. Select the qualities from paragraph 3, that the author wants us to imbibe.

Being-

- (1) acceptive (2) passionate  
(3) emotional (4) resilient  
perceptive  
(a) (2), (4) and (5) (b) (1), (3) and (4)  
(c) (1), (4) and (5) (d) (3), (4) and (5)

Ans. (c) (1), (4) and (5).

**Explanation:** Paragraph 3 wants us to (1) accept the coexistence of creatures for benefit to oneself. It wants us to be (4) resilient and (5) perceptive of the fact that a creature requires to be dependent on the other creature for its survival. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

8. Which of the following is shown by the changing of seasons?

- (a) The beauty of nature  
(b) Nature's creativity  
(c) All seasons are equal  
(d) Nothing lasts forever

Ans. (d) Nothing lasts forever.

**Explanation:** The change of season here is an example of the fact that 'Change is inevitable' and (d) nothing in the world lasts forever. It doesn't show (a) beauty, (b) creativity or (c) equality of the nature. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

9. What does the writer advise, in paragraph 6 ?

- (a) Indulging in competition with others  
(b) Making priority lists  
(c) Taking life seriously  
(d) Having free time for ourselves

Ans. (d) Having free time for ourselves.

**Explanation:** In paragraph 6, the writer wants us to take a break from our workaholic

life and live it to the fullest. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

10. Choose the option that lists the quote best expressing the central idea of the passage.

- (a) Nature: She pardons no mistakes. Her yea is yea, and her nay, nay. -Ralph Waldo Emerson  
(b) Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. - A. Einstein  
(c) Nature never deceives us; it is we who deceive ourselves. -Jean Jacques Rousseau  
(d) All the ugliness of the world can best be forgotten in the beauty of nature! -Mehmet Murat

Ans. (b) Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.

- A. Einstein.

**Explanation:** The passage is all about learning from the nature how coexistence and dependency among creatures is necessary for life. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

## II. Read the passage given below.

- (1) Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays. The report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV.
- (2) The report reads: "Published material is the basis of 52% of top UK films in the last 10 years, and accounts for an even higher share of revenue from these leading performers, at 61% of UK box office gross and 65% of worldwide gross." The Hollywood adaptation of "My Cousin Rachel" was shown to have a significant impact on the sales of the Daphne Du Maurier thriller. The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.
- (3) The research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better, because films can "leverage the popularity" of well-known books through an existing audience. Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.

In terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts. Fourteen of the 35 high end series

produced in the UK in the period between January and September 2017 were based on books, compared to seven based on true stories or historical events and five based on pre-existing films or TV stories.

- (4) In the case of the 2016 BBC broadcast of "The Night Manager", research revealed that while the novel was in circulation for over 25 years, 82% of the copies it sold were in 2016 and 2017. Sales of the paperback edition remained strong in 2017 even after the series went off the air.
- (5) In conclusion, the report states that "there is a strong two-way relationship between publishing and the wider creative economy, wherein a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost to the sales of the original book." (338 words)

(Source: <https://www.thebookseller.com/news/films-based-books-take-more-91m-more-globally-original-scripts-825036>)

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the eight questions by choosing the correct option:**

- 11.** The purpose of the research by Publishers Association was to study the ..... .  
Choose the correct option.  
(a) variety in films and TV shows  
(b) impact of films on books  
(c) choice of books for film-making  
(d) connect between books and films

**Ans.** (d) connect between books and films.

**Explanation:** It is clearly given in the passage that "the report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV." Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 12.** Select the option that is true for the two statements given below:  
(1) The revenues generated at the box office have increased.  
(2) Majority of the top films in the UK are based on published material.  
(a) (1) is the result of (2).  
(b) (1) is the reason for (2).  
(c) (1) is independent of (2).  
(d) (1) contradicts (2).

**Ans.** (a) (1) is the result of (2).

**Explanation:** As per the report: "Published material is the basis of 52% of top UK films in the last 10 years, and accounts for an even higher share of revenue from these leading performers, at 61% of UK box office gross and 65 %of worldwide gross." This shows

that (1) is the result of (2). Hence, (a) is the right answer.

- 13.** Select the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement. "The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992."  
(a) There were 23% higher sales in 2017 than previous years  
(b) A major chunk of sales happened in 2017  
(c) The sales were limited to 23% in 2017  
(d) There were very few books sold in the previous years

**Ans.** (b) A major chunk of sales took place in the year 2017.

**Explanation:** Through the statement, we can see that in the year 2017 "alone" 23% of the sales happened. This means that a big part of the sales happened in that year. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

- 14.** According to the research, the films based on books have greater success because ..... .  
(a) people like to see the characters from the books on screen.  
(b) the films get the advantage of the fame of the books.  
(c) it takes less effort for people to watch films than read books.  
(d) the films get a ready-made script from the books.

**Ans.** (b) the films get advantage of the fame of books.

**Explanation:** The passage tells that the research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better, because films can "leverage the popularity" of well-known books through an existing audience. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

- 15.** Select the option listing what the given sentence refers to:  
'Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.'  
(1) The plot and the storyline of such films are better.  
(2) The characters are likely to be more vivid.  
(3) The production of such films is meant for the rich and famous.  
(4) The settings and costumes are adapted from the book.  
(5) The making of such films require the author to write a sequel.  
(b) (1), (3) and (4)      (b) (2), (3) and (5)  
(c) (1), (2) and (5)      (d) (1), (2) and (4)

Ans. (d) (1), (2) and (4)

**Explanation:** It is clear that the production of such films is not (3) meant for the rich and famous. It also not (5) require the author to write a sequel. However, (1) The plot and the storyline of such films are better (2) The characters are likely to be more vivid and (4) The settings and costumes are adapted from the book. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

**16. On what from the following were the maximum TV serials in the UK in the year 2017 based?**

- (a) books
- (b) historical stories
- (c) original true stories
- (d) previous films

Ans. (a) books.

**Explanation:** It is given that "Fourteen of the 35 high end series produced in the UK in the period between January and September 2017 were based on books." Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**17. This passage lists an example proving that TV dramas based on literary works have .....**

Select the correct option.

- (a) increased the immediate sales of the book
- (b) increased the sales of the book during the first screening

(c) had no immediate impact on the sales of the book

(d) had very little impact on the sales of the book

Ans. (a) increased the immediate sales of the book.

**Explanation:** It is stated in the passage that in terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**18. Choose the correct option to answer the following:**

According to paragraph 5, 'there is a two-way relationship between books and the screen'.

This is so because both

- (a) revolve around the same stories.
- (b) cater to an audience with the same taste.
- (c) gain from each other's popularity.
- (d) belong to the creative field.

Ans. (c) gain from each other's popularity.

**Explanation:** It is stated in the passage that "there is a strong two-way relationship between publishing and the wider creative economy, wherein a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost to the sales of the original book." Hence, (c) is the right answer.

## GRAMMAR

**III. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each :**

**19. The hospital board clearly mentioned that you ..... smoke in the hospital as it is a health hazard for all.**

- (a) cannot
- (b) must not
- (c) need not
- (d) might not

Ans. (b) must not.

**Explanation:** "Must" is a modal verb that is used to describe something which is necessary and morally correct. Here, a person 'must' not smoke in the hospital as it is injurious for patients. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**20. There's never ..... petrol left after Rahul uses the car.**

- (a) much
- (b) little
- (c) many
- (d) a little

Ans. (a) much.

**Explanation:** As 'petrol' is an uncountable noun, (a) is the right quantifier for it. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**21. I am taking driving lessons now. Hopefully, I ..... my driving test by November.**

- (a) will take
- (b) would pass
- (c) will have taken
- (d) will be taking

Ans. (c) will have taken.

**Explanation:** The speaker shows a possibility of an event to happen by November. He says that he will have already taken the test by that month. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

**22. Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?**

Sunitha asked Venkat, "How much is the rent for your flat?"

- (a) Sunitha asked Venkat how much was his rent for flat.
- (b) Sunitha asked Venkat how much the rent for his flat was.
- (c) Sunita enquires from Venkat that how much rent he pays.
- (d) Sunita told Venkat how much the rent for his flat was.

**Ans.** (b) Sunitha asked Venkat how much the rent for his flat was.

**Explanation:** Option (b) has the correct phrasing of the reported speech. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

- 23.** Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?

She said, "I told Damanjit to send you an e-mail three days ago."

- (a) She told that Damanjit had mailed you three days then.

- (b) She informed me that Damanjit has mailed me three days before.
- (c) She says that she has told Damanjit to send me an e-mail three days then.
- (d) She said that she had told Damanjit to send an e-mail to me three days before.

**Ans.** (d) She said that she had told Damanjit to send an e-mail to me three days before.

**Explanation:** Here, in reported speech, 'told' will be changed to 'had told' and 'ago' will be changed to 'before'. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 24.** The dog ..... under the chair before the children arrived.

- (a) has been hiding      (b) was hid
- (c) have hid              (d) had hidden

**Ans.** (d) had hidden.

**Explanation:** As the sentence is in the past tense, (d) is the right answer.

## WRITING

- IV. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below :**

You are Debashree, a resident of Siliguri, Assam. You have to write a letter to the editor of a national daily drawing attention towards the difficulty faced by differently-abled people at tourist places.

- 25.** Select the option with relevant aspects that Debashree should select, for this letter.

- (1) The newspaper's name
  - (2) Attached proof of the newspaper subscription
  - (3) Debashree's address
  - (4) Formal tone
  - (5) Expected date of the letter's receipt
- (a) (1) and (5)              (b) (2), (3) and (4)
  - (c) (3) and (5)              (d) (1), (3) and (4)

**Ans.** (d) (1), (3) and (4).

**Explanation:** As the letter to the editor is a formal letter, it is required for Debashree to have a (4) formal tone. His (3) address and the (1) newspaper's name are too required as per the format of the formal letter. However, there is no relevance of (2) attached newspaper subscription or (5) expected date of the letter's receipt. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 26.** Select the appropriate subject for this letter.

- (a) Drawing attention towards differently-abled people
- (b) The Differently-abled: Neglected or Misunderstood?
- (c) Tourist places are an inconvenience to differently-abled people
- (d) Inconvenience faced by the differently-abled at tourist spots

**Ans.** (d) Inconvenience Faced by the Differently-abled at Tourist Spots.

**Explanation:** It is clear from the question that the writer has to write a letter to the editor of a national daily drawing attention towards the difficulty faced by differently-abled people at tourist places. Here, (a) is incomplete and vague, (b) looks like a title not a subject while (c) is not appropriate as per the issue. (d) is the best choice as it is complete. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 27.** Which option should Debashree select, to elaborate on the difficulties faced by the differently-abled?

- (a) • Absence of ramps for wheel-chairs
  - Unclean toilets
  - High ticket-prices
- (b) • Unsuitable visiting timings
  - Tourist guides untrained in sign language
  - Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets
- (c) • Absence of ramps for wheel-chairs
  - Tourist guides untrained in sign language
  - Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets
- (d) • Unclean toilets
  - High ticket-prices
  - Unsuitable visiting timings

Ans. (c) • Absence of ramps for wheelchairs  
 • Tourist guides untrained in sign language  
 • Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets

**Explanation:** It is very clear that (a) unclean toilets, and (b)/ (d) unsuitable visiting timings is not an issue for differently-abled persons. The real and major issues for them are (a) Absence of ramps for wheelchairs, Tourist guides untrained in sign language and Lack of Braille-script tourist pamphlets. Option (c) has all the correct problems. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

**28.** Debashree shares some suggestions in her letter, to address the issue. Select the option that helps her complete these suggestions, appropriately.

In my opinion, the media can play a pivotal role in transforming people's (i) ..... . Also, (ii) ..... against negligence to the needs of the differently-abled, at the tourist spots, shall go a long way in bringing about a positive change.

- (a) (i) beliefs and traditions
  - (ii) composing songs
- (b) (i) perceptions and attitudes
  - (ii) cautioning the authorities
- (c) (i) preferences
  - (ii) protesting
- (d) (i) interactions
  - (ii) keeping minimum interference

Ans. (b) (i) perceptions and attitudes

(ii) cautioning the authorities.

**Explanation:** Here, Debashree is not suggesting media to transform people's (a) beliefs and traditions, (c) preferences or (d) interactions. She is suggesting that media can help transform the (b) perception and attitude of people. Also, she feels that (b) cautioning the authorities will help about the same. She doesn't feel that (a) composing songs, (c) protesting or (d) keeping minimum interference is helpful. Hence, (b) is the right answer

**29.** Select the option that correctly justifies the choice of the concluding portion of this letter.

- (1) I expect the authorities to take actions on this issue. Please post my thoughts in your newspaper.
- (2) I hope my views get published in the columns of your newspaper so that this issue may garner more public support and answerness.
- (a) Yes, to option (1) because of the authoritative tone.
- (b) No, to option (1) because of the informal tone.
- (c) Yes, to option (2) because of the tone of polite expectation.
- (d) No, to option (2) because of the certainty in the tone.

Ans. (c) Yes, to option (2) because of the tone of polite request.

**Explanation:** Clearly, option (1) is formal but it is authoritative and dominating in tone. It doesn't feel like a request. However, option (2) is formal too and is more polite and requesting than option (1). Hence, (c) is the right answer.

**30.** Select the option that completes the concluding line appropriately.

- I hope that my letter will ..... .
- (a) help spread awareness about the issue.
  - (b) lead to action against all authorities responsible, at tourist spots.
  - (c) improve circulation of the national daily.
  - (d) result in positive reviews by the readers.

Ans. (a) help spread awareness about the issue..

**Explanation:** The letter wasn't written to (c) improve circulation of the national daily or to only get (d) positive reviews by the readers.

It was written to improve the situation by (a) spreading awareness about the issue. It may or may not (b) lead to action against

all authorities responsible, at tourist spots. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

## LITERATURE

**This section has sub-sections – V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt ANY 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX :**

**V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow :**

*But the decades of oppression and brutality had another unintended effect, and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our times — men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds. It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea.*

(Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)

- 31. What was the unintended effect of the long oppression? Choose the correct option.**
- (a) It made the people indifferent to injustice.
  - (b) It made the people reject oppression.
  - (c) It influenced a generation to fight against injustice.
  - (d) It made people accept their oppression.

**Ans.** (c) it influenced a generation to fight against injustice.

**Explanation:** It is given in the extract that the decades of oppression and brutality had another unintended effect, and that was that it produced men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that fought against injustice. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

- 32. Men of such extraordinary courage refers to the people who .....**
- (a) liberated and abolished the Apartheid system.
  - (b) used their resources to spread awareness.
  - (c) fought for their country's freedom.
  - (d) demonstrated utmost strength to

oppose the system.

**Ans.** (d) demonstrated utmost strength to oppose the system..

**Explanation:** It doesn't refer to the people who (b) used their resources to spread awareness. It refer to the people who had (d) demonstrated extreme strength to oppose the system. Even if they weren't able to (a) abolish apartheid or (c ) free their country by fighting, they had the courage to be rebellious. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 33. Nelson Mandela compares ..... to diamonds.**

- (a) his countrymen
- (b) patriots
- (c) wise men
- (d) the oppressed

**Ans.** (a) his countrymen.

**Explanation:** Mandela says in the extract that the "greatest wealth of the nation is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds." Hence, (a) is the right answer.

- 34. When Nelson Mandela says, "I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea", he means that they are .....**

- (a) stubborn
- (b) committed
- (c) intelligent
- (d) proud

**Ans.** (b) committed

**Explanation:** By this line, Mandela didn't mean it in a negative way as them being (a) stubborn, or (d) proud He also didn't mean that they were being (c) intelligent in doing so. He clearly meant that they were determined and (b) committed towards their nation. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

- 35. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following:**

**depths: heights :: compassion : .....**

- (a) wisdom
- (b) oppression
- (c) brutality
- (d) courage

**Ans.** (c) brutality.

**NOTE:** The correct answer is brutality. However, the SQP issued by the CBSE does not list it in its option while it is present in the MS issued by the board.

**Explanation:** Clearly, there is a relation of



opposites in the words where depths and heights is the opposite of each other. In the same way, compassion requires an opposite word. The term 'compassion' means to have sympathy or pity for people whereas 'brutality' means to be violent with people. Hence, it is the right answer.

**VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

*Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things.*

*(From the Diary of Anne Frank)*

**36. Why does Anne feel the following?**

.....no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world

- (1) People knew she had a family.
- (2) People rejected the idea of loneliness.
- (3) She had several friends.
- (4) She had a cheerful personality.
- (5) Her life was comfortable.

Choose the correct option from the following:

- (a) (1) and (5)
- (b) (1), (3) and (4)
- (c) (2) and (3)
- (d) (2), (4) and (5)

Ans. (b) (1), (3) and (4)

**Explanation:** In the extract, Anne clearly says that "I have (1) loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about (3) thirty people I can call friends." She also (4) had a cheerful personality. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**37. Select the most appropriate option for (1) and (2).**

- (1) ...on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend
- (2) Anne doesn't truly connect with anyone.

- (a) (1) is true and (2) is false.
- (b) (2) is the opposite of (1).
- (c) (1) furthers the meaning of (2).
- (d) Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.

Ans. (c) (1) furthers the meaning of (2)

**Explanation:** It is clear from the extract that Anne says that she "seemed to have

everything- on the surface, except one true friend." This shows that she didn't connect with anyone. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

**38. From the options given below, identify Anne's tone in the extract.**

- (a) restless
- (b) dissatisfied
- (c) scared
- (d) hurt

Ans. (b) dissatisfied.

**Explanation:** Sentences from the extract like "on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend." "I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things" tell us clearly that Anne wasn't satisfied in her life. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**39. Select the option which displays an example of 'having a good time'.**

- (a) He is out for a picnic with his friends and they are laughing and singing together.
- (b) He is studying hard for the periodic test the following day to improve his scores.
- (c) He is trying to convince his father to purchase the latest video games for him.
- (d) He just rescued an injured puppy and is tending to its wounds.

Ans. (a) He is out for picnic with his friends and they are laughing and singing together.

**Explanation:** It is clear that only in option (a) the person is happy and there is nothing to be worried about whereas in (b), (c) and (d) he is tensed and unhappy. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**40. What do we get to know about Anne when she says the following?**

"I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things."

Choose one from the following to answer:

- (a) She is proud of her ways.
- (b) She is struggling to strike conversations.
- (c) She is unsure of her own thoughts.
- (d) She is unable to have a satisfying conversation.

Ans. (d) She is unable to have a satisfying conversation.

**Explanation:** This line doesn't refer to Anne being (a) proud, (b) struggling or (c) unsure. She is simply not able to (d) satisfy herself with the conversations that she has with her friends. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

**VII. Read the given extract to attempt the**

**questions that follow:**

Money is external.

*He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes, The epistemology of loss, how to stand up Knowing what every man must one day know And most know many days, how to stand up.*

(The Ball Poem)

**41. The poet says money is external. What does it mean in this extract?**

- (a) Money helps us purchase materials that make life worth living.
- (b) Money promotes materialism and hunger for power among youngsters.
- (c) Money only impacts a person's external environment.
- (d) Money buys materialistic things and can be earned again, when lost.

**Ans.** (d) Money can only buy materialistic things and can be earned again, when lost.

**Explanation:** By this line, the poet wants the boy to understand that money is an external thing that can only buy materials for one and it can be gained again when lost. However, the things which can't be gained again are memories and time. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

**42. What does the boy learn by losing the ball, according to the extract?**

- (1) Loss is the unavoidable truth of life.
  - (2) Material objects can be replaced
  - (3) Money buys happiness.
  - (4) Losses in life can be prevented with care.
  - (5) Life continues despite losses.
- (a) (1), (2) and (5)      (b) (2) and (4)  
(c) Only (1)              (d) (3) and (5)

**Ans.** (a) (1), (2) and (5)

**Explanation:** From the extract, it is clear that the poet tells the boy that (2) money is external so materials can be purchased. (1) loss is an inevitable part of life and one has to always (5) accept the truth and move on. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**43. The boy is learning how to stand up..... This means that he is learning to be ..... in the face of difficulties.**

- (a) patient                      (b) resilient
- (c) defensive                  (d) judgemental

**Ans.** (b) resilient.

**Explanation:** The term 'resilient' means to withstand or recover quickly from a difficulty. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**44. Which option lists who is speaking these lines?**

- (a) An observer
- (b) The boy's parent
- (c) The ball salesman
- (d) A friend

**Ans.** (a) An Observer.

**Explanation:** The extract shows that the speaker is not in any relation like (b) and (d) with the boy as he is addressing him as a "boy". He is also not (c) ball salesman as it doesn't make any sense. He is definitely an (a) observer. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**45. According to the poet, from whom do we mostly learn about loss?**

- (a) Elders                      (b) Experiences
- (c) Books                      (d) Teachers

**Ans.** (b) our experiences.

**Explanation:** The poet says that the boy is learning, well behind his desperate eyes. This shows that one learns from his experience. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

*I followed casually.*

*"Hello again," he said.*

*I gave him my most appealing smile. "I want to work for you," I said.*

*"But I can't pay you."*

*I thought that over for a minute. Perhaps I had misjudged my man. I asked, "Can you feed me?"*

*"Can you cook?"*

*"I can cook," I lied again.*

*"If you can cook, then maybe I can feed you."*

*He took me to his room over the Jumna Sweet Shop and told me I could sleep on the balcony. But the meal I cooked that night must have been terrible because Anil gave it to a stray dog and told me to be off. But I just hung around, smiling in my most appealing way, and he couldn't help laughing.*

(The Thief's Story)

**46. Even though Hari Singh followed Anil casually, it was a/an ..... .**

- (a) careless action
- (b) staged move
- (c) unusual decision
- (d) bold step

**Ans.** (b) staged move

**Explanation:** Hari Singh was a thief by profession. His only motive was to deceive Anil. So, he planned his moves carefully. It

was staged. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

- 47. From the following options, identify Hari Singh's intention behind the appealing smile.**

(a) Deceit (b) Harm  
(c) Hatred (d) Jealousy

**Ans.** (a) Deceit

**Explanation:** Clearly, in the extract, Hari Singh says "I want to work for you" soon after giving Anil a smile. This shows his art of deceiving people. He didn't really want any work but to rob Anil. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

- 48. Select the option listing Anil's characteristics, as revealed in the extract.**

(1) unassuming (2) kind  
(3) determined (4) naïve  
(5) humourous  
(a) (2) and (3) (b) Only (5)  
(c) (1), (2) and (4) (d) Only (2)

**Ans.** (c) (1), (2) and (4)

**Explanation:** Anil was (1) unassuming as he didn't pay much attention towards Hari following him. He was (2) kind as he had no money to pay to Hari but he asked him to cook so that he can give Hari a job. He was also (4) naïve as he couldn't judge Hari's real intentions behind his deceptive smile. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

- 49. Select the most appropriate option based on (1) and (2).**

(1) Anil gave his meal to a stray dog.  
(2) Hari Singh did not know how to cook.  
(a) (2) is true and (1) is false.  
(b) (2) is the result for (1).  
(c) (2) is the cause for (1).  
(d) (2) is false and (1) is true.

**Ans.** (c) (2) is the cause for (1).

**Explanation:** Clearly, Hari Singh can't cook and he made the food so bad that Anil had to give it to stray dog. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

- 50. The phrase hung around suggests that Hari Singh continued to .....**

(a) smile (b) cook  
(c) appeal (d) linger

**Ans.** (d) linger.

**Explanation:** The phrase "hung around" means to wait or linger for something. Hari was waiting for Anil to say something to him for the bad food. Hence, (d) is the right

answer.

## IX. Attempt the following:

- 51. Lencho is ..... when he says, "that's what they say: no one dies of hunger."**

(a) doubtful (b) stressed  
(c) confused (d) dismissive

**Ans.** (d) dismissive.

**Explanation:** The term 'dismissive' means to feel or show that something is not worthy of consideration or attention. Lencho has such a strong faith in God that he believed that God provides for everyone. He disdained the thought of anyone being dead of hunger. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

- 52. Which option correctly replaces the underlined phrase in the given line from Fire and Ice? I hold with those who favour fire.**

(a) am as experienced as  
(b) strongly disagree with  
(c) have the same opinion as  
(d) habitually avoid

**Ans.** (c) have the same opinion as.

**Explanation:** The phrase 'hold with' means to have a strong agreement or opinion similar to other for something. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

- 53. The purpose of the treatment, given to the young seagull by his parents, was to .....**

(a) teach him a lesson about the importance of food  
(b) inculcate obedience towards them  
(c) let him overcome his fear  
(d) improve his relationship with his siblings

**Ans.** (c) let him overcome his fear.

**Explanation:** The young seagull's parents only wanted him to overcome his fears and take his first flight off the cliff. They didn't want (a) teach him a lesson about the importance of food, (b) inculcate obedience towards them or (c) improve his relationship with his siblings.

- 54. Peggy often gave a nudge to one of her friends when she spoke to Wanda in the school yard. This meant that she wanted her friend to .....**

(a) stop talking to Wanda and move on  
(b) observe and partake in the joke on Wanda  
(c) ignore the complete situation with

Wanda

(d) interrupt any reply that came from Wanda

Ans. (b) observe and partake in the joke on Wanda

**Explanation:** Peggy only wanted other girls to join her in teasing Wanda and have a good time mocking her. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**55. In the poem Dust of Snow, which negative symbols have been used to create a positive effect?**

- (a) hemlock tree; crow
- (b) crow; snow
- (c) snow; hemlock tree
- (d) crow; dust

Ans. (a) hemlock tree; crow.

**Explanation:** Hemlock tree and crow are always considered as inauspicious elements of society. In the poem, the poet has presented them in a positive way. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**56. Mandela refers to liberty as “newborn” because it:**

- (a) was dependent on others for growth and guidance.
- (b) had recently been attained with lots of struggle.
- (c) made people experience infant-like excitement.
- (d) arrived unexpectedly for everyone.

Ans. (b) it had recently been attained with lots of struggle.

**Explanation:** The freedom in South Africa was ‘recently’ born or attained after a long struggle. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**57. In the poem A Tiger in the Zoo, what does the tiger’s ‘quiet rage’, indicate?**

It indicates that the tiger’s anger is

- (a) forgotten
- (b) provoked
- (c) suppressed
- (d) opposed

Ans. (c) suppressed.

**Explanation:** It clearly indicates that the tiger’s anger or rage had become ‘silent’ or ‘suppressed’ by being locked inside the zoo cell. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

**58. Identify the option that aptly describes Griffin.**

- (a) greedy, yet kind
- (b) proud and honourable
- (c) considerate and selfless
- (d) brilliant, but lawless

Ans. (d) brilliant, but lawless

**Explanation:** Griffin wasn’t (a) kind, (b) honorable and (c) selfless. He was a brilliant scientist but was a lawless person. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

**59. Anil’s carelessness made stealing from him ..... for Hari Singh.**

- (a) uninteresting
- (b) difficult
- (c) systematic
- (d) predictable

Ans. (a) uninteresting.

**Explanation:** Hari Singh was thief by profession. He enjoyed robbing cunning people but Anil was very naïve. This gullibility of Anil made Hari not wanting to steal from him. Anil made stealing enjoyable for Hari. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**60. What does the exclamation, “This is a triumph of surgery!”, by Mrs. Pumphrey, mean?**

- (a) The surgery was successful.
- (b) The mistress could take back her pet.
- (c) The doctor was a great veterinarian.
- (d) The planned venture was fruitful.

Ans. (d) the planned venture was fruitful.

**Explanation:** In the chapter, Dr James Herriot didn’t do any real ‘surgery’ on Tricki. He just made a plan to take Tricki away from his owner Mrs. Pumphrey so that he could be received from obesity and lethargy. However, Mrs. Pumphrey felt that it was Herriot’s ‘surgery’ that saved Tricki. Hence, (d) is the right answer.