

**CLASS: X**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**  
**Subject Code-184**

**M.M. 80**

**MAX. TIME: 3 Hours**

**General Instructions:**

- Please check that this question paper contains 14 printed pages.
- Please check that this question paper contains 11 questions.
- Read the questions carefully and present your answers neatly.
- Marks for each question are allocated in brackets along with the questions.
- It is mandatory to answer all questions.
- The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A- READING (20 marks)**

**Q. 1 Read the passage given below and on the basis of the same, answer the questions which follow: (10 marks)**

1. Much to their annoyance, pen-pushers are routinely reminded that a picture is worth a thousand words- except that sometimes they can be wrong ' words' as happened last week when Reuters was forced to withdraw more than 900 pictures taken by a freelance photographer after it was suspected that he had "doctored" two recent photographs of the Israeli-Lebanon conflict.
2. In one picture, the smoke billowing from an apartment block after an Israeli air strike was allegedly thickened by the photographer, Adnan Hajj, to dramatize the impact of the bombardment - and in another two flares were suspected to have been added to an image of an Israeli jet in action over Lebanon .
3. The allegation of doctoring, first made by several bloggers, was confirmed by Reuters after an in-house investigation. Mr Hajj, who had sold pictures to Reuters for more than 10 years, denied manipulating the two photographs and attributed the thick smoke in the first picture to 'bad lighting' and the fact that he was "trying to remove dust marks." As for the second, he said, "There was no problem with it - not at all."
4. But Reuters was not convinced and said it was removing all of his pictures from its database and would not be using his service any more. "This represents a serious breach of Reuters' standards and we shall not be accepting or using pictures taken by him," the news agency said.
5. The idea that the camera never lies is as misleading as the notion that all statistics are meant to mislead. What the ' eye' sees is not always what it looks like, thanks to the many ways in which first the camera and then the photograph can be - and is often - manipulated. Indeed, a photograph can be manipulated in more ways - and more effectively - to convey a false reality than it is possible to do through the written word. Ask any clever photographer and he will tell you the tricks camera can be made to play.

6. At a seminar recently, one journalist recalled how there was a time when British photographers, covering stories about famine or floods in Third World countries, would carry teddy bears with them in order to use them as prop for pictures supposedly showing that all that was left in household, stricken by death and destruction, were children's toys.

(Source: The Hindu)

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions (10 x 1)**

(i) While covering stories, British photographers used teddy bears as:

- (a) manipulations (b) props (c) conflicts (d) statistics

(ii) As per the passage, a camera:

- (a) always gives fake pictures (b) never gives fake pictures  
(c) sometimes may give fake pictures (d) None of these

(iii) British photographers left teddy bears in household, stricken by death and destruction in floods in Third World countries with a view to:

- (a) show that all that was left in household were teddy bears  
(b) show that most of the flood victims were children  
(c) Both (a) & (b)  
(d) Neither (a) nor (b)

(iv) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

1. What the photograph reproduces to infinity has occurred only once.  
-Roland Barthes

2. There are no bad pictures; that's just how your face looks sometimes.  
- Abraham Lincoln

3. Photography deals exquisitely with appearances, but nothing is what it appears to be.  
- Duane Michals

4. The two most engaging powers of a photograph are to make new things familiar and familiar things new.  
- William Thackeray

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

(v) The picture of the smoke rising from an apartment block in Lebanon:

- (a) was actual picture  
(b) was manipulated by a photographer deliberately  
(c) appeared thick in picture due to bad lighting  
(d) All of these

(vi) What does the allegation of "doctoring" mean?

(vii) Select the option that makes the correct use of attributed, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space.

- (a) She .....her success to constant hard work and dedication.  
(b) The entire manufacturing process has been .....  
(c) The Health Minister held.....with his counterpart.

(d) Guests should ..... their rooms.

(viii) What potential consequences can arise when manipulated photographs are used in news reporting?

(ix) In what ways did the photographer, Adnan Hajj, defend himself against the accusations? Analyze the credibility of his explanations.

(x) The word 'supposedly' is synonymous with:

(a) supply (b) allegedly (c) reluctantly (d) potentially

**Q. 2 Read the passage given below and on the basis of the same, answer the questions which follow: (10 marks)**

1. When plastic waste is burnt, a complex weave of toxic chemicals is released. Breaking down Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) used for packaging, toys and coating electrical wires. It produces dioxin, organ chlorine which belongs to the family of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). A recent Dioxin Assessment Report brought out by the United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA) says the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is ten times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.

2. The Delhi government is giving the green signal to a gasification project which will convert garbage into energy without removing plastic waste. This way, no air pollution will be caused and the ash produced can be used as manure. The project built with Australian assistance, will cost 200crore. It will generate 25 megawatts of power and gobble 1,000 tons of garbage every day.

3. Technologies like gasification are a form of incineration. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash. Toxins produced during incineration include acidic gases, heavy metals as well as dioxins and furans.

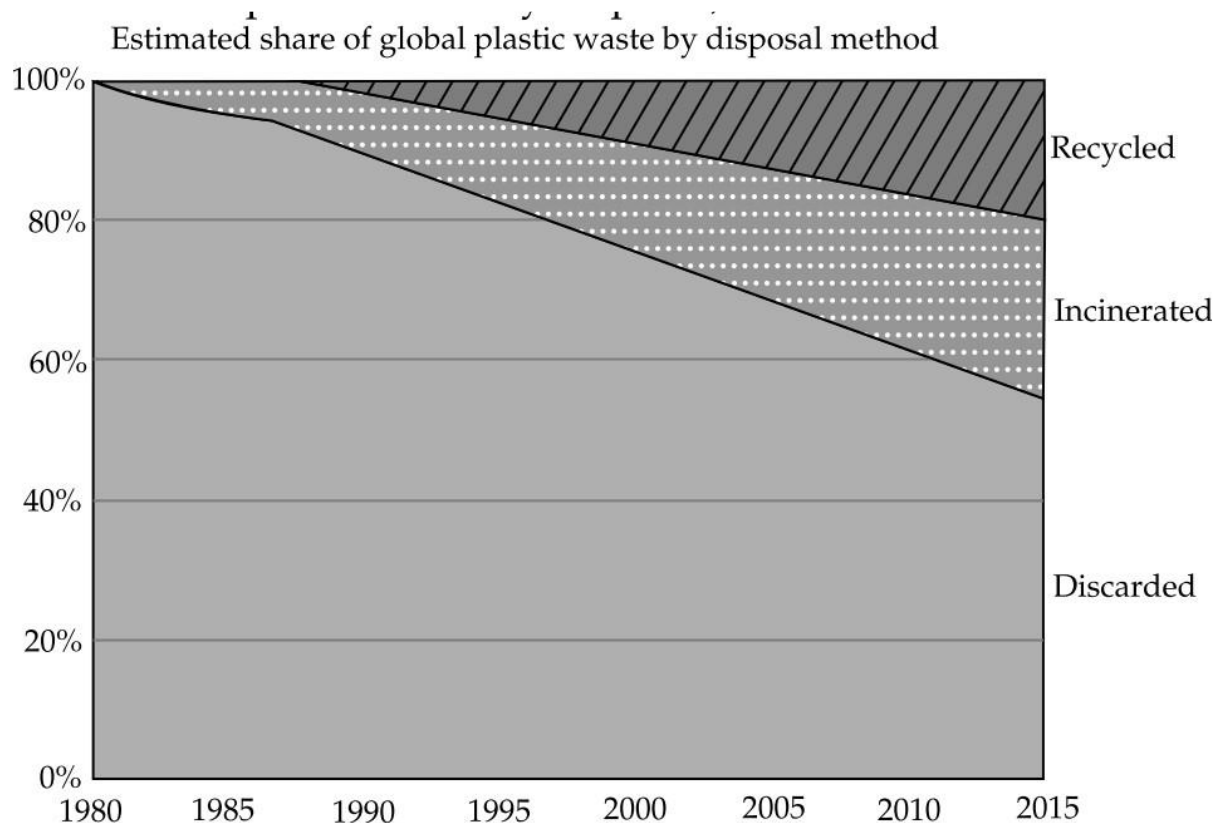
4. Municipal solid waste contains a mix of plastics. Breaking down this waste emits hydrochloric acid which attacks the respiratory system, skin and eyes, resulting in coughing, vomiting and nausea. Polyethylene generates volatile compounds like formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, both suspected carcinogenic. Breathing styrene from polystyrene can cause leukemia. Polyurethane is associated with asthma. Dioxin released by PVC is a powerful hormone disrupter and causes birth defects and reproductive problems.

5. Even the best run incinerators in the world have to deal with stringent norms. In Germany, air pollution devices accounted for two-thirds the cost of incineration. Despite such efforts, the European Dioxin Inventory noted that the input of dioxin into the atmosphere was the highest from incineration.

6. In the chart, we see the share of global plastic waste that is discarded, recycled or incinerated from 1980 through to 2015. Prior to 1980, recycling and incineration of plastic was negligible; 100 percent was therefore discarded. From 1980 for incineration and 1990 for recycling, rates increased on average by about 0.7 percent per year. In 2015, an estimated 55

percent of global plastic waste was discarded, 25 percent was incinerated and 20 percent recycled.

7. Indian garbage has a low calorific content of about 800 kg and it has high moisture and requires additional fuel to burn. Toxics link calculates that the electricity generated from such technology will cost between 5 and 7 per unit, which is six times higher than conventional energy. India has chosen a dioxin preventive route and burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited under Municipal Solid Waste and Biomedical Rules. Nearly 80 percent of Indian garbage is recyclable or compostable.



**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions (10 marks)**

i) Garbage can be converted into energy by \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Gasification                      (b) Gratification  
(c) A chemical process      (d) Incineration

ii) Which statements are NOT TRUE according to the passage?

1. India has adopted a preventive measure under which burning of chlorinated plastics is prohibited.
2. USEPA says that the risk of getting cancer from dioxin is hundred times higher than reported by the agency in 1994.
3. Incineration merely transfers hazardous waste from a solid form to air, water and ash.

4. Hydrochloric acid attacks the digestive system, nose and eyes which results in diabetes and nausea.

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

iii. Dioxin causes

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| (a) Cancer       | (b) Heart attack |
| (c) Hypertension | (d) Sickness     |

iv. During gasification, ash produced can be used as \_\_\_\_\_

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| (a) Fuel   | (b) pesticide     |
| (c) manure | (d) none of these |

v. Prior to 1980, the major share of global plastic waste was \_\_\_\_\_

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| (a) discarded | (b) incinerated         |
| (c) recycled  | (d) changed into manure |

vi. Which word in the passage means same as 'waste material'? (Para 2)

- (a) Gasification (b) Garbage (c) Pollution (d) Manure

vii. How does the gasification project proposed by the Delhi government aim to address the issue of plastic waste in garbage conversion to energy?

viii. Garbage with high moisture content demands \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) additional fuel
- (b) low calorific value
- (c) high toxin levels
- (d) conventional energy

ix. What are the environmental and health risks associated with burning plastic waste?

x. Converting waste to energy project will produce how much energy?

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| (a) 20 megawatts  | (b) 200 megawatts |
| (c) 250 megawatts | (d) 25 megawatts  |

### SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (20 marks)

**Q3.** Complete the following tasks, as directed. (1 x 10)

i) **Read the dialogue given below and report it by filling in the blanks**

Rakesh : Where will you celebrate your birthday this year?

Rashmi : We have booked Folks for my birthday. Please do come. It will be great fun.



x. Which of these sentence(s) will become grammatically INCORRECT if we omit the underlined word?

- I. Elena accidentally broke the sandals which she borrowed from me.
  - II. There's the lady who was found stranded on the street last evening.
  - III. That book that Walter gave me has some really interesting characters.
  - IV. The assistant that helped us with the admission procedure was really kind.
- a. only I                                      b. only IV                                      c. only I and III  
d. only II and IV

**Q4. Attempt any one of the following in 100-120 words. ( 5 marks)**

A. Your music academy is planning to organise musical shows next month on the occasion of Janmashtmi. You are Minakshi/Pavan, the band leader of Sargam Music Academy, 55, Dwarka, Ahmedabad. You require some musical instruments for the smooth running of the events. Write a letter to the Store Manager, M/s. Sangeet Instruments, Daya Nagar, Ahmedabad placing an order for the specific instruments required by you. (100-120 words)

B. You are Amit/ Amita. You happened to take part in a medical camp organized by Health Club of your school in a remote village near Delhi. You are surprised to find that most of the people there have no awareness of basic health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen you decide to take up their cause and organize camps to make the villagers aware of the importance of hygiene. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper, expressing your concern and encouraging youngsters to take part in such campaigns. (100-120 words)

**Q5. Answer the following question based on the instructions that follow. (5 marks)**

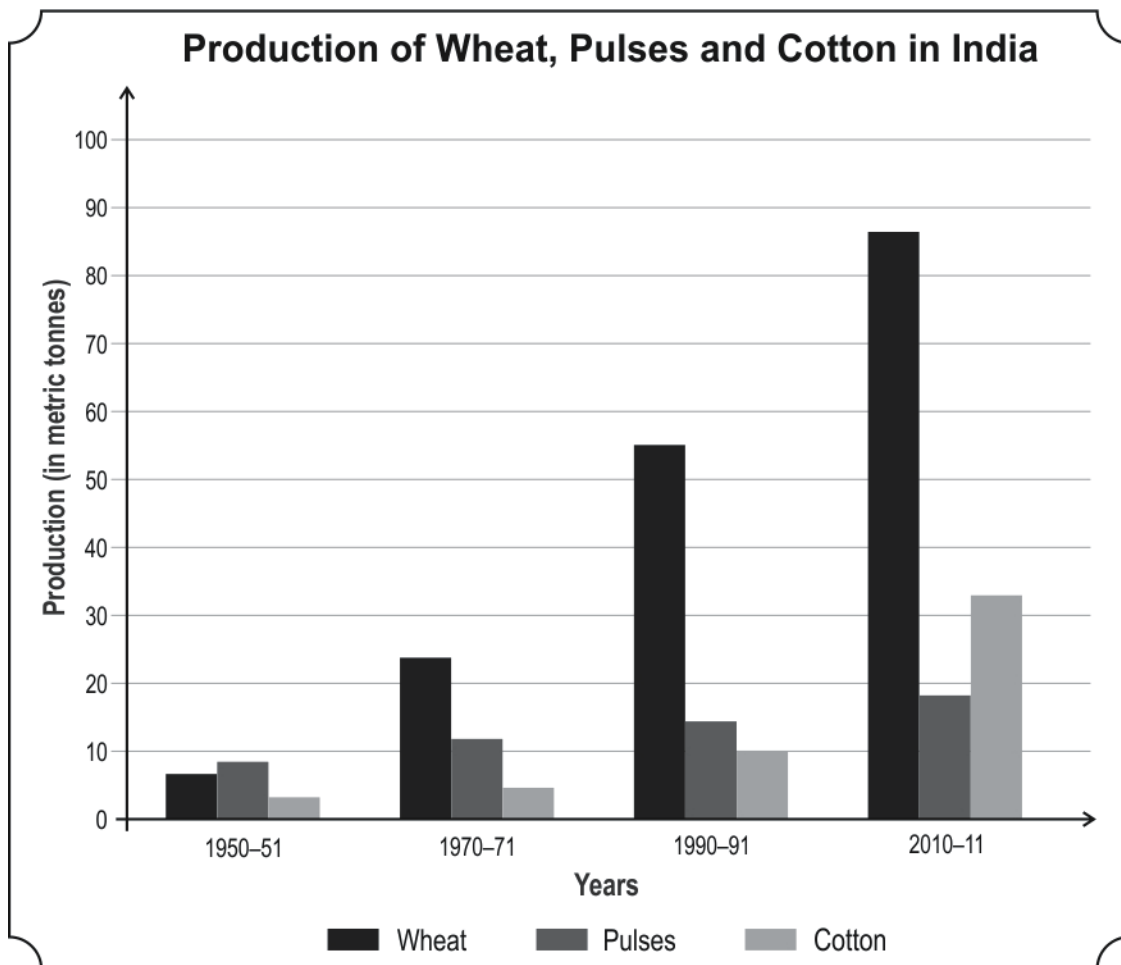
Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily:

The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles like bags and packaging is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles do this well, so they shouldn't be banned. Write a paragraph to analyse the given argument.

You could think about rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.

**OR**

The chart below displays data about the production (in metric tonnes) of three crops wheat, pulses and cotton - in India for five specific years between 1950-51 and 2010-11. Write a paragraph in 100-120 words analysing the given data.



### SECTION C - LITERATURE

**Q. 6. Read the following extract and answer the questions given by choosing the most appropriate option. (Any one) (1x5=5)**

*. But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,  
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,  
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,  
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.  
The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,  
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,  
He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,  
And Custard gobbled him, every bit.*



i. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

The extract is a good example of poetic license.

ii. The poet has used a poetic device in the given lines. What effect does he wish to create by its use?

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,

He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

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| A. sarcasm | B. comparison |
| C. satire  | D. contrast   |

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that Simile is the poetic device used for 'Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon....' because \_\_\_\_\_.

(Clue: explain how simile applies here)

iv. How does the use of rhyming words impact this extract?

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| A. It forces frequent pauses. | B. It amplifies the meaning.   |
| C. It builds momentum.        | D. It makes the lines lyrical. |

v. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea of 'Custard gobbled him, every bit' is \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. humorous | B. pathetic   |
| C. magical  | D. improbable |

**OR**

*In a world of possessions. People will  
take balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.  
And no one buys a ball back. 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.*

i. What is the poet's tone in the extract?

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. sympathetic | 2. apologetic |               |
| 3. agitated    | 4. Cynical    | 5. thoughtful |

Select the appropriate option.

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| A. 3&4 | B. 1&2 |
| C. 1&5 | D. 2&3 |

ii. Complete the analogy:

Knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_ :: things: possessions

iii. Identify the reason for the speaker's emphasis on knowing the epistemology of loss as per the extract.

- A. To understand that the feeling of loss is universal.
- B. To recognise one's unfulfilled desires and illogical whims.
- C. To own up to his lack of emotional strength and courage.
- D. To urge the boy to not feel forgotten and alienated.

iv. What is the reason for the boy's 'desperate' eyes, according to the extract?

v. Select the sentence in which the word 'possession' is used in the similar manner as line 2 of the extract.

- A. In the Middle Ages, popular superstition associated witchcraft with demonic possession and the rejection of God.
- B. We heard reports of a gang being busted for possession of drugs.
- C. It was the first trophy ever won by the college and it remains a most treasured possession.
- D. Once, a golden kite came into my possession somehow.

**Q7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow (Any one) (1x5=5)**

*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)*

i) 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)

ii) From the options given below, identify Anne's tone in the extract.

- A. restless
- B. dissatisfied
- C. scared
- D. hurt

iii) 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.

iv) Select the option which displays an example of 'having a good time'.

- A. He is out for a picnic with his friends
- B. He is preparing for his unit test
- C. He saved an injured puppy and is taking him to a vet.
- D. He is trying to convince his father to buy an ipad for him.

v) 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.

- 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.

**OR**

*Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His land- lord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!*

i. What motivated Griffin to set fire to the house?

- a. Financial difficulties
- b. Dislike from the landlord
- c. Fear of being seen
- d. Revenge against the neighbors

ii. What can be inferred about Griffin's character from the passage?

- a. He was a philanthropist
- b. He was a law-abiding citizen
- c. He had a vengeful and lawless nature
- d. He was a victim of circumstances

iii. Why did the landlord dislike Griffin?

- a. Griffin owed him money
- b. Griffin was a brilliant scientist
- c. Griffin set fire to the house
- d. Griffin was invisible

iv. What does the passage suggest about the consequences of Griffin's actions?

- a. He faced immediate punishment
- b. He successfully escaped any consequences
- c. His actions led to a series of unfortunate events
- d. Society rewarded him for his brilliance

v. How did Griffin's invisibility affect his life negatively?

- a. He became a target for criminals
- b. He faced financial difficulties
- c. He couldn't be seen even when he wanted to be
- d. He became a homeless wanderer

**Q8. Answer any four of the following questions in 40-50 words each. 4x3=12 marks**

- a. The poet compares fog to a cat. Choose one animal from How to Tell wild animals that can be compared to fog. Explain the similarity.

- b. 'Sympathy and kindness are human virtues'. Write a character sketch of the postmaster with reference to these human virtues.
- c. What is the message that Frederick Forsyth wants to convey to the readers through the lesson 'The Black Aeroplane'?
- d. Grief is often seen as a measure of love. Do you think the Buddha's sermon undermines a mother's love? Justify your answer.
- e. What was Mijbil's behavior with the author in the beginning? How did it change over the time?

**Q9. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words each.(Any two) 2x3=6 marks**

- a. Highlight the values possessed by Anil which touched Hari's heart and made him return to his honest ways of earning his livelihood.
- b. Why did Ebright decide to raise a flock of butterflies in his basement?
- c. Why did Madam Loisel leave the ball in a hurry? What does this tell about her character?

**Q. 10 Answer the following question in about 100-120 words each. 6 marks**

It is our attitude towards a situation that makes it positive or negative. Do you agree with it? Express your views with reference to the poem 'Dust of Snow'.

**OR**

. "So the world is afflicted with death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world."

If you had to use the message of the given quote from the Buddha's sermon (The Sermon at Benares) to help Lencho cope with the loss of his crop (A Letter to God), what would you include in your advice? Also, evaluate how he might not readily agree with you.

**Q. 11 Answer the following question in about 100-120 words each. 6 marks**

"Oh I will, Mr Herriot. I'm sure you are right, but it is so difficult, so very difficult." Analyse this statement in detail, with reference to the character of Mrs Pumphrey from the story 'Triumph of Surgery.'

**OR**

Bholi has multiple handicaps. She is a girl who has pock-marks and she stammers. Yet she thrives against all odds. How can we change the social attitudes towards the differently abled?

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