

**ENGLISH**

**CLASS X**

**QUESTION BANK FOR DA Students**

**(2025-26)**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

One evening a boy of three was out for a walk with his father. There was also an elderly man with the father. Chatting they walked on and went beyond the village. Green crop delighted the eyes. The elders were walking along the edge of a field. Not hearing the footsteps of the boy, the father looked back. The boy was sitting on the ground and seemed to be planting something. The father became curious. "What are you doing?" said he. "Look, Father, I shall grow guns all over the field," was the innocent reply of the boy. His eyes shone with the strong faith that guns would grow in the field. Both the elders were struck with wonder at the little boy's words. The boy was Bhagat Singh who later fought like a hero for India's freedom and sacrificed his life.

a. The elders were walking along the edge of a field. True/False

Answer --- True

b. Who fought like a hero for India's freedom and sacrificed his life? Choose the correct option.

i. father    ii. elderly man    iii. Bhagat Singh

Answer ---- Bhagat Singh

c. Complete the given sentence:

The boy was sitting on the ground and .....

Answer-----seemed to be planting something.

d. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	B
wonder	blameless
innocent	surprise
	freedom

Answer---

A	B
wonder	surprise
innocent	blameless

**2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Dr C V Raman was the genius who won the Nobel Prize for Physics, with simple equipment barely worth ₹ 300. He was the first Asian scientist to win the Nobel Prize. He was a man of boundless curiosity and a lively sense of humour. His spirit of inquiry and devotion to science laid the foundation for scientific research in India. And he won honour as a scientist and affection as a teacher and a man.

Raman was studious. He kept in touch with the latest developments in science in the world around him. It was his conviction that if the research worker is not inspired from within, any amount of money cannot bring success in research.

a. Dr C V Raman was the first Asian scientist to win the Nobel Prize. True/False

Answer-True

b. Dr C V Raman won the Nobel prize for the equipment worth ₹.

(i) 300 (ii) 500 (iii) 800

Choose the correct option.

Answer---300

c. Complete the given sentence.

He kept in touch with the .....

Answer --- latest developments in Science in the world around him.

d. Match the words in column A with their antonyms in column B:

A	B
affection	failure
success	dislike
	touch

**Answer---**

A	B
affection	dislike
success	failure

### 3. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Early rising leads to health and happiness. Anyone who lies in the bed late is compelled to work till late hours in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts, his work will not produce as good results as that of an early riser. Several great thinkers say that they can write best when they burn the midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health.

a. Early rising leads to disease and unhappiness. True/False

Answer- False

b. When does our body need rest and sleep? Choose the correct option.

i. at midnight ii. in the morning iii. in the evening

Answer--- at midnight

c. Complete the given sentence:

Some thinkers can write best when .....

Answer----they burn the midnight oil.

d. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B:

A	B
compelled	destroy
ruin	forced
	late

Answer ---

A	B
compelled	forced
ruin	destroy

**4. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Each of us should have a hobby. Sometimes boys and girls are encouraged in schools to take up hobbies. They work at certain things in school such as collecting stamps, or carpentry, but their so called hobby is a thing for schools only. They do not pay any attention to it in their homes. Sometimes this is because of poverty, sometimes because of lack of interest. But a hobby is not really a hobby unless we are so interested in it that we want to carry it on whenever we have spare time. The dictionary tells us that a hobby is a favourite subject or occupation that is not one's main business. That is, it is something in which we are more interested than in anything else.

a. The dictionary meaning of hobby is that it is a favourite occupation that is one's main business. True/False

Answer-- False

b. Which hobbies are not mentioned in the passage? Choose the correct option.

i stamp collection ii. carpentry iii. painting

Answer-- painting

c. Complete the given sentence:

We should carry on our hobby whenever we have .....

Answer- spare time

d. Match the words in column A with their antonyms in column B:

A	B
lack	occupied
encourage	have
	discourage

Answer —

A	B
lack	have
encourage	discourage

**5. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Ashoka was one of the greatest rulers of India. Ashoka extended the Maurya Empire to the whole of India, reaching out even to Central Asia. Ashoka succeeded in conquering Kalinga after a bloody war in which 100000 men were

killed, 150000 were injured and thousands were captured and retained as slaves. The sight of the slaughter involved in his conquest deeply affected his mind. He renounced war and sought peace in Buddha's preaching of love and non-violence. So he gave up hunting.

a. Ashoka failed in conquering Kalinga. True/False

Answer — False

b. What did Ashoka give up? Choose the correct option.

i. hunting ii. peace iii. love

Answer --- hunting

c. Complete the following sentence:

i. Ashoka extended the Maurya empire.....

Answer --- to the whole of India.

d. Match the words in column A with their antonyms in column B:

A	B
war	hate
love	peace
	violence

Answer ---

A	B
war	peace
love	hate

**6. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Brothers and sisters, the long night is at last drawing to a close. Miseries and sorrows are disappearing. Ours is a sacred country. She is gradually waking up, thanks to the fresh breeze all around. Are you prepared for all sacrifices for the sake of our motherland? If you are, then you can rid the land of poverty and ignorance. You should develop a strong physique. You should shape your mind through study and meditation. Only then will victory be yours. Do you know who carried this message to the whole continent of Asia? It was Swami Vivekananda.

a. You should not shape your mind through study and meditation. True/False

Answer --- False

b. Who is gradually waking up? Choose the correct option.

i. brothers ii. sorrows iii. India

Answer --- India

c. Complete the given sentence:

We should make sacrifices for the sake of .....

Answer --- our motherland

d. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	B
gradually	holy
sacred	slowly

Answer ----		last
	A	B
	gradually	slowly
	sacred	holy

**7. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Guru Gobind Singh, the last of the ten Sikh gurus, was a great son of India. He led India to sublime heights of the glory. He brought about moral resurgence and created order out of disorderly social conditions. He was a multifaceted personality. He was a poet, a soldier, a statesman, a leader and a true socialist, all in one. He put his life into the dying social-order by giving it a wholly new outlook.

a. Guru Gobind Singh ji was the ninth Sikh Guru. True/False.

Answer --- False

b. He was a ..... personality. Choose the correct option.

i. sublime    ii. glory    iii. multifaceted

Answer --- multi-faceted

c. Complete the given sentence:

Guru Gobind Singh was a ..... of India.

Answer --- great son

d. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	B
glory	lawless
disorderly	high fame
	great

Answer ---	A	B
	glory	high fame
	disorderly	lawless

**8. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would walk back together. This time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to home growling and fighting with each other for chapattis we threw to them.

a. My grandmother went to school with me. True/False

Answer --- True

b. Where would the village dogs meet us? Choose the correct option.

i at the temple door    ii. in the school    iii. in the village

Answer --- at the temple door

c. Complete the given sentence:

The priest taught us the alphabet and.....

Answer --- the morning prayer

d. Match the words in column A with their antonyms in column B:

A	B
finished	depart
meet	started
	fighting

Answer .....

A	B
finished	started
meet	depart

**9. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Trees are of importance not only to man but also to birds and animals. The branches of trees give shelter to millions of birds and forests give shelter to many wild animals. We value trees not only for their usefulness but also for their beauty. They have a way of refreshing the eye and the mind. Perhaps that is why the rishis of olden days were drawn to the forests.

Once upon a time large areas of India were covered with forests full of numerous kinds of trees. As the population grew, man began to cut down trees for his own use. A great part of the forest wealth was lost. Now we are trying to replace this loss and our government wants trees to be planted all over the country.

a. Trees have a way of refreshing the eye and the mind. True/False

Answer --- True

b. Why did the man start cutting down the trees? Choose the correct option.

i. for the government    ii. for the animals    iii. due to population growth

Answer --- due to population growth

c. Complete the given sentence:

We value trees not only for their usefulness but also.....

Answer --- for their beauty

d. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	B
began	many
numerous	started
	grew

**Answer---**

A	B
began	started
numerous	many

**10. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

The elephant is the only animal with a trunk. It uses its trunk in many ways. It pulls leaves of trees with its trunk and then puts them into its mouth. It can use its trunk to get water. The trunk can hold a lot of water to drink. An elephant needs to drink more than three pints of water everyday. In Africa, men have hunted elephants for their tusks. The ivory from tusks is made into many beautiful things. It has been easy for men to train elephants. In Asia, people use elephants to carry heavy things over long distances.

a. It has been difficult for men to train elephants. True/False

Answer — False

b. How much water does an elephant need every day? Choose the correct option.

i. more than twenty pints ii. more than ten pints iii. more than three pints

Answer --- more than three pints

c. Complete the following sentence:

In Africa, men have hunted elephants for.....

Answer --- their tusks

d. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	B
tusks	good looking
beautiful	teeth
	ivory

Answer --- A B

tusks	teeth
beautiful	good looking

**11. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Frank was the son of a poor village carpenter. One day, Frank went with his father to the forest to cut trees. After a long day's hard work, Frank got tired and sat down on a log to take some rest. Suddenly, he heard a cry, " Help me, please....". He stood up with a jerk and looked about, but there was no one there! "Please help!" Frank heard the voice again. This time, Frank peeped into the hole in the log and saw a tiny fairy inside. Frank at once put his hand inside the hole and picked up the fairy. The fairy thanked Frank saying, " Many years ago, a wicked witch had cursed me and since then, I have been trapped in this log. Thank you for saving me" .

a. Frank's father was a woodcutter. True/False

Answer- False

b. Why did Frank go to the forest with his father?

i. to meet the fairy ii. to cut trees iii. to rest on the log

Answer- to cut trees

c. Complete the given sentence:

Frank heard \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer- - - a cry

d. Match the words in Column A with their antonyms in Column B:

A	B
inside	large
tiny	peeped
	outside

Answer- - -

A	B
inside	outside
tiny	large

## 12. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

There are three ways to make the Earth a greener place: Reduce, reuse and recycle. When people reduce, it means they are using less of something. This means less wastage. Turning off the water when we brush our teeth is a way of reducing. We don't waste water by doing this. Reusing is to use the things, we already have, again. We can use re-usable shopping bags made of cloth instead of plastic bags when we go to the market. Using both sides of the paper is also a way of reusing. Finally, we can recycle. Recycling is to create new materials from old ones. Materials like paper, plastic and metal can be recycled. You can recycle things like newspapers, soda cans, plastic containers and magazines. If we want to live in a green and clean world, we must take care of our world.

a. The meaning of reduce is to use again. True/False

Answer- False

b. What should we do when we go to the market, if we want to reuse?

i) use plastic bags      ii) use cloth bags      iii) use a basket

c. Complete the given sentence:

Reduce means using \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer- - - less of something

d) Match the words in Column A with their antonyms in Column B:

A	B
less	old
new	clean
	more

Answer- - -

A	B
less	more
new	old

### 13. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

An optimist is a person who looks at the good side of things. But a pessimist is the one who looks at the bad side of things. One who looks at the good qualities of others will make many friends and live a happy life. The others will make their own as well as the lives of others miserable. We expect others not to look at or mind our bad qualities. Let us remember that the others too expect the same from us. A very good way to live a happy life with several friends is to learn to look at the good qualities of others.

a. An optimist is the one who is very happy. True/False

Answer - - - False

b. What do we expect from others ?

- i. money      ii. to ignore our bad qualities      iii. to be miserable

c. Complete the given sentence:

A pessimist \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer - sees the bad side of things

d. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B:

A	B
happy	many
several	glad
	good

Answer- - -

A	B
happy	glad
several	many

### Choose the correct option to fill the blanks

#### HOMONYMS

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 14. There is no fire in the <u>grate</u> .          | (grate, great)  |
| 15. He failed <u>due</u> to his carelessness.       | (due, dew)      |
| 16. Do not <u>doze off</u> in the class.            | (dose, doze)    |
| 17. Give me a <u>cheque</u> of one thousand rupees. | (cheque, check) |
| 18. Ram is my <u>dear</u> friend.                   | (dear, deer)    |
| 19. I am going to a <u>fair</u> .                   | (fair, fare)    |

#### Match the idioms with their meanings.

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 20. An eye wash     | only pretence       |
| 21. In the air      | found everywhere    |
| 22. A bosom friend  | a very close friend |
| 23. At large        | free                |
| 24. At a discount   | rated low           |
| 25. To come to pass | to happen           |

26. Crocodile tears	false tears
27. All in all	all powerful
28. On the cards	probable
29. At length	in detail
30. As easy as abc	very easy
31. A close shave	narrow escape
32. At par	on equal level

Note: The question of idiom will come in the form of matching.

### One Word For Many

#### 33. Choose the correct word for group of words:

A period of one hundred years

- (a) century (b) decade (c) fortnight (d) millennium

**Ans. (a)**

#### 34. Choose the correct word for group of words:

A boy who is going to be married

- (a) single (b) bridegroom (c) bride (d) bachelor

**Ans. (b)**

### COMMON ERRORS

#### 35. Choose the correct sentence from the following:

- (a) Bible is holy book.  
 (b) The Bible is a holy book.  
 (c) The Bible is the holy book.  
 (d) Bible is a holy book.

**Ans. (b)**

#### 36. Choose the correct sentence from the following:

- (a) She found me lie on the ground.  
 (b) She found me to lie on the ground.  
 (c) She found me lying on the ground.  
 (d) She found me to lying on the ground.

Ans. (c)

#### 37. Choose the correct sentence from the following:

- (a) Geeta is holy book.  
 (b) The Geeta is the holy book.  
 (c) The Geeta is a holy book.  
 (d) Geeta is a holy book.

**Ans. (c)**

#### 38. Choose the correct sentence from the following:

- (a) Everybody is in holiday mood.  
 (b) Everybody were in holiday mood.  
 (c) Everybody was in a holiday mood.  
 (d) Everybody were in a holiday mood.

**Ans. (c)**

**39. Choose the correct sentence from the following:**

- (a) All men are mortal.
- (b) Every men are mortal.
- (c) All man are mortal.
- (d) All men is mortal.

**Ans. (a)**

**40. Choose the correct sentence from the following:**

- (a) The dog is a faithful animal.
- (b) Dog is a faithful animal.
- (c) Dog is faithful animal.
- (d) Dog is an faithful animal.

**Ans. (a)**

**41. Choose the correct sentence from the following:**

- (a) Manav does not obey his father.
- (b) Manav does not obey to his father.
- (c) Manav does not obey from his father.
- (d) Manav does not obey by his father.

**Ans. (a)**

**42. Choose the correct sentence from the following:**

- (a) Vegetables goes bad in summer.
- (b) A vegetables goes bad in summer.
- (c) Vegetables goes bad in summer.
- (d) Vegetables go bad in summer.

**Ans. (d)**

**43. Choose the correct sentence from the following:**

- (a) Can I come in, madam?
- (b) May I come in, madam?
- (c) Shall I come in, madam?
- (d) Would I come in, madam?

**Ans. (b)**

**44. Choose the correct sentence from the following:**

- (a) Rich should help the poor.

(b) The rich should help the poor.

(c) Rich should help poor.

(d) Riches should help the poor.

**Ans. (b)**

## **PROVERBS**

**Complete the proverbs with the correct option.**

45. A rolling \_\_\_\_\_ gathers no moss.

(a) brick (b) stone (c) rod (d) plate

Ans. (b)

46. Charity begins at \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) home (b) school (c) temple (d) gurudwara

Ans. (a)

47. Blood is thicker than \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) milk (b) water (c) oil (d) juice

Ans. (b)

48. All that glitters is not \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) silver (b) bronze (c) brass (d) gold

Ans. (d)

49. God helps those who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

(a) help (b) eat (c) sleep (d) walk

Ans. (a)

## **DETERMINERS**

**Fill in the blanks with a suitable determiner.**

50. Give me some honey. (some, many)

51. There is little milk in the bottle. (little, many)

52. She is an educated girl. (a, an)

53. I went to see the Taj Mahal. (the, a)
54. He went to a birthday party. (a, an)
55. My grandmother was an old lady. (an, a)
56. Only a few girls were present in the class. (much, a few)
57. She sang some songs for me. (some, much)
58. Chandigarh is the capital of Punjab. (the, a)
59. I am proud of my mother. (my, its)

## **PREPOSITIONS**

**Choose the correct preposition to fill in the given blanks.**

60. I prefer tea to coffee. (to, of)
61. Ram sat on a bench. (on, in)
62. We met in a park. (in, at)
63. Life is not a bed of roses, (of, for)
64. He is known to me. (to, with)
65. Have faith in God. (in, for)
66. He was accused of theft. (of, to)
67. Sita is fond of sweets. (of, for)
68. He jumped into the river. (into, in)
69. I shall go to Delhi on Monday. (on, in)

## **MODALS**

**Choose the correct modal to fill in the given blanks.**

70. Would you like to have a cup of coffee? (would, should)
71. You should do exercise daily. (should, could)
72. He can read and write English. (can, must)
73. Duty must be done. (must, should)
74. We must obey the law. (must, should)

75. How could you abuse me? (should, could)  
76. Can you finish your work in two hours? (can, may)  
77. Rich man can buy many things. (can, must)  
78. It may rain today. (may, should)  
79. You should clean your teeth daily. (could, should)

## CONJUNCTIONS

**Choose the correct conjunction to fill in the given blanks.**

80. He is hard working but not intelligent (but, and)  
81. I was late for school because I missed the bus. (or, because)  
82. Let us go to bed as it is late now. (as, but)  
83. Ram and Sham are real brothers. (and, or)  
84. He worked so hard that he got success. (so-that, too-to)  
85. The patient had died before the doctor came. (after, before)  
86. Make hay while the sun shines. (while, between)  
87. I like English but he likes Mathematics. (but, and)  
88. Both Raj and Ashok played well. (both-and, so-that)  
89. Though he is poor yet he is happy. (though-yet, both-and)

## NON-FINITES

**Fill the correct form of non-finite in the blanks.**

90. They were eager to start the game. (start)  
91. We saw him standing at the bus stand. (stand)  
92. You are requested to help me. (help)  
93. He decided to take tuition. (take)  
94. I want them to come back. (come)  
95. Every miser hates spending money. (spend)  
96. This word is difficult to spell. (spell)

97. The boys wanted to go on a picnic. (go)

98. He used to go to the temple daily. (go)

99. The student was unable to solve the sum. (solve)

**Choose the correct answer.**

100. All (that glitters) is not gold.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans (c)

**101. Choose the correct answer.**

Life is (what you make it).

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (a)

**102. Choose the correct answer.**

(Where there is a will) there is a way.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (b)

**103. Choose the correct answer.**

My fear was (that Mohan would reach late).

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (a)

**104. Choose the correct answer.**

Look (before you leap).

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (b)

**105. Choose the correct answer.**

(As he was sick), he remained at home.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (b)

**106. Choose the correct answer.**

He killed the snake (that bit his wife).

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (c)

**107. Choose the correct answer.**

It is uncertain (that it will rain)

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (a)

**108. Choose the correct answer.**

The news (that Sania Mirza has won) is correct.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (c)

**109. Choose the correct answer.**

(Since you are late), I cannot let you go in.

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverb clause
- (c) Adjective clause
- (d) Principal clause

Ans. (b)

**110. Change the voice.**

She will water the plants.

- (a) The plants will be watered by her.
- (b) The plants will be water by her.
- (c) The plants will watered by her.
- (d) The plants will be watered by him.

Ans. (a)

**111. Change the voice.**

Do not insult your elders.

- (a) Your elders should not be insulted.
- (b) Your elders should not insulted.
- (c) Your elders should never be insulted.
- (d) Your elders should be insulted.

Ans. (a)

**112. Change the voice.**

His behaviour disgusts me.

- (a) I am disgusted by his behaviour.
- (b) I am disgusted with his behaviour.
- (c) I am disgusted on his behaviour.
- (d) I am disgusted at his behaviour.

Ans. (b)

**113. Change the voice.**

Whom do you love?

- (a) Who is loved by you?
- (b) Who is loved from you?
- (c) Who is love by you?
- (d) Who was loved by you?

Ans. (a)

**114. Change the voice.**

A race is being run by them.

- (a) They were running a race.
- (b) They have run a race.
- (c) They had run a race.
- (d) They are running a race.

Ans. (d)

**115. Change the voice.**

They may join the strike.

- (a) The strike may be joined by them.
- (b) The strike may joined by them.
- (c) The strike may be join by them.
- (d) The strike may be joined by him.

Ans. (a)

**116. Choose active voice sentence from the following sentences.**

- (a) Happy news is expected by us.
- (b) She will water the plants.
- (c) I was not listened to by them.
- (d) Stamps were collected by the children.

Ans. (b)

**117. Choose active voice sentence from the following sentences.**

- (a) He helped his father in old age.

- (b) His ways are known to me.
- (c) Milk is contained in this jug.
- (d) Rose is sweet when smelt.

Ans. (a)

**118. Choose passive voice sentence from the following sentences.**

- (a) My camera has been stolen.
- (b) I didn't cheat my friends.
- (c) Whom are you waiting for ?
- (d) One must obey one's parents.

Ans. (a)

**119. Choose passive voice sentence from the following sentences.**

- (a) It has to be learnt by heart.
- (b) What have you done for me?
- (c) I should not disturb you.
- (d) This news alarmed us.

Ans. (a)

### **DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH**

120. She said, "Tea is ready."

- (a) She said that tea was ready.
- (b) She said tea was ready.
- (c) She said tea is ready.
- (d) She said that tea is ready.

Ans. (a)

121. Radha said, "I am going home now".

- (a) Radha said that she is going home then.
- (b) Radha said she was going home then.
- (c) Radha said that she was going home then.
- (d) Radha said that she was going home now.

Ans. (c)

122. Bimla says, "Manju wrote a poem".

(a) Bimla says that Manju writes a poem. (b) Bimla says that Manju has written a poem.

(c) Bimla says that Manju wrote a poem. (d) Bimla says that she wrote a poem.

Ans. (c)

123. Ram said, "I will write a book".

(a) Ram said that he will write a book.

(b) Ram said that he would write a book.

(c) Ram said that I will write a book.

(d) Ram said that he shall write a book.

Ans. (b)

124. She said, "I may go there".

(a) She said that she may go there.

(b) She said that she will go there.

(c) She said that she might go there.

(d) She said that she would go there.

Ans. (c)

125. Preeti said, "She teaches English well".

(a) Preeti said that she taught English well.

(b) Preeti said that she had taught English well.

(c) Preeti said that she teaches English well.

(d) Preeti said that she has taught English well.

Ans. (a)

126. My brother said, "I have completed my work".

(a) My brother said that he completed his work.

(b) My brother said that he had completed his work.

(c) My brother said I had completed my work.

(d) My brother said that he had completed my work.

Ans. (b)

127. Meena said, "This happened yesterday".

(a) Meena said that that happened the previous day.

(b) Meena said that that had happened the yesterday.

(c) Meena said that that had happened the previous day.

(d) Meena said that that had happen the previous day.

Ans. (c)

128. He said, "Man is mortal".

(a) He said that man was mortal.

(b) He said that man has been mortal.

(c) He said that man will be mortal.

(d) He said that man is mortal.

Ans. (d)

129. He said, "How is your mother?"

(a) He asked how his mother was?

(b) He asked how is his mother.

(c) He asked how was his mother.

(d) He asked how his mother was.

Ans. (d)

**130. Choose the correct tense form.**

I am leaving for Kolkata tomorrow.

(a) Present Continuous Tense

(b) Future Continuous Tense

(c) Present Indefinite Tense

(d) Future Indefinite Tense

Ans. (a)

**131. Change into Past Indefinite Tense.**

He rides a bicycle.

- (a) He rode a bicycle.
- (b) He was riding a bicycle.
- (c) He had been riding a bicycle.
- (d) He has ridden a bicycle.

Ans. (a)

**132. Change into Present Indefinite Tense.**

The old man died of cold.

- (a) The old man dies of cold.
- (b) The old man has died of cold.
- (c) The old man is dying of cold.
- (d) The old man has been dying of cold.

Ans. (a)

**133. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Choose the correct option**

She helps the poor.

- (a) Present Indefinite
- (b) Present Perfect
- (c) Past Indefinite
- (d) Past Perfect

Ans. (a)

**134. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Choose the correct option.**

They have broken the window pane.

- (a) Present Indefinite
- (b) Present Perfect
- (c) Past Indefinite
- (d) Past Perfect

Ans. (b)

**135. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Choose the correct option.**

I employed two hundred men.

- (a) Present Indefinite
- (b) Present Perfect
- (c) Past Indefinite
- (d) Past Perfect

Ans. (c)

**136. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Choose the correct option.**

I had never expected it to come this way.

- (a) Present Indefinite
- (b) Present Perfect
- (c) Past Indefinite
- (d) Past Perfect

Ans. (d)

**137. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Choose the correct option.**

She will come here at seven o'clock.

- (a) Future Indefinite
- (b) Present Perfect
- (c) Past Indefinite
- (d) Past Perfect

Ans. (a)

**138. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Choose the correct option.**

The peon was ringing the bell.

- (a) Present Indefinite
- (b) Present Perfect
- (c) Past Continuous
- (d) Past Perfect

Ans. (c)

**139. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) We bought apples oranges peaches and bananas.
- (b) We bought apples, oranges, peaches and bananas.
- (c) We bought apples; oranges; peaches and bananas.
- (d) We bought apples/oranges/peaches and bananas.

Ans. (b)

**140. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) My sister is an MA B.Ed.
- (b) My sister is a MA B.Ed.
- (c) My sister is an M.A., B.Ed.
- (d) My sister is an M.A B.Ed.

Ans. (c)

**141. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) She is an American. She a Dutch.
- (b) She is an American. she a Dutch.
- (c) She is an American; she, a Dutch.
- (d) She is an American she a dutch.

Ans. (c)

**142. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) Harpreet is a student of Khalsa College, Amritsar.
- (b) Harpreet is a student of Khalsa College Amritsar.
- (c) Harpreet is a student of Khalsa college Amritsar.
- (d) Harpreet is a student of Khalsa college, Amritsar.

Ans. (a)

**143. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) He lost money reputation and friends.
- (b) He lost money, reputation and friends.

- (c) he lost money reputation and friends.
- (d) He lost money reputation, and friends.

Ans. (b)

**144. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) We want help, not sympathy.
- (b) We want help not sympathy.
- (c) we want help, not sympathy.
- (d) we want help not sympathy.

Ans. (a)

**145. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) The Headmaster said to the student yes, come in”.
- (b) The Headmaster said to the student Yes, come in.”
- (c) The Headmaster said to the student, “Yes, come in.”
- (d) The Headmaster said to the student yes, come in.

Ans. (c)

**146. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) John Smith lived soberly, honestly and prudently.
- (b) John Smith lived soberly honestly and prudently.
- (c) John Smith; lived soberly, honestly and prudently.
- (d) John smith lived soberly, honestly and prudently.

Ans. (a)

**147. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) Portia is the heroine of Shakespeare’s ‘The Merchant of Venice’.
- (b) Portia is the heroine of shakespeare’s ‘The Merchant of Venice’.
- (c) portia is the heroine of Shakespeares ‘The Merchant of Venice’.
- (d) Portia is the heroine of Shakespeare’s the merchant of venice’.

Ans. (a)

**148. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

- (a) Long live the president.
- (b) long live the president.
- (c) Long live the president !
- (d) long live the President.

Ans. (c)

**(Main Course)**

**Fill Ups**

- 149. The swallow was going to Egypt. (Egypt, England)
- 150. The drops were coming from the eyes of the Happy Prince. (ears, eyes)
- 151. The young man in the garret was writing a play. (play, story)
- 152. War is dangerous for all. (all, none)
- 153. Spiritual and moral values are needed in the world today. (moral, immoral)
- 154. Human welfare should be the ultimate aim of science. (welfare, destruction)
- 155. All fears are imaginary. (imaginary, real)
- 156. The noises were made by a chipmunk. (snake, chipmunk)
- 157. An average man uses twenty percent of his brain power. (fifty, twenty)
- 158. Della had long and beautiful hair. (long, short)
- 159. Della sold her hair for twenty dollars. (thirty, twenty)
- 160. Jim sold his watch to buy gift for Della. (watch, chain)
- 161. Della bought a platinum watch chain for Jim. (gold, platinum)
- 162. The name of Phatik's brother was Makhan. (Bishamber, Makhan)
- 163. Phatik's uncle lived in Kolkata. (Kolkata, Mumbai)
- 164. Phatik was sad at his uncle's home. (happy, sad)
- 165. Phatik died in the end. (lived, died)

166. Solar means belonging to the Sun. (Sun, Earth)  
167. The Moon is called the satellite of the Earth. (Sun, Earth)  
168. The Earth goes round the Sun. (Moon, Sun)  
169. Planets get light from the Sun. (Stars, Sun)  
170. Liberty is a social contract. (personal, social)  
171. The author was reading a blue book. (red, blue)  
172. The author was travelling by a train. (bus, train)

**(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)**

173. The author met with an accident. (Naeem, author)  
174. The author lost his eyesight in an accident. (legs, eyesight)  
175. Naeem helped the author to start painting again. (painting, writing)  
176. The author got his eyesight after the third operation. (second, third)  
177. Subbiah sold rice. (wheat, rice)  
178. Subbiah was a rich merchant. (poor, rich)  
179. Subbiah had five children. (five, four)  
180. Subbiah was buried under rice bags. (wheat, rice)  
181. Gillian's uncle left him one thousand dollars in his will. (one, two)  
182. Miss Lotta was a theatre dancer. (painter, dancer)  
183. Gillian gave his one thousand dollars to Miss Hayden. (Miss Hayden, Miss Lotta)  
184. Gillian was an irresponsible young man. (responsible, irresponsible)  
185. Sherlock Holmes was a detective. (policeman, detective)  
186. Watson was Sherlock Holmes' friend. (friend, enemy)  
187. Culverton Smith was a planter. (planter, detective)  
188. Inspector Morton arrested Smith. (Hudson, Inspector Morton)  
189. The two women were real sisters. (sisters, brothers)  
190. Pakhom was a farmer. (farmer, labourer)

191. Pakhom bought forty acres of land from the land lady. (forty, twenty)

192. The Bashkirs used to live in tents. (houses, tents)

193. The boy was very fat. (fat, thin)

194. He was learning duck-diving. (duck-diving, swimming)

195. The boy could not see without his glasses. (glasses, gloves)

196. The boy found a tin box inside the water. (tin box, brick)

### **TRUE/FALSE (Main Course)**

197. The Happy Prince was decorated all over with fine gold. (True)

198. The statue of the happy prince stood on a high column above the city. (True)

199. The boy wanted to go to Egypt. (False)

200. Science has created many physical problems. (False)

201. Science has provided man extra limbs. (True)

202. As a result of war, millions of people starve. (True)

203. The author found a little chipmunk in darkness. (True)

204. Reservoir of unused power is not there in the personality of every man. (False)

205. Chesterton wanted to preach against fear. (True)

206. Della sold her hair for twenty dollars. (True)

207. Looking at herself in mirror, Della became nervous. (True)

208. Della sold her hair for twenty dollars. (True)

209. Some scholars praised Ashtavakra's deformed body. (False)

210. A lady laughed at Swami Vivekananda. (True)

211. In ancient India, a woman was always considered a devi. (True)

212. Phatik and his friends wanted to roll the log away. (True)

213. Phatik's mother did not like his ways. (True)

214. Phatik's aunt loved him. (False)

215. Phatik's fertile mind always thought of new mischiefs. (True)

216. All the water vapour in the air condensed into water. (True)
217. Planets twinkle at night. (False)
218. Planets have natural satellites. (True)
219. We should not interfere in the liberty of others. (True)
220. A stout lady was walking in the middle of the railway line. (False)
221. The writer could not concentrate on the book. (True).
222. Liberty is not a personal affair, it is a social contract. (True)
223. The Happy Prince requested the boy to stay. (False)
224. Moral values are needed today. (True)
225. The boy became highly successful. (True)
226. Jim had a golden watch. (True)
227. Swami Vivekananda loved his country. (True)
228. Lord Rama tasted the berries of a bheel woman. (True)
229. Phatik died in the end. (True)
230. The moon is a natural satellite of the earth. (True)
231. Liberty is a social contract. (True)

**TRUE/FALSE (POETRY)**

232. A happy man is afraid of death. (False)
233. A happy man leads a free and honest life. (True)
234. All are equal before death. (True)
235. Only noble deeds done by men live after death. (True)
236. Sir Pertab Singh is the real hero. (True)
237. Sir Pertab Singh lives in a temple. (False)
238. Razia is a young tigress. (True)
239. Sheru had come back. (False)
240. Sheru is an expert on winds. (True)

241. The poet wants India to be a heaven of freedom. (True)

242. Everyone should have the right to education. (True)

**TRUE/FALSE (Supplementary Reader)**

243. The author knew that Naeem was also blind. (False)

244. Naeem had left the hospital because he had no money. (True)

245. Naeem urged the author to start painting again. (True)

246. The author regained his eyesight after the second operation. (False)

247. Subbiah's profits decreased during the war. (False)

248. Subbiah managed to get rice during the war. (True)

249. The man was buried under the bags and died. (False)

250. Subbiah's wife took the man to godown. (True)

251. Gillian gave the money to Miss Hayden. (True)

252. Robert Gillian was not happy with the money given to him. (True)

253. Gillian gave the lawyer one thousand dollars. (False)

254. Robert Gillian received one thousand dollars from his uncle. (True)

255. Holmes was actually seriously ill. (False)

256. Mrs Hudson was the landlady of Sherlock Holmes. (True)

257. Morton was charged with the murder of his nephew. (False)

258. Smith sends Holmes infected sharp spring in an ivory box. (True)

259. The two women discussed about village life and town life. (True)

260. The chief did not agree to sell land to Pakhom. (False)

261. Pakhom borrowed some money from his brother-in-law. (True)

262. Contentment makes life easy and happy. (True)

263. Sausage put his coin collection in the tin-box. (True)

264. The instructor threw a tin into the pond. (False)

265. Duck-diving is deep diving into water. (True)

266. Sausage had a weak memory. (False)
267. Naeem limped and was on bed number 29. (True)
268. Naeem's friend bought all paintings. (False)
269. Subbiah was a poor merchant. (False)
270. Robert Gillian loved his uncle. (False)
271. Robert Gillian lost money on races. (False)
272. Watson was able to save Holmes. (True)
273. Holmes did not want Watson to touch his things. (True)
274. Pakhom was dead in the end. (True)
275. Pakhom's heart did not leap with desire. (False)

**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS:- (Main course)**

276. The swallow was going to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Egypt (b) England (c) USA (d) Canada

Ans.(a)

277. Science has helped man to live \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) forever (b) no more (c) longer (d) a short life

Ans. (c)

278. We should have faith that \_\_\_\_\_ is always with us.

- (a) God (b) everyman (c) nobody (d) somebody

Ans. (a)

279. Della's house was a picture of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) richness (b) poverty (c) pollution (d) dust

Ans. (b)

280. Shivaji bowed his head before the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) woman (b) man (c) teacher (d) Guru

Ans. (a)

281. Phatik's aunt became very upset at his coming to \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Bombay (b) Delhi (c) Calcutta (d) Agra

Ans. (c)

282. The earth goes round the \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) moon (b) sun (c) stars (d) planets

Ans. (b)

283. \_\_\_\_\_ was walking down in the middle of the road.

(a) a stout lady (b) a short lady (c) a tall lady (d) a young lady

Ans. (a)

284. Drops were coming from the Happy Prince's \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) nose (b) eyes (c) head (d) lips.

Ans. (b)

285. \_\_\_\_\_ are the greatest triumphs of science.

(a) machines (b) war (c) values (d) slaves

Ans. (a)

286. \_\_\_\_\_ in God gives us real peace of mind.

(a) faith (b) fear (c) love (d) hate

Ans. (a)

287. Della wanted to buy a Christmas gift for \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) her friend (b) her father (c) mother (d) her husband

Ans. (d)

288. Some scholars laughed at Ashtavakra's \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) deformed body (b) joke (c) friend (d) luck

Ans. (a)

289. Phatik's \_\_\_\_\_ did not like his ways.

(a) sister (b) mother (c) ward (d) student

Ans. (b)

290. In the beginning, the earth was very \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) cold (b) hot (c) beautiful (d) small

Ans. (b)

291. The writer was reading a \_\_\_\_\_ book.

(a) red (b) blue (c) green (d) white

Ans. (b)

292. The statue was decorated with \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) gold (b) silver (c) copper (d) bronze

Ans. (a)

293. The match girl's matches had fallen into \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) glass (b) gutter (c) dustbin (d) bowl

Ans. (b)

294. \_\_\_\_\_ values are really needed in the world today.

(a) material (b) spiritual (c) political (d) economic

Ans. (b)

295. Almost every year many new \_\_\_\_\_ are invented.

(a) awards (b) structures (c) drugs (d) wonders

Ans. (c)

296. Every individual has a \_\_\_\_\_ of unused power.

(a) house (b) system (c) sign (d) store

Ans. (d)

297. The boy became \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

(a) doctor (b) successful (c) genius (d) teacher

Ans. (b)

298. Della managed to sell her hair for \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

(a) ten (b) twenty (c) thirty (d) forty

Ans. (b)

299. Jim had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) shirt (b) trouser (c) watch (d) turban

Ans. (c)

300. Phatik's last words were , ' \_\_\_\_\_, the holidays have come.'

(a) sister (b) brother (c) father (d) mother

Ans-(d)

301. All the hollows of the earth were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ when it rained heavily.

(a) water (b) juice (c) salt (d) snow

Ans. (a)

### (POETRY)

302. A happy man obeys the rules of \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) traffic (b) the road (c) goodness (d) government

Ans. (c)

303. Ultimate fate of all human beings is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) old age (b) life (c) death (d) youth

Ans. (c)

304. Sir Pertab Singh's friend was \_\_\_\_\_ soldier.

(a) an Indian (b) an English (c) a Chinese (d) a Pakistani

Ans. (b)

305. Razia, the tigress has \_\_\_\_\_ cubs.

(a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four

Ans. (b)

306. Where the \_\_\_\_\_ is without fear.

(a) head (b) mind (c) truth (d) knowledge

Ans. (b)

307. Sir Pertab Singh lived in \_\_\_\_\_ house.

(a) Rose-red (b) yellow (c) blue green (d) black

Ans. (a)

308. Sheru was an expert on \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) winds (b) hunting (c) racing (d) aiming at birds

Ans. (a)

309. A happy man is not afraid of \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) death (b) traffic (c) armour (d) goat

Ans. (a)

### Multiple Choice Questions

310. The author was struck by a fast moving \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) train (b) vehicle (c) bicycle (d) rickshaw

Ans. (b)

311. Lawyer Tolman gave \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to Robert Gillian.

(a) 1000 (b) 2000 (c) 3000 (d) 4000

Ans. (a)

312. Holmes got illness on \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Monday (b) Tuesday (c) Wednesday (d) Sunday

Ans. (c)

313. The Bashkirs had plenty of \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) land (b) money (c) gold (d) oil

Ans. (a)

314. The fat boy had weak \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) memory (b) eyesight (c) legs (d) arms

Ans. (b)

315. Naeem urged the author to re-start \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) playing (b) singing (c) studying (d) painting

Ans. (d)

316. Naeem occupied bed number \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) 26 (b) 27 (c) 28 (d) 29

Ans. (d)

317. Subbiah followed the rules only \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) on paper (b) in practice (c) on Sundays (d) before the officers

Ans. (a)

318. Subbiah's father did not allow him to leave the \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) scheme (b) home (c) shop (d) village

Ans. (c)

319. Who was going to perform a show at stage?

(a) Miss Lotta (b) Mr Gillian's wife (c) Miss Hayden (d) Bobby Gillian

Ans. (a)

320. The blind man was selling \_\_\_\_\_ on the walkside.

(a) books (b) pencils (c) pens (d) notebooks

Ans. (b)

321. Holmes got illness from some \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Indian sailors (b) Chinese sailors (c) English sailors (d) Russian sailors

Ans. (b)

322. Smith sends Holmes infected sharp spring in \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) a silver box (b) an ivory box (c) a golden box (d) a red box

Ans. (b)

323. Pakhom made friendship with Bashkirs by giving them \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) dowry (b) money (c) costly gifts (d) food

Ans. (c)

324. Pakhom managed to buy \_\_\_\_\_ acres from estate owner.

(a) twenty (b) thirty (c) forty (d) fifty

Ans. (c)

325. The fat boy was called \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Sausage (b) rubber (c) bubble gum (d) flabby

Ans. (a)

326. Sausage was learning \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) skating (b) duck diving (c) swimming (d) jumping

Ans. (b)

327. \_\_\_\_\_ consoled the author of 'Bed Number 29'.

(a) Naeem (b) doctor (c) nurse (d) warden

Ans. (a)

328. He had spent all his money to pay for author's \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) paintings (b) demands (c) conditions (d) furniture

Ans. (a)

329. Subbiah's profits \_\_\_\_\_ during the war.

(a) decreased (b) increased (c) balanced (d) go down

Ans. (b)

330. Subbiah had \_\_\_\_\_ children.

(a) one (b) two (c) three (d) five

Ans. (d)

331. Bobby Gillian got \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to spend from his uncle's property.

(a) one hundred (b) one thousand (c) one crore (d) one lakh

Ans. (b)

332. Watson was a \_\_\_\_\_ by profession.

(a) teacher (b) lawyer (c) doctor (d) manager

Ans. (c)

333. Pakhom was a very \_\_\_\_\_ man.

(a) helpful (b) greedy (c) kind (d) selfish

Ans. (b)

334. Sausage brought a \_\_\_\_\_ from under the water.

(a) tin box (b) fish (c) duck (d) pearl

Ans. (a)

335. Duck-diving means diving into water in the manner of a \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) fish (b) duck (c) crocodile (d) turtle

Ans. (b)

## **Part-B**

### **Question-Answer (Main Course)**

336. Where was the swallow going to?

Ans. The swallow was going to Egypt.

337. What did the Happy Prince send to the seamstress?

Ans. The Happy Prince sent a large ruby.

338. Where were the drops coming from?

Ans. The drops were coming from the eyes of the Happy Prince.

339. Where did the matches of the match girl fall?

Ans. The matches fell into the gutter.

340. What was the young man in the garret writing?

Ans. The young man was writing a play.

341. What were the two most precious things in the city?

Ans. The lead heart of the Happy Prince and the dead bird were the two most precious things in the city.

342. What does science ignore?

Ans. Science ignores moral and spiritual values.

343. What does war cause?

Ans. War causes death and destruction.

344. In which field are machines helpful?

Ans. Machines are helpful in every field.

345. What should be the ultimate aim of science?

Ans. Human welfare should be the ultimate aim of science.

346. What have new drugs added to ?

Ans. More years to human life.

347. What is needed in the world today?

Ans. Moral and spiritual values are needed in the world today.

348. What is the secret of success?

Ans. To understand one's own abilities.

349. How much brain power does an average man use?

Ans. An average man uses twenty percent of brain power.

350. Who made a noise when the author opened the door?

Ans. A little chipmunk made a noise.

351. Who was Mr Kagawa?

Ans. Mr Kagawa was a Japanese preacher.

352. How can one get rid of fear?

Ans. By leaving oneself on the will of God.

353. What did Mr Kagawa discover?

Ans. He discovered a priceless secret of immersing oneself in the grace of God.

354. How did Jim manage to buy gift for Della?

Ans. By selling his gold watch.

355. How much money did Jim earn a week?

Ans. Jim earned twenty dollars a week.

356. What type of hair did Della have?

Ans. Della had lovely long brown hair.

357. What did Della sell to buy a gift for Jim?

Ans. Della sold her hair to buy a gift for Jim.

358. What gift did Jim bring for Della?

Ans. Jim brought a set of combs for Della.

359. Who did the gods go to?

Ans. The gods went to Lord Vishnu.

360. Who sacrificed his life for the gods?

Ans. Saint Dadhichi

361. What did Ashtavakra call the scholars?

Ans. Ashtavakra called them skimmers.

362. How did Ashtavakra look?

Ans. Ashtavakra had a deformed body.

363. What status was given to women in ancient times?

Ans. A high status

364. How old was Phatik?

Ans. Phatik was fourteen years old.

365. Who was Makhan?

Ans. Makhan was Phatik's brother.

366. Who came to meet Phatik's mother?

Ans. Phatik's uncle came to meet his mother.

367. Where did Phatik go with his uncle?

Ans. Phatik went to Calcutta with his uncle.

368. What happened to Phatik in the end?

Ans. Phatik died in the end.

369. What were Phatik's last words?

Ans. 'Mother, the holidays have come'.

370. What do you mean by solar?

Ans. Solar means belonging to the Sun.

371. Name the satellite of the Earth.

Ans. The moon is the satellite of the Earth.

372. Do the stars twinkle?

Ans. Yes, the stars twinkle.

373. How many years did the earth take to cool down?

Ans. The earth took millions of years to cool down.

374. How were oceans and seas formed?

Ans. Rain water filled all the hollows of the earth. They became oceans and seas.

375. From where do the planets get light?

Ans. Planets get light from the Sun.

376. Who was walking down the middle of a street in Petrograd?

Ans. An old lady was walking down there.

377. What is liberty?

Ans. Liberty is a social contract.

378. What is meant by pavement?

Ans. It is a path where foot passengers walk.

379. Who disturbed the author in the train?

Ans. A fellow passenger disturbed the author.

380. What was the author reading?

Ans. The author was reading a blue book.

381. Is liberty a personal affair?

Ans. No, it is a social contract.

2. (B) **Answer the following questions: (INTERNAL CHOICE)** (4 Marks)

382. Why was the prince called the Happy Prince? (The Happy Prince)

Ans. The Prince lived in a palace. He had all the pleasures of life. His courtiers called him the Happy Prince because he had never seen sorrows, sufferings or miseries. He didn't know what tears were. He always remained happy. Thus he lived, and thus he died.

383. Comment on the remarks-'The living beings always think that gold can make them happy.' (The Happy Prince)

Ans. The statement 'The living beings always think that gold can make them happy' is true. Living beings are greedy by nature. They are never satisfied. The more they have, the more they want. They think that gold can make them happy. But they do not know that money cannot give us eternal happiness. Real happiness lies in sympathy and satisfaction.

384. List the material triumphs of science and non-material necessities to make the world a better place. (Where is Science Taking Us?)

Ans. Science has given us all the material comforts of life. But it has done nothing with regard to the non-material necessities. List of the material triumphs and the non-material necessities is given below:

Material triumphs:	Non-material necessities
a. Abnormal power	a. Charity
b. Production of more and more food	b. Understanding
c. Invention of machines	c. Mercy
d. Invention of new drugs	d. justice

385. What is the ultimate aim of science? (Where is science taking us?)

Ans. Everyday science is developing material things. But the ultimate aim of science should be the development of non-material necessities (ethical and spiritual values) that can make our world a better place like:

- charity
- understanding
- mercy
- justice
- tolerance
- forbearance

386. Write a small paragraph on 'The Proper Use of Human Energy'. (Secret of Happiness)

Ans. Everyone has a great source of energy. But sadly, an average man uses only twenty percent of it. The rest remains unused. If a weak personality makes use of his unused power, he can become strong. Such a person can attain complete peace of mind that nothing can destroy.

387. Write, in brief, the message given by Mr Kagawa. (Secret of Happiness)

Ans. Mr Kagawa discovered that if a person immerses himself over a long period in the grace of God, he can attain peace that nothing can destroy. So we must have faith in God. We must have faith that God is always with us and cares for us.

388. Expenses had been greater than she had calculated. Why?(A Gift for Christmas)

Ans. Jim earned only twenty dollars a week. Out of it, eight dollars were spent on house rent. The rest was spent on the family livelihood. So, Della could save only 1.87 dollars. Naturally, expenses had been greater than she had calculated.

389. Both Jim and Della gave each other the gifts of rare love. How? Explain. (A Gift for Christmas)

Ans. Jim and Della had two precious things:

(a) Jim had a golden watch of his father's and grandfather's.

(b) Della had lovely long brown hair.

Both of them sold their precious things to buy a Christmas gift for each other. Thus, their gifts were of no use but proved to be the gifts of rare love.

390. Describe the incident of Della's selling her hair. (A Gift for Christmas)

Ans. Della wanted to buy a Christmas gift for Jim. But she didn't have enough money. She thought of selling her hair. She went to a shop which dealt with hair goods. She sold her lovely long hair for twenty dollars. Then she bought a platinum watch chain for Jim.

391. What is the difference between the positions of women in society in the ancient times and now? (Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian Thought and Practices)

Ans. In the ancient times, women enjoyed a high status. No function was considered to be complete without their participation. If not, a statue of the woman was created to complete their participation. In modern India, women are not shown due respect and dignity. They are discriminated against men. They are looked upon as an object of lust.

392. What does the practice of 'Langar' stand for?(Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian Thought and Practices)

Ans. Langar tells us that we should eat only after sharing our meals. It conveys us the message of:

a. Unity despite of caste, colour or creed

b. Brotherhood and equality

c. Love and fellow feeling

393. Write a short note on the making of the earth. (The Making of the Earth)

Ans. Long ago, the earth and all the planets were part of the sun. The sun was terribly hot. Somehow, little bits of the sun got loose and they shot out into the air. One of these bits was our earth. In the beginning, it was very hot. But slowly it started to cool down. Life began on it.

394. Write a few words on the happy family of the sun. (The Making of the Earth)

Ans. Solar means belonging to the sun. The Solar system means family of the sun. It has the sun, the planets and their satellites. The sun is called the father of this group. The planets revolve round the sun and the satellites revolve round the planets. This entire group is called the happy family of the sun.

395. What is the theme of the essay, 'The Rule of the Road'? (The Rule of the Road)

Ans. Liberty is not a personal affair. It is a social contract. A reasonable consideration for the rights of others is the basis of social contract. So, one's personal liberty should not become a cause of nuisance for others. We must have regard for others' liberty. Only then we can sweeten the journey of life.

396. Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract. Explain.  
(The Rule of the Road)

Ans. Liberty is not a personal affair. It is a social contract. A reasonable consideration for the rights of others is the basis of social contract. So, one's personal liberty should not become a cause of nuisance for others. We must have regard for others' liberty.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY READER (15-20 words)**

397. How did the author lose his eyesight? (Bed Number 29)

Ans. One day the author was going on a busy street. He met with an accident. So he lost his eyesight.

398. When did the author regain his confidence? (Bed Number 29)

Ans. Naeem urged the author to start painting again. Naeem praised his paintings and the author regained his confidence.

399. Did the author know that Naeem was also blind like him? (Bed Number 29)

Ans. No, the author did not know that Naeem was also blind. He would describe the scenes to the author and admire his paintings highly.

400. Why could Naeem not get his treatment done? (Bed Number 29)

Ans. Naeem had spent all his money to pay for the author's paintings. Now he was left with no money.

401. Write a note on the character of Naeem. (Bed Number 29)

- Ans. Naeem was an artist and a cheerful person. He was also blind like the author.  
He was a very kind hearted man.
402. Where was Naeem when the author regained his eyesight? (Bed Number 29)
- Ans. Naeem had left the hospital by then. He had spent all his money to pay for author's paintings.
403. How did Subbiah manage to get rice during the drought? (Half a Rupee Worth)
- Ans. During the drought he would go round the countryside and collect as much rice as he could.
404. Why did Subbiah ask the man to wait? (Half a Rupee Worth)
- Ans. Subbiah did not want anyone to know about his secret godown. So he asked the man to wait.
405. Besides selling rice what else did Subbiah do to earn more? (Half a Rupee Worth)
- Ans. Subbiah lent money at high rates of interest. If people failed to pay back, he would acquire their lands.
406. How did Subbiah's profits increase during the war? (Half a Rupee Worth)
- Ans. During the war, there was scarcity of rice, Subbiah sold his rice at a high rate and earned huge profits.
407. How much rice did Subbiah agree to sell to the man? (Half a Rupee Worth)
- Ans. Subbiah agreed to sell him half a seer of rice for half a rupee which was much more than the actual price.
408. How did Subbiah tackle the officers? (Half a Rupee Worth)
- Ans. Subbiah tackled them very cleverly. He bribed the officers who came to check his stock and accounts.
409. Why was Bobby Gillian not happy with the money given to him? (One Thousand Dollars)
- Ans. Bobby Gillian was the only heir of his uncle's property. He was not happy because he got only one thousand dollars of his uncle's will.
410. What did the lawyer ask Bobby Gillian? (One Thousand Dollars)

Ans. The lawyer asked Bobby to spend one thousand dollars and give an account how he had spent it.

411. Who was Miss Lotta Lauriere? (One Thousand Dollars)

Ans. Miss Lotta Lauriere was an actress. She was a friend of Bobby Gillian.

412. What did Gillian ask the cab driver and what was his reply? (One Thousand Dollars)

Ans. Gillian asked the cab driver what he would do if he had a thousand dollars. He said that he would open a salon.

413. What did Gillian write in his note? (One Thousand Dollars)

Ans. He wrote that he had paid money to the best and the dearest woman on the earth. It would give him eternal happiness.

414. Why did Gillian not get the rest of the money? (One Thousand Dollars)

Ans. Gillian told a lie to the lawyer that he had lost the one thousand dollars on the races. That is why he did not get the rest of the money.

415. What was Holmes' condition when Watson examined him?(The Dying Detective)

Ans. Holmes' eyes had the brightness of fever. There was red flush on his cheeks. His thin hands were shivering all the time.

416. Why did he not let Watson examine him? (The Dying Detective)

Ans. Watson was a doctor by profession. He would have come to know that Holmes was pretending to be ill.

417. What did Watson think about Holmes? (The Dying Detective)

Ans. Watson thought that illness had affected Holmes' mind very badly. That's why he was behaving strangely.

418. Why did Holmes pretend to be ill? (The Dying Detective)

Ans. Holmes' pretended illness was all a trap laid for Mr Smith.

419. Why did Watson not come back with Smith? (The Dying Detective)

Ans. Watson did not come back with Smith because Holmes had asked him to do so. He pretended that he had some other work.

420. Why did Holmes ask Smith to turn up the gas? (The Dying Detective)

Ans. Holmes asked Mr Smith to turn up the gas because it was a signal for the inspector to come in and arrest Smith.

421. How did Pakhom manage to buy the land? (How Much Land Does a Man Need?)

Ans. He sold his colt and borrowed some money from his brother-in-law. He hired one of his sons as a labourer and took wages in advance.

422. What is the moral of the story 'How Much Land Does a Man Need?'

Ans. Man's desires are unlimited and he keeps running to fulfill them all his life. He is never satisfied till he meets his end.

423. How did Pakhom manage to buy the land? (How Much Land Does a Man Need?)

Ans. Bashkirs were very simple people. Pakhom became friendly with them by giving them costly gifts.

424. How did Pakhom die? (How Much Land Does a Man Need?)

Ans. In his greed, he exerted himself too much. The blood came from his mouth, he fell down and died.

425. On what condition did the chief agree to sell the land to Pakhom? (How Much Land Does a Man Need?)

Ans. The chief laid a condition that Pakhom had to come back to the same point from where he had started.

426. What did one woman say in defence of rural life? (How Much Land Does a Man Need?)

Ans. One woman said that rural life could be rough, but it is free from anxiety.

Villagers might never grow rich, but they always have enough to eat.

427. Why was the boy called Sausage? (Return to Air)

Ans. The boy was quite fat and plump. He had to wear glasses. That was why he was called 'Sausage'.

428. What is duck-diving? (Return to Air)

Ans. Duck-diving means diving into water in the manner of a duck. A brick is thrown into water and the learner is asked to bring it out.

429. Why couldn't Sausage see inside the water? (Return to Air)

Ans. Sausage couldn't see inside the water because he had weak eyesight and had to wear glasses for diving into water.

430. How did the water change colours? (Return to Air)

Ans. The water changed colours because of the intensity of sunlight. It decreased gradually. The colours changed from thick green to brown lemonade.

431. Where did Sausage reach while swimming? (Return to Air)

Ans. While swimming, he reached at the other end of the pond. He had been under water for a long time.

432. What did Sausage do with the tin box? (Return to Air)

Ans. He brought the tin box home. He put his coin collection in it. He placed it on the mantel.

### **(CENTRAL IDEA/QUESTIONS ON POEMS)**

433. Write a note on the central idea of the poem 'Character of a Happy Man'.

Ans. This poem gives the secret of a truly happy person's life. A happy person leads an honest life. He is jealous of none. He is content with whatever little he has. He follows the path of goodness.

434. How does a man really become happy?

Ans. A man can become really happy by following the rules of goodness. He knows no jealousy. He is honest in his thoughts. He is not a slave of passions. He is content with whatever little he has.

435. What is the central idea of the poem 'Death, the Leveller' ?

Ans. Death comes to all. It spares none. It treats the mighty and the weak equally. It reduces everyone to dust. It is useless to boast of one's power or wealth. Only our good actions remain after death.

436. What should a man not be proud of?

Ans. A man should not be proud of his power or wealth. All are equal before death. We should always be just in our actions. Death spares none. It reduces everyone to dust. Only our good actions remain after death.

437. Give the central idea of the poem 'A Ballad of Sir Pertab Singh'.

Ans. The poem brings out the folly of the caste system. All are equal in the eyes of God. No one is high or low by caste. Humanity is the only true caste. A caste that divides man from man cannot be called a true caste.

438. Why did Sir Pertab like the English soldier?

Ans. The English man looked every inch like a soldier. Pertab Singh himself was a true soldier. That is why he liked him very much. He did not believe in any difference of caste. For him, the caste of a soldier was the only true caste.

439. Give the central idea of the poem 'Razia, the Tigress'.

Ans. The poem underlines the grave danger to wildlife resulting from the cutting of trees and forests. Man has usurped the land belonging to wild animals. Now poor animals have nowhere to live. They live in danger of poachers.

440. Why does Razia, the tigress live alone?

Ans. Razia, the tigress used to live with her mate, Sheru. But soon after the birth of two cubs, Sheru had left her alone. He had not come back. That's why, Razia is living alone with her two cubs.

441. Give the central idea of the poem 'Where the mind is without fear'.

Ans. The poet prays to god to turn his country into a heaven of freedom. He prays his countrymen should give up all that is evil. They should not be narrow-minded. Only then his country can gain freedom in a real sense.

442. Why is the world broken?

Ans. The walls of religion, caste and creed divide the world. These walls exist everywhere in the world. We can pull them down only through truth, love and non-violence. Knowledge should also be free.

## **LETTERS**

### **PERMISSION TO JOIN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR**

443. You are Rajiv living at Queens Hostel, International School, New Delhi. Write a letter to your father, requesting him to permit you to join an educational tour to South India conducted by your school.

Queens Hostel

International School

New Delhi

10 December 20.....

Dear Father

Our school is breaking up for the Christmas holidays on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month. Some students of our school are going on an educational tour. The tour has been organised by our Principal. It will be a seven-day tour, from December 25<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

I request you to allow me to go on this tour. Each student has to deposit ₹ 5000/- for this tour. Kindly send me ₹ 5000/- as soon as possible.

Waiting for your reply eagerly.

With regards

Yours affectionately

Rajiv

### **TO FATHER ABOUT HOME NEWS**

444. You are Monu and you live at 51 Central Town, Nangal. Write a letter to your father, who is away on a long tour, giving him home news.

51 Central Town

Nangal

16<sup>th</sup> September 20....

Dear Father

Many things have happened since I wrote you last. Pooja fell down the stairs and broke her leg. She got unconscious for some time. She was moved to a hospital. She is quite fit now. You need not worry about her.

Mohan's result was out yesterday. He got 700 marks. He is sure to get a scholarship. He is very happy. Uncle Kartar Singh also visited us last week. He stayed with us for two days. We all miss you badly. Please come back home soon.

Yours affectionately

Monu

### **GIVING DETAILS OF A MEDICAL CAMP**

445. Write a letter to your sister, Muskan, giving her the details of a free medical camp that your grandmother arranged recently. You are Anoushka and live at 1411 Nai Abadi, Khanna.

1411 Nai Abadi

Khanna

20 November 20....

Dear Muskan

You know that our grandmother is a social activist. Last week, she organized a free medical camp for poor patients in the local Town Hall.

Eleven eminent doctors provided their services. Patients were given free consultation and medicines. More than 1000 patients benefitted from this camp. Such camps are really a true service towards mankind.

May God help her to organize more such camps!

Yours affectionately

Anoushka

### **A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE**

446. You are Tanbir Singh, living at G 312 Adarsh Colony, Moga. Write a letter of condolence to your friend Amrit on the death of her mother.

G-312 Adarsh Colony

Moga

5<sup>th</sup> January 20....

Dear Amrit

I was shocked to learn about the untimely death of your mother. She was quite healthy. I met her the other day. I never thought that her end was so near.

She was a very noble lady. She was kind to all. She was a loving mother. She took keen interest in your studies. She looked upon me as her own son.

Dear Amrit, your loss is great. But it was God's will. His ways are strange. We must bow before Him. May God grant peace to the departed soul!

With deep sympathy

Yours sincerely

Tanbir Singh

### **THANKING FOR GIFT**

447. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for the birthday gift he has sent you. You are Bhushan, living at 37 Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

37 Civil Lines

Ludhiana

5<sup>th</sup> August 20....

My dear Uncle

Thank you for the lovely gift that you have sent me on my birthday. Your gift is truly after my heart. The wristwatch sent by you is very beautiful. All my friends have liked it very much.

Dear uncle, I was badly in need of a watch. I was often late for school. I had to pay some fine every month. This watch will now prove useful for me. It will help me during the examinations. It will also help me regulate my daily work. It is a token of your love for me. I shall keep it with great care.

I once again thank you for this nice present.

Yours affectionately

Bhushan

### **REQUEST FOR A STUDY LOAN**

448. Write a letter to the manager of a bank, requesting for a loan for higher studies. You are Nikhil, living at 34 Krishna Nagar, Banga.

34 Krishna Nagar

Banga

28<sup>th</sup> November 20....

The Manager

Punjab National Bank

Banga

Subject: Request for a study loan

Sir

I read your advertisement in Hindustan Times yesterday. I have cleared the CAT examination and have been selected for IIM, Ahmedabad. My father is a government teacher. The entire family banks upon him alone. So, it is quite impossible for him to pay fees for my course which is about ₹ 5 lac.

I request you to sanction me a loan of ₹ 5 lac. I undertake to return the amount as per the conditions given in the advertisement.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

Nikhil

### ORDERING SPORTS GOODS

449. Write a letter ordering some sports goods to the firm, Messrs Avtar Singh and Sons at Jalandhar. You are Prabhjot, studying at Government High School, Nawan Shahar.

Govt High School

Nawan Shahar

28 November 20....

Messrs Avtar Singh and Sons Sports Goods Suppliers

Nakodar Road

Jalandhar

Subject: Order for sports goods

Sir

Kindly send the following sports goods at your earliest.

Footballs	Cosmo	6pcs
Cricket Bats	English Willow	One dozen
Cricket Pads	Antel	One dozen

Please check the above goods before packing. Send these goods through Satluj Transport Company. An A/C payee cheque for ₹ 2500/- is enclosed as an advance payment.

Awaiting your reply

Yours faithfully

Prabhjot Kaur

### **CANCELLING AN ORDER**

450. You placed an order with Messrs Readymade Woollens, Ludhiana, for the supply of ladies cardigans, but they have delayed the execution of the order. Write a letter to them, cancelling the order. You are Nirmal Jain, Proprietor, Messrs Nirmal and Sons, Sangrur.

Messrs Nirmal and Sons

Sangrur

5 October 20....

Messrs Readymade Woollens

Ludhiana

Subject: Cancelling the order

Sir

We placed an order with you on 5<sup>th</sup> September for 200 pieces of ladies cardigans to be delivered by 20<sup>th</sup> September. But till now, we have received neither the goods nor any letter from you. The time of delivery has long expired and we are compelled to cancel the order, and should the goods arrive, they will now be refused.

Yours faithfully

Nirmal Jain

### **COMPLAINT ABOUT INSANITATION**

451. Imagine you are Raman. You live in Gali Ram Nath, Malerkotla. Write a letter to the Health Officer of your town complaining about the insanitary condition of your street.

Gali Ram Nath

Malerkotla

16<sup>th</sup> March 20...

The Health Officer

Malerkotla

Subject: Insanitary condition of our street

Sir

I beg to draw your attention to the insanitary condition of Gali Ram Nath in this city. Mainly poor people live in this area. Perhaps that is why no Sanitary Inspector has ever visited it. There are very few proper drains here. The drains are not cleaned regularly. These are never flushed with water. No dustbins have been provided. People throw all their refuse here and there. Flies and mosquitoes buzz about. All this gives this area a very dirty look.

I hope you will take suitable measures to improve the sanitary condition of this area.

Yours faithfully

Raman

### **SCOLDING BROTHER FOR NEGLECTING STUDIES**

452. You are Deepak Gupta. You live with your parents at 61 G.T. Road, Rajpura. Write a letter to your younger brother Keshav, scolding him for having neglected his studies.

61 G T Road

Rajpura

20<sup>th</sup> March 20...

My dear Keshav

I received your result card yesterday. Your result is very poor. You have failed in all the subjects. This is a matter of shame for us.

Keshav, you should mend your ways. You should work very hard. Engage a tutor. Leave bad company. Make friends with good boys. Stop watching movies. Start playing games in the evening. All this will pay you in the long run.

If you do not mend your ways now, you will repent later.

I hope you will act upon my advice.

Yours affectionately

Deepak Gupta

### **ARRANGEMENT FOR SPECIAL COACHING CLASSES**

453. You are Divya, monitor of class XII A of S D Sr Sec School, Mansa. Write an application to the Principal asking her to arrange for special coaching classes in English.

The Principal

S D Sr Sec School

Mansa

May 5, 20....

Madam

I am a student of class XII A. I want to bring to your kind notice that our courses in English have not been fully covered. Our English teacher remained busy in the seminars organized by the N.C.E.R.T. After that she was on leave for one month.

We need practice in grammar. The Supplementary English Reader is simply untouched. During the school hours we will have to read and make notes on it. We need extra classes to finish the syllabus of grammar.

I request you to arrange for extra coaching classes as soon as possible.

Thanking you

Yours obediently

Divya

### **APPLYING FOR JOB**

454. Write an application for employment in JJ Enterprises, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi, as a computer operator. You are Himesh Kaushik living at 564 Sector 7 Rohini, Delhi.

564 Sector 7

Rohini

Delhi

March 17, 20

The Manager

JJ Enterprises

Lajpat Nagar

New Delhi

Sir

Having read in The Tribune yesterday, I understand there is a vacancy in your office in the computer section at a salary of 6000/- per month. I beg to submit my application for the post. I have done my BCA degree from Khalsa College, Jalandhar with 79% marks. I have no experience as I completed my degree course last year, but I promise

to work hard. I will be happy to do any general work besides being a computer operator.

Hoping for a favourable reply.

Yours faithfully

Himesh Kaushik

## **PART-C**

5(b) Develop a paragraph on the basis of the given outlines:

### **455. An Indian Festival**

India.....known for festivals..... Diwali..... Hindu festival..... Shri Rama return from exile..... clean houses and shops..... candles and electric lights..... send gifts and greetings ..... worship Goddess Lakshmi..... explode crackers.... some gamble

India is known for festivals. Diwali is an important Hindu festival. On this day, Shri Rama returned to Ayodhya from exile. This festival is celebrated in every village and town. People clean their houses and shops. They light their homes with candles and electric lights. They buy sweets and toys. They send gifts and greetings to friends and relatives. On this day, people worship Goddess Lakshmi. Some people gamble on this day. It is an evil. It should be ended.

### **456. Good Manners**

Good manners oil the machine of life..... earn us respect..... 'please' and 'thank you' settle bitter quarrels..... respect elders..... be polite to the younger..... talk less and listen more ..... take turn in queue ..... civility of behaviour is a moral obligation..... bad manners create bitterness

Good manners oil the machine of life and keep it healthy. They earn us respect. Small words like 'please' and 'thank you' can settle even bitter quarrels. So we should be courteous in our behaviour. We should respect our elders and be polite to younger ones. We should talk less and listen more. We should take turn in queue. We should never forget that civility of behaviour is a moral obligation. While bad manners create bitterness, good manners win us friends.

### **457. Leisure**

Life is not worth living if we remain busy in work..... lot of energy wasted..... restored by leisure..... enjoy sights of nature..... develop new tastes and creative hobbies..... busy men miss all this..... over-work causes ailments..... make right use of leisure

Great men say that life is not worth living if we remain busy in work throughout our day. It harms our body as a lot of energy is wasted. It can be restored by leisure. We must have some time to relax our mind and body. During leisure, we should enjoy sights of nature like birds in the sky, flowers on the hill and bees in the sun. This can develop new tastes and creative hobbies like drawing, photography etc. On the other hand, busy men miss all these charms of nature. Over-work causes ailments of heart and brain. Therefore, leisure is must. We must make the right use of leisure.

#### **458. My Motherland**

India is my motherland..... also the motherland of many saints and sages..... warriors..... oldest civilization..... biggest democracy..... torch bearer of the world peace progress..... different religious and cultural backgrounds..... unity in diversity..... progress in science... nuclear power..... heritage..... natural resources..... hard-working people..... proud of my motherland

India is my motherland. She is also the motherland of many saints, sages and warriors. India is the oldest civilization in the world. She is not only the biggest democracy but also the torch bearer of the world's peace progress. People with different religions and cultural backgrounds live here. There is unity in diversity. She has shown a great progress in science. She is now a nuclear power state. She is rich in heritage and natural resources. People are hard-working here. I am proud of my motherland.

#### **459. Discipline**

Discipline is backbone of character..... comes from the word disciple..... plays important role in family..... in school..... in playground..... in office..... soldiers follow whatever is commanded..... even objects of nature follow discipline..... training of mind

Discipline is the backbone of character. It comes from the word 'disciple' which means a learner. It is necessary in all the walks of life. We learn discipline through our obedience to parents. A teacher can't teach if the students don't keep discipline in the class. No office can function without discipline. Even in a playground, the players have to obey the rules of the game. They have to play in a disciplined way. Without discipline there will be complete chaos. Even soldiers follow strict discipline and listen carefully to whatever is commanded and that too without any question. Even the objects of nature follow discipline. It is training of the mind. So, discipline is very essential.

#### **460. A Small Family is a Happy Family**

Small family enjoys life..... food and clothes of their choice..... expenses limited..... enough money..... enough time..... enjoy luxuries of life

A small family enjoys life to the full. Members of a small family can enjoy the food of their choice. They can wear clothes of their own liking. They have only one or two children. So even their expenses are limited, they can enjoy life in any way they like. They have enough money to spend on the education and clothes of their children. They have a lot of time to look after their children. They can work hard and buy their own house to live in. They can enjoy luxuries of life. It is rightly said that a small family is a happy family.

#### **461. A Scene at the Railway Station**

I spend some time at the railway station..... like watching trains..... before the arrival of a train..... growing excitement and activity..... some in great hurry.... some unhappy at the departure of loved ones..... coolies run..... vendors move in and out of the train..... jostling and elbowing..... after the train has left.... platform gives a deserted look

I often spend some time at the railway station of my town. I like watching trains. I enjoy the scene before and after the arrival of a train. Some are in a great hurry to board the train. Some are unhappy at the departure of their loved ones. Coolies run around the place with the luggage. The vendors move in and out of the train with eatables. There is a lot of jostling and elbowing. After the train has left, the staff retires to their rooms. Thus the platform gives a deserted look.

#### **462. A Scene at the Polling Booth**

The Election Day..... full of excitement..... my school..... polling centre..... rush of voters.... cars, minibuses used to bring voters from homes..... free drinks offered to voters..... polling officer enquired the names of voters..... verified identity cards..... before casting vote, ink mark put on the voter's left fore-finger..... booth closed at 5 p.m.

This year, the Election Day was full of excitement. My school was one of the polling centres. The rush of voters was increasing gradually. There were cars, minibuses used by the candidates to bring voters from homes. Free drinks were offered to voters due to the hot sunny day. The polling officer enquired the name of voters. They verified their identity cards and other particulars recorded in the polling list. Before casting a vote, an ink mark was put on the voter's left fore-finger. The booth was closed exactly at 5.p.m. I came home happily and satisfied.

#### **463. Our School Annual Inspection**

Conducted by District Education Officer..... reached with team before morning Assembly... escorted by Principal..... we sang National Anthem.... show of P.T with drum..... our academic records were checked..... impressed by our laboratories..... visited sports room as well as art and craft room..... Vice Principal read our annual report..... completely satisfied

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 20...., our school annual inspection was conducted by the District Education Officer. He reached our school along with his team before morning assembly. He was escorted by our Principal. All the students sang National Anthem. We presented a P.T. show with the drum. Then the academic records of the students were checked. He was highly impressed by our laboratories. He also visited sports room as well as art and craft room. The Vice-Principal of our school read out our annual report highlighting its achievements. The entire team was completely satisfied.

#### **464. My Hobby**

My hobby.... reading books..... good and useful books..... knowledge..... pleasure..... great writers..... noble things of life..... best friends..... endless store..... food for the mind.... not very expensive..... borrow books from libraries

Reading books is my hobby. I read only good and useful books. I get much useful knowledge from them. Reading gives me much pleasure. I can enjoy the company of great writers by reading their works. I can learn good and noble things of life from them. Good books are our best friends. They are an endless store of knowledge. We can learn much from them. They give us food for the mind. Reading books is the best of all hobbies. It is not very expensive. We can borrow books from libraries.

#### **NOTICE**

465. You are Rajiv Sharma, Head Boy of D.A.V. Public School, Ludhiana. Draft a notice for the House Captains to attend a meeting with the Vice-Principal for the allocation of duties for the allocation of duties for maintaining discipline in the school.

D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, LUDHIANA

#### **NOTICE**

10 August 20.....

#### **IMPORTANT MEETING**

House Captains must attend a meeting with the Vice-Principal on 13<sup>th</sup> August 20.... during recess in his office. The steps for maintaining discipline in the school will be discussed in the meeting.

Rajiv  
Rajiv Sharma  
(Head Boy)

## NOTICE

466. You are Manav Shukla, the Secretary, Help All Club of the Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi. Prepare a notice for the school students to help the victims of Kashmir earthquake with money, medicine, food and clothes.

NAVODAYA VIDYALYA, KASHMIRI GATE, DELHI

### NOTICE

22<sup>nd</sup> June 20.....

HELP! HELP! HELP!

The Help All Club of the school is organizing a relief camp for the victims of earthquake in Kashmir.

Kindly come forward and donate money, medicines and clothes liberally.

Manav  
MANAV SHUKLA  
Secretary  
(Help All Club)

## NOTICE

467. Being a Secretary of Sai Baba Society, Somesh Vihar, Delhi, prepare a notice for the residents of the colony giving hints for prevention against dengue fever. Your name is Sheetal Jain.

SAI BABA SOCIETY, SOMESH VIHAR, DELHI

NOTICE

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 20.....

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM DENGUE

This is to inform all the residents of the colony that dengue fever is spreading very fast. All the residents are advised to take the following precautions against it:

- i. Remove water from coolers.
- ii. Spray insecticides all around.
- iii. Wear clothes that cover arms and legs.

Prevention is better than cure.

Sheetal

SHEETAL JAIN

Secretary (Sai Baba Society)

NOTICE

468. Rakesh Sharma is a student of class X A in Govt Sen Sec School, Moga. He has lost his English Reader Book during lunch break. Draft a notice for the school notice-board.

GOVT SEN SEC SCHOOL, MOGA

NOTICE

15 Oct 20.....

LOST!

LOST!

LOST!

I have lost my English Reader Book somewhere in the school during lunch break. The book bears my name and class roll number. The finder is requested to return the book to me or deposit it in the school office.

Rakesh Sharma

RAKESH SHARMA

Roll No: 5

X A

## NOTICE

469. You are Mohan Kumar, Sports Secretary, Parvati Jain School, Jalandhar. Some old sports goods have to be put on sale to collect money for donation to the poor cancer patients. Draft a notice inviting the students to help by buying these goods.

PARVATI JAIN SCHOOL, JALANDHAR

### NOTICE

4<sup>th</sup> January 20.....

#### EXTEND A HELPING HAND

All the students are invited to buy old Badminton and Tennis Racquets, Cricket Bats, Balls and Leg Guards. All the equipments are in good condition. The sale is organized in the Sports Room. The money collected will be donated to the poor cancer patients. Come forward and participate whole heartedly.

Mohan  
MOHAN KUMAR  
Sports Secretary

## NOTICE

470. R.K.M. Public School, Ajmer is organizing a summer camp in the school for a month. The activities include theatre workshop and pottery making. Draft a notice for the interested students to get registered by paying a fee of ₹ 1000 to the school clerk. You are J.J. Singh, in-charge of the Art and Craft department of the school.

R.K.M. PUBLIC SCHOOL, AJMER

### NOTICE

11<sup>th</sup> May 20.....

#### LOTS OF LEISURE AND PLEASURE

The school proposes to organize a summer camp for a month starting from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Talented students are invited to attend the Theatre Workshop and also learn the art of pottery making. Those interested must deposit the fee of ₹ 1000 to the school clerk.

J. J. Singh  
J. J. SINGH  
(Incharge, Art and Craft Department)

## NOTICE

471. You are Nimisha, Editor, School Magazine, Radha Vatika School, Khanna. Draft a notice inviting entries for the magazine from students. The last date is 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

RADHA VATIKA SCHOOL, KHANNA

### NOTICE

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 20.....

#### GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE A WRITER

Entries are invited for the school magazine 'UJALA' from all the talented students. The three best entries will be awarded prizes. HURRY UP! Submit the entries by the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

Nimisha  
NIMISHA  
Editor

## NOTICE

472. A notice is to be prepared for putting up on the students' notice board informing them about the school inspection to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 20..... It is from Seema Mittal, Principal, Government School, Sirhind.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, SIRHIND

### NOTICE

12<sup>th</sup> April 20.....

#### ATTENTION!

The District Education Officer will be coming to inspect the school on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. All the students are expected to present a good example of cleanliness of dress and surroundings and above all, discipline.

Seema Mittal  
SEEMA MITTAL  
Principal

## NOTICE

473. You are Arjun Khanna, The President of Narottam Nagar Welfare Society, Ludhiana. You wish to hold a meeting to protest against the condition of roads in your colony. Draft a notice inviting the residents of the colony to join your protest.

**NAROTTAM NAGAR WELFARE SOCIETY, LUDHIANA**

**NOTICE**

14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 20.....

**POOR CONDITION OF ROADS**

All the residents of the colony are requested to attend the meeting on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Society Hall to discuss the condition of the roads of the colony. Come forward and join my protest against it.

Arjun Khanna  
ARJUN KHANNA  
President, NNWS

**NOTICE**

474. You are Raghav, Secretary, Drama Club of Victor Model School, Jalandhar. Draft a notice informing the students about the Inter-state Drama Competition to be held at Deshbhagat Yadgari Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**VICTOR MODEL SCHOOL, JALANDHAR**

**NOTICE**

12<sup>th</sup> March 20.....

**DRAMA COMPETITION**

An Inter-state Drama Competition will be held at Deshbhagat Yadgari Hall on Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> March 20... at 10:00 am. Those who want to participate should report on 16<sup>th</sup> March 20... at the school auditorium for selection.

Raghav  
RAGHAV  
Secretary  
(Drama Club)

## MESSAGE WRITING

475. Read the telephonic conversation between Mr Ajit Sharma and Anju.

Ajit Sharma: Hello! Is it 2410786?

Anju : Yes, May I know who is calling?

Ajit Sharma: I am Ajit Sharma and I want to talk to Mr Chadda.

Anju : Papa is not at home. You can give me the message.

Ajit Sharma : Tell him that the society meeting has been postponed and as soon as the new date is fixed, I'll let him know.

Anju : All right, I'll convey the message.

As Anju has to go out, she writes the message for her father.

MESSAGE		
11 <sup>th</sup> June 20....		6:30 pm
Papa		
Mr Ajit Sharma rang up to tell you that the society meeting has been postponed and he will let you know the new date as soon as it is fixed.		
Anju		

476. Read the telephonic conversation given below:

Romesh : Hello Ria, where is Mama?

Ria : She has gone to the kitty party.

Romesh : Please tell her that I will bring two of my friends for dinner tonight.

Ria : Fine. Is there anything else she should know?

Romesh : Yes, tell her to prepare fish-curry.

Ria : Is that all?

Romesh : Yes, Bye.

Ria has to go to her friend's house. So she writes the message for her mother.

MESSAGE	
15 <sup>th</sup> February 20....	2:00 pm
Mama	
Romesh rang up to tell you that he will bring two of his friends for dinner tonight. He has asked you to prepare fish-curry.	
Ria	

477. Read the following telephonic conversation:

Neha : Hello! Is it 4607875?

Seema : Yes.

Neha : I am Neha. May I speak to Kriti, please?

Seema : She has gone to market and won't be back till 9 o'clock.

Neha : Please tell her that she is invited to my birthday party on 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm at my house.

Seema : I'll convey your message.

Neha : Thank you.

Seema writes the message for Kriti as follows:

MESSAGE	
13 <sup>th</sup> April 20....	4:30 pm
Kriti	
Neha rang up to invite you for her birthday party on 15 <sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm at her house.	
Seema	

478. Read the following telephonic conversation:

Nandan : May I talk to Arun?

Nikita : I am sorry, he is not at home.

Nandan : Why didn't he come to school today?

- Nikita : He has gone to visit a relative.
- Nandan : Will you please convey my message to him?
- Nikita : What is it?
- Nandan : Tell him to bring my English notebook as I need it for correction tomorrow.
- Nikita : Anything else?
- Nandan : Yes, tell him that our science test has been postponed. Our teacher will announce the new date tomorrow.
- Nikita : I will tell him.
- Nandan : Thank you.

Nikita has to go to the market. So she writes the message for Arun.

MESSAGE		
14 <sup>th</sup> May 20....		5:30 pm
Arun		
Nandan rang up to say that you must take his English notebook to school tomorrow as he needs it for correction. Your science test has been postponed and the new date will be announced tomorrow.		
Nikita		

479. Read the telephonic conversation given below:

- Anoushka : Hello, is it 229509?
- Ritu : Yes, May I know who is calling?
- Anoushka : I am Anoushka. Can I talk to Ishaan?
- Ritu : He has gone to the library.
- Anoushka : Please tell him that his interview for 'Tata Indicom' has been fixed for tomorrow at 9 am sharp. He should reach the office in time and also bring his certificates along with him. Don't forget. It is urgent.
- Ritu : I'll convey the message.

Anoushka : Thank you.

Ritu has to go to her sister so she writes the message for Ishaan.

MESSAGE		
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 20....		7:30 pm
Ishaan		
Anoushka rang up to tell that your interview for 'Tata Indicom' has been fixed for tomorrow morning at 9 am sharp. You should reach the office in time along with your certificates.		
Ritu		

480. Read the following telephonic conversation between Gulzar and Sonam.

Gulzar : Is it 828713?

Sonam : Yes, who is calling?

Gulzar : I am Gulzar from JCT Phagwara. I would like to speak to Dhruv.

Sonam : He is not at home. I am his sister and you can give me the message.

Gulzar : Please tell him that he has been selected for the post of junior engineer and he must join duty tomorrow at 10 am.

Sonam : Anything else?

Gulzar : Yes, tell him to bring along the photocopies of his certificates.

Sonam : Sure, I'll convey the message.

Gulzar : Thank you, Bye.

Sonam writes the message for Dhruv as she has to go out for dinner.

MESSAGE		
5 <sup>th</sup> March 20....		5:30 pm
Dhruv		
Mr Gulzar from JCT Phagwara rang up to say that you have been selected as junior engineer and must join duty tomorrow morning at 10 am. Also take along the photocopies of your certificates.		
Sonam		

481. Read the telephonic conversation

Ravi : Hello! Is it 2895634?

Tina : Yes, may I know who is on the line?

Ravi : This is Ravi. May I talk to Suraj?

Tina : He is not at home.

Ravi : Do me a favour. Tell him to pick me up while going to office tomorrow as my car has been sent for servicing.

Tina : Anything else?

Ravi : Tell him to bring the file I gave him.

Tina : I'll convey the message.

Ravi : Thank you. Bye.

Tina writes the message for Suraj as she has to go to her kitty party.

MESSAGE		
14 <sup>th</sup> May 20....		11:30 am
Suraj		
Ravi rang up to say that you must pick him up while going to office tomorrow as his car has been sent for servicing. Also, take along the file he gave you.		
Tina		

482. Read the telephonic conversation given below:

Vikas : Hello, is that Rajat?

Ravi : It's Ravi speaking. Rajat is not at home at the moment. What is the matter?

Vikas : We had planned to see 'Krish' running at Arora Palace today evening. Please tell him to wait for me at the main gate.

Ravi : Do not worry. I shall leave a message for him.

Vikas : Thank you, Ravi. Bye.

Ravi has to go to market and he will not be able to meet Rajat.

Write a message on his behalf.

MESSAGE	
10 <sup>th</sup> October 20....	10:00 am
Rajat	
You had planned to see 'Krish' running at Arora Palace today evening with Vikas. He rang up to tell you that you should wait for him at the main gate.	
Ravi	

483. Read the following telephonic conversation.

Ajay : Hello! Is it 2895634?

Anu : Yes, may I know who is on the line?

Ajay : This is Ajay, I want to speak to Mr Goyal.

Anu : Papa is not at home. Would you like me to convey him any message?

Ajay : Tell him that the meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed to 11<sup>th</sup> March

Anu : I'll tell him.

Ajay : Thank you.

Anu has to go to school. Write a message on her behalf.

MESSAGE	
5 <sup>th</sup> March 20....	5:30 pm
Papa	
Ajay rang up to tell you that the meeting scheduled for 9 <sup>th</sup> March has been postponed to 11 <sup>th</sup> March.	
Anu	

484. Read the following telephonic conversation.

Rajesh : Hello, could I speak to Hemant, Please?

Harish : Sorry, Hemant has not yet arrived.

Rajesh : Could you please convey to him that Mr Verma has arrived at the company head office and he would like to meet Hemant tomorrow evening.

Harish : Sure, I'll tell him.

Rajesh : Tell him to reach the office by 9 am.

Harish : I'll convey the message.

Rajesh : Thank you. Bye.

Harish has to go to Delhi so he leaves the message for Hemant. Write the message on his behalf.

<b>MESSAGE</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> May 20....	5:30 pm
Hemant	
Rajesh rang up to say that Mr Verma has arrived at the company head office. He would like to meet you tomorrow evening. Reach the office by 9 am.	
Harish	

### **ADVERTISEMENT**

485. Advertise 'ORIENT PEN'

<b>ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR HANDWRITING?</b>
<b>IMPROVE IT NOW.....</b>
<b>WITH ORIENT PEN</b>
Designer Trendy Firm grip
<b>BUY ONE TODAY</b>

486. Draft an advertisement for TIP-TOP beauty parlour.

**BEAUTY IS SKIN DEEP**

WALK IN FOR  
ALL TYPES OF  
BEAUTY TREATMENTS AT YOUR VERY OWN

TIP-TOP BEAUTY PARLOUR

OPP. BUS STAND  
PHAGWARA

487. Advertise 'GALAXY HERBAL TOOTHPASTE'.

FOR SPARKLING WHITE TEETH  
USE..... GALAXY TOOTHPASTE.....

The goodness of herbs fights

Tooth decay  
Bad odour  
Gum diseases

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

488. Draft an advertisement for 'UNIVERSE ACADEMY'.

BUILD A CAREER OF YOUR CHOICE  
UNIVERSE ACADEMY

..... INNUMERABLE COURSES  
..... AFFORDABLE COURSE FEES  
..... QUALIFIED STAFF  
..... MODERN FACILITIES

ADMISSION OPEN

CONTACT  
PARVEEN  
Ph: 2431857

489. Advertise the showroom 'KIDS WORLD'.

A SPECIAL PLACE FOR LITTLE ONES KIDS WORLD	
..... TRENDY OUTFITS	
..... TOYS	
..... BOOKS	
AND MUCH MORE	
VISIT TODAY	
GOLE MARKET	
	BANGA Ph: 2145782 Ph: 2431857

490. Advertise 'Azad Travel Agency'

PACKAGE AVAILABLE AZAD TRAVEL AGENCY	
Attractive Packages For.....	
Mauritius	
Singapore	
Malaysia	
3 nights/4 days for ₹ 9999 for a single person	
	CONTACT ASHOK GUPTA Ph: 2658193

491. Advertise 'Futura Coconut Hair Oil'

STOP!

DANDRUFF                  DRYNESS                  HAIR FALL

USE

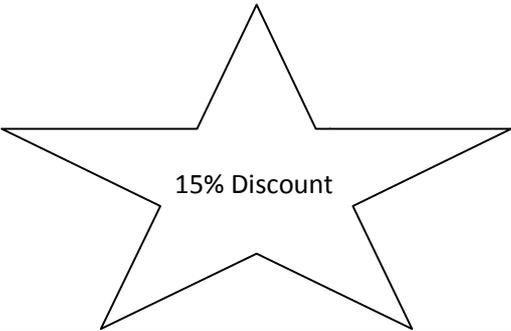
FUTURA COCONUT HAIR OIL



492. Draft an advertisement for 'New Era Book Fair' to be organized in your school.

BOOKS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

NEW ERA BOOK FAIR  
Date..... 22<sup>nd</sup> July-29<sup>th</sup> July  
Time..... 10 am – 6pm  
Venue..... Oberoi Towers



Organizers:  
D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL  
JALANDHAR

493. Draft an advertisement for 'Chamak Detergent Powder'

# **CHALLENGE**

ALL STAINS GO..... IN A SINGLE WASH  
DON'T BELIEVE WHAT WE SAY????  
TAKE THE FREE TRIAL OFFER!  
USE CHAMAK DETERGENT POWDER  
A QUALITY PRODUCT

494. Draft an advertisement for 'Mode Boutique'.

TRENDY! FASHIONABLE! STYLISH!

BE A NEW AGE WOMAN

MODE BOUTIQUE

ALL TYPES OF DESIGNER WEAR

PAY A VISIT TODAY

MONIKA TOWERS  
MILAP CHOWK

## **495. Soil Erosion**

Soil erosion, caused by wind and rain, can change land by wearing down mountains, creating valleys, making rivers appear and disappear. It is a slow and gradual process that takes thousands, even millions of years. But erosion may be speeded up greatly by human activities such as farming and mining. Soil develops very slowly over a long period of time but can be lost too quickly. The clearing of land for farming, residential and commercial use can quickly destroy soil. It speeds up the process of erosion by leaving soil exposed and also prevents development of new soil by removing the plants and animals that help build humus. Today's farmers try to farm in a way that reduces the amount of erosion and soil loss. They may plant cover crops or use a no-till method of farming. Soil is an important resource that we all must protect. Without soil there is no life.

## Notes:

### Soil Erosion

#### Causes:

- (a) Natural: wind and rain
- (b) Human: clearing land for ---farming----residential use---commercial use

**How:** soil exposed by removing plants and animals

#### Prevention:

- (a) planting cover crops
- (b) using no-till method of farming

### 496. Air Pollution

The World Health Organization estimates that 4.6 million people die each year from causes directly attributable to air pollution. Many of these mortalities are attributable to indoor air pollution. Worldwide more deaths per year are linked to air pollution than to automobile accidents. Research published in 2005 suggests that 3,10,000 Europeans die from air pollution annually. Direct causes of air pollution related deaths include aggravated asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, lung and heart diseases and respiratory allergies. The worst short term civilian pollution crisis in India were the 1984 Bhopal Disaster. Leaked industrial vapours from the Union Carbide killed more than 2,000 people outright and injured anywhere from 1,50,000 to 600,000 others, some 6,000 of whom would later die from their injuries. The United Kingdom suffered its worst air pollution event when the December 4<sup>th</sup> Great Smog of 1952 formed over London. In six days more than 4,000 die and 8,000 more die within the following months. An accidental leak of anthrax spores from a biological warfare laboratory in the former USSR in 1979 near Sverdlovsk is believed to have been the cause of hundreds of civilian deaths.

## Notes:

### Air Pollution

4.6 million people die every year

**How:** aggravated asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, lung and heart diseases etc...

#### Major air pollution mishaps.....

- (a) Bhopal gas disaster (1984)- killed 2000-some 6000 died later
- (b) Great smog over London (1952)- killed 4000-some 8000 died later.
- (c) Leakage of anthrax spores USSR (1979)- many civilian deaths.

## 497. Extinction of Species

There are a variety of causes that can contribute directly or indirectly to the extinction of a species or group of species. Most simply, any species that is unable to survive or reproduce in its environment and unable to move to a new environment where it can do so, dies out and becomes extinct. Extinction of a species is wiped out completely, as when toxic pollution renders its entire habitat unlivable; or may occur gradually over thousands or millions of years, such as when a species gradually loses out competition for food to newer, better adapted competitors. The question of whether more historical extinctions have been caused by evolution or by catastrophe is a subject of debate. Currently, environmental groups and some governments are concerned with the extinction of species due to human intervention and are attempting to combat further extinctions. Humans can cause extinction of a species through over harvesting, pollution, habitat destruction, introduction of new predators and food competitors and other influences. According to the World Conservation Union, 784 extinctions have been recorded since the year 1500, the arbitrary date selected to define “modern” extinctions, with many more likely to have gone unnoticed. Most of these modern extinctions can be attributed directly or indirectly to human effects. Endangered species are species that are in danger of becoming extinct; several organizations attempt to preserve recognized endangered species through a variety of conservation programmes.

**Notes:**                    **Extinction of Species**

**Causes:**

1. species unable to reproduce in its environment
2. species unable to change its environment

**Human cause:**

1. harvesting
2. pollution
3. habitat destruction
4. introduction of new predators and food competitors

**Solution:** Several organizations attempt to preserve endangered species.

## 498. Indus Valley Civilization

A sophisticated and technologically advanced urban culture is evident in the Indus Valley Civilization. The quality of municipal town planning suggests knowledge of urban planning and efficient municipal governments which placed a high priority on hygiene. The streets of major cities such as Mohenjo-daro or Harappa were laid out in

perfect grid patterns. The houses were protected from noise and thieves. As seen in Harappa, Mohenjo-daro and the recently discovered Rakhigarhi, this urban plan included the world's first urban sanitation systems. Within the city, individual homes obtained water from wells. From a room that has been set aside for bathing, waste water was directed to covered drains, which lined the major streets. Houses opened only to inner courtyards and smaller lanes. The ancient Indus system of sewerage and drainage that were developed and used in cities throughout the Indus Empire, were far more advanced than any found in contemporary urban sites in the Middle East and even more efficient than those in some areas of Pakistan and India today. The advanced architecture of the Harappans is shown by their impressive dockyards, granaries, warehouses, brick platforms and protective walls. The massive citadels of Indus cities that protected the Harappans from floods and attackers were larger than most Mesopotamian ziggurats.

Notes:

**1. Main characteristics of urban culture in Indus Valley Civilization**

- (a) high priority on hygiene
- (b) streets laid out in grid patterns
- (c) urban sanitation system
- (d) waste water directed to covered drains

**2. Advanced architecture shown by**

- (a) dockyards
- (b) granaries
- (c) warehouses
- (d) brick platforms
- (e) protective walls

### **499. Eating Disorders**

Anorexia (also known as anorexia nervosa) is the name for simply starving yourself because you are convinced you are overweight. If you are at least 15 percent under your normal body weight and you are losing weight through not eating, you may be suffering from this disorder.

Bulimia (also known as bulimia nervosa) is characterized by excessive eating, and then ridding yourself of the food by vomiting, abusing laxatives or diuretics, taking enemas, or exercising obsessively. This behaviour of ridding yourself of the calories from consumed food is often called purging.

Eating disorders are serious problems and need to be diagnosed and treated like any medical disease. If they continue to go untreated, these behaviours can result in future severe medical complications that can be life-threatening. If you believe you may be suffering from an eating disorder or know someone who is, please get help. Once properly diagnosed by a mental health professional, such disorders are readily

treatable and often cured within a few months time. A person with an eating disorder should not be blamed for having it! The disorders are caused by a complex interaction of social, biological and psychological factors which bring about the harmful behaviours. The important thing is to stop as soon as you recognize these behaviours in yourself, or to get help to begin the road to recovery.

Notes: **EATING DISORDERS**

**Types:** 1. Anorexia-starving yourself-losing weight through not eating  
2. Bulimia-excessive eating-then ridding yourself of food (purging)

**Causes:** interaction of social, biological and psychological factors

**Solution:** get diagnosed by a mental health professional