CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2025

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

i. This question paper contains **34 questions.** All questions are **compulsory.**

ii. This question paper is divided into **8 sections.**

iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 2** are unseen passage

iv. **Section B** – questions number **3 to 6** are case based questions

v. **Section C** – questions number **7 to 13** are grammar short

vi. **Section D** – questions number **14 to 18** are grammar mcqs

vii. **Section E** – questions number **19 to 26** are short answer

viii. **Section F** – questions number **27 to 28** are letter

ix. **Section G** – questions number **29 to 30** are paragraph

x. **Section H** – questions number **31 to 34** are long answer

xi. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.

xii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

Read the following text :

1. Creativity is our most precious resource and the most inexhaustible one. As anyone who has ever spent any time with children knows, every single human being is born creative; every human being is innately endowed with the ability to combine data and perceptions, materials and ideas and devise new ways of thinking and doing. What fosters creativity ? More than anything else : the presence of other creative people, contrary to that creativity is the province of great individual geniuses. In fact creativity is a social process. Our biggest creative breakthrough comes when people learn from, compete with, and collaborate with other people.

2. Cities are centres of creativity. With their diverse populations, dense social networks and public spaces, people can meet spontaneously and spark or catalyse new ideas. With their infrastructure for finance, organization and trade, they allow the idea to swiftly reach its destination.

3. A study tracking the decline of unconventional thinking ability as children age, states that while 98 percent of 3 to 5 years olds exhibited creative thinking, this dwindled to 10 percent among 13 to 15 years olds and a mere 2 percent among 25 years olds. Thus, adulthood witnesses the erosion of innate creativity. There is a variance in creative vitality across cities. Although all cities harbour creative individuals by default, some are saturated with leaders, institutions, and people that inhibit creativity.

4. Creativity (or the lack of it) follows the same general contours of the great socio-economic divide — our rising inequality — that plagues us. According to estimates, roughly one-third people are able to do work which engages our creative faculties to some extent, whether as artists, musicians, writers, techies, innovators, entrepreneurs, doctors, lawyers, journalists or educators. That leaves a group termed “the other 66 percent”, in which their creativity is subjugated, ignored or wasted.

5. Creativity itself is not in danger. It is flourishing all around us — in science and technology, arts and culture, in our rapidly revitalizing cities. But we still have a long way to go if we want to build a truly creative society that supports and rewards creativity of each one of us.(Created for academic usage / 410 words)

   Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

(1) The central idea of this passage is that : (A) social interaction is necessary to nurture creativity. (B) creativity and ideas are gradually declining in all societies. (C) the creativity divide is widening in societies in line with socio- economic trends. (D) more people should work in jobs that engage their creative faculties.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer: The central idea of the passage is that social interaction is necessary to nurture creativity. The passage explains that creativity grows best when people learn from and work with other creative individuals, showing it is a social process rather than just an individual talent. It highlights that cities, with their diverse populations and networks, help creativity to flourish by bringing people together.

Key Points: Creativity is innately present in everyone - Creativity grows through social interaction - Cities facilitate creativity through diverse social networks

(2)

Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below :

Assertion : Creativity is the province of great individual genius is not true.

Reason : Creativity is a social process.

(A) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation and assertion.

(B) Both the Assertion and Reason are true but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.

(C) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.

(D) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer (A) is correct. Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason explains the assertion correctly. Creativity is not just the result of individual genius but a social process as the passage states that our biggest creative breakthroughs come when people learn from and collaborate with others. This shows creativity thrives in social interaction and teamwork rather than in isolation.

Key Points: Creativity is not only individual - Creativity is a social process - Creativity grows through collaboration and learning from others

(3)

Identify the word in paragraph 1 which means something that cannot be

used-up or depleted.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word in paragraph 1 that means something that cannot be used-up or depleted is **inexhaustible**. It describes creativity as the most precious and endless resource, showing that creativity does not run out or diminish even when used repeatedly.

Key Points: Word from paragraph 1 - inexhaustible - meaning cannot be used-up or depleted

(4)

In the context of the last paragraph, explain how does the passage view

the future of creativity in society.

[2 Marks]

Answer: The passage views the future of creativity in society as very promising and positive. It says that creativity is not in danger but is growing everywhere, including in science, technology, arts, and culture.
The passage also mentions that cities are becoming hubs of creativity and are rapidly revitalizing. However, it also points out that there is still work to be done to build a society that truly supports and rewards everyone\'s creativity, showing a hopeful but realistic outlook.

Key Points: Creativity is flourishing - Creativity is evident in science, arts, technology, and cities - Society still needs to better support and reward creativity of all individuals

(5)

According to the passage, where does creativity thrive apart from arts and culture ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: According to the passage, creativity thrives not only in arts and culture but also in science and technology as well as in rapidly revitalizing cities. Cities provide a fertile ground for creativity because they have diverse populations and social networks that facilitate spontaneous meetings and the exchange of ideas. This environment helps ideas to grow and spread quickly due to urban infrastructure, supporting various creative activities beyond just arts and culture. **(Based on the passage, creativity is a social process that flourishes in cities and technological fields as well.)**

Key Points: Creativity thrives in science and technology - Cities with diverse populations foster creativity - Urban infrastructure helps spread creative ideas

(6)

What important trends does a study tracking the decline in creative

thinking ability in children reveal ? Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Answer: According to the passage, the study shows that creative thinking is very high at ages 3 to 5, with 98 percent showing originality. But this ability drops sharply to 10 percent at ages 13 to 15 and further to only 2 percent in adults, showing that creativity declines with age and exposure. This indicates that natural creativity fades as children grow older.

Key Points: Creative thinking is highest in young children - Creativity declines sharply with age - Only a small percentage of adults retain original creative ability

(7)

Complete the following with a suitable reason :

About thirty-three percent citizens engage their creative faculties in tasks

that use_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer: About thirty-three percent citizens engage their creative faculties in tasks that use skills related to professions like arts, music, writing, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, law, journalism and education. This is because these jobs require and encourage creative thinking and problem solving, as explained in the passage under point 4.

Key Points: One-third people engage creativity - Jobs like artists, musicians, techies require creativity - Others have creativity subjugated

(8)

Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill

in the blank.

Our biggest creative breakthrough comes when people learn from,

compete with, and collaborate with other people.

Creativity is thus a_____ (economic, industrial, social) process.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Our biggest creative breakthrough happens when people learn, compete, and work together with others. This shows that creativity is a **social** process because it depends on interactions among people as mentioned in the passage. It is not just an individual act but involves social collaboration and sharing ideas, which helps in creating new things effectively.

Key Points: Creativity depends on social interactions - Collaboration fosters creativity - Creativity is a social process

Question 2.

Read the following text :

1. In today's contemporary online shopping landscape, a perfect storm of choice engulfs consumers. Research consistently indicates that individuals presented with a limited selection tend to make more confident and efficient decisions compared to those confronted with overwhelming choices.

2. Consequently, assisting consumers in navigating the vast expanse of options available online has evolved into a thriving industry on a global scale. Many brands and retailers now employ marketing strategies revolving around the aspects given in the table below :

3. For a relatively new breed of consumer product startups, a different approach emerges entirely. Rather than attempting to navigate the existing sea of products, these companies claim to revolutionize conventional consumer choices. Some brands offer limited, functional, mid-priced products, instilling customer confidence and breaking the cycle of consumerism.

4. The global product abundance could be more equitable. Unfortunately, creators often prioritize wealthier consumers.

5. For startups promising accessible simplicity, their very structure may eventually lead them back to an overwhelming array of choices. Most of these companies rely on hundreds of millions of dollars in venture capital funding, and their inventors typically expect rapid growth.(Adapted for academic usage)

   Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

Aspect	Description
Industry	Helping consumers decide what to buy online.
Marketing tools	Selecting, differentiation and discovery.
Data utilization	Digital advertising, cataloging people by gender, income level, personal interests and more.
Retail Assistance	Algorithms, influencers and ad tech.
Challenge	Choice fatigue due to the overwhelming volume of consumer choices.
Solution	Lifestyle influencers on Instagram providing aspirational content and product recommendations.

(1) What does the use of the phrase ‘a perfect storm of choice’, by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about their feelings ? (A) The consumers are elated (B) The consumers are confused (C) The consumers are confident (D) The consumers are decisive

[1 Marks]

Answer: The phrase "a perfect storm of choice" means that consumers face a huge and confusing number of options when shopping online. This shows that the writer feels consumers are confused and overwhelmed by so many choices. The passage explains that too many options make decisions hard, which is why people with limited choices are more confident and efficient when deciding.

Key Points: phrase indicates confusion - consumers overwhelmed by too many options - limited choices lead to confident decisions

(2)

Identify the word in paragraph 2, that indicates that the writer feels

assisting consumers has become a profitable industry.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'thriving' in paragraph 2 shows that the writer feels assisting consumers has become a profitable industry. 'Thriving' means successful and growing well, which implies the industry helping consumers navigate online choices is doing very well financially, as per the passage.

Key Points: word 'thriving' - indicates profitability - context is assisting consumers industry

(3)

Complete the following with a suitable reason :

The writer believes that the global product abundance cannot be

equitable because_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer: The writer believes that global product abundance cannot be equitable because creators often prioritize wealthier consumers, making products less accessible to everyone. This shows that despite many choices available, they are not fairly distributed among all people.

Key Points: Global product abundance - Creators prioritize wealthier consumers - Products not accessible to all

(4)

In the context of the last paragraph though the startups promise

simplicity of access, what are the drawbacks of such a structure ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Answer: Though startups promise simplicity of access, their structure has drawbacks. Because they depend on large amounts of venture capital and expect rapid growth, they may quickly expand their product range. This can overwhelm customers with many choices, defeating their promise of simple decisions. So, even with the goal of offering fewer, functional products, they may create the same problem of too many options for consumers to choose from, as mentioned in the last paragraph of the passage.

Key Points: Startups rely on large venture capital funding - Expect rapid growth leading to more products - Their promise of simplicity can be lost due to overwhelming choices

(5)

Based on your understanding, fill the blank with the appropriate option from those given in brackets :

The solution to combat choice fatigue to_____ (follow / employ / recommend) lifestyle influencers on Instagram who provide self-improving content and product references.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The solution to combat choice fatigue is to **follow** lifestyle influencers on Instagram who provide self-improving content and product references. According to the passage, limited and guided choices help consumers make better decisions and reduce confusion.
This approach uses expert advice to simplify shopping decisions effectively.

Key Points: choice fatigue - follow lifestyle influencers - limited choices improve decision-making

(6)

Complete the sentence suitably :

The different approach to revolutionise consumer choices is to _____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The different approach to revolutionise consumer choices is to offer limited, functional, mid-priced products that help customers feel confident and avoid being overwhelmed by too many options, as mentioned in the passage about new startups.
This method breaks the usual cycle of consumerism and simplifies decision-making.

Key Points: Offer limited and functional products - Mid-priced products instill customer confidence - Avoid overwhelming consumers with too many choices

(7)

Complete the following analogy approximately, based on your understanding of the table :

Cataloging people by gender, income level, personal interests etc. is to Data utilization as Algorithms, influencers, and ad tech are to_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Cataloging people by gender, income level, and interests is to Data utilization as Algorithms, influencers, and ad tech are to Marketing strategies because they help brands target customers effectively as explained in the passage.

Key Points: Cataloging relates to Data utilization - Algorithms, influencers, ad tech relate to Marketing strategies - Both help understand and target consumers better

(8)

Based on the aspects mentioned in the table, mention the marketing

approach that is primarily concerned with understanding consumers

based on various factors.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Marketing approach understanding consumers : It is called the psychographic marketing approach.
This approach focuses on understanding consumers based on various factors such as their lifestyle, preferences, buying behaviour, and reasons for choices.
As per the passage, understanding why customers prefer limited, functional, or mid-priced products helps companies to offer what suits them best.
This approach helps brands to design marketing strategies aligned with consumers needs and confidence, avoiding overwhelming choices.

Key Points: Psychographic marketing approach - Focus on consumer lifestyle and preferences - Helps in making confident buying decisions

(9)

Which aspect in the table pertains to presenting consumers with carefully selected choices to assist decision-making ?

(A) Challenge

(B) Data utilization

(C) Marketing trends

(D) Retail assistance

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer : The aspect that deals with presenting consumers with carefully selected choices to help their decision-making is **Retail assistance**. This is because the passage mentions that many brands and retailers assist consumers by helping them navigate vast options, making it easier to choose. Retail assistance means guiding customers through limited and selected options, which reduces confusion and aids better decisions.

Key Points: carefully selected choices - assisting decision-making - retail assistance

Section B

Question 3. It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the true meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give up their lives for an idea. I have seen men and women stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. (Nelson Mandela : A Long Walk to Freedom)

(1) What effect does the experience as described in the lines below have on the speaker ?
Time and again, I have seen men and women risk their lives for an idea.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer: The experience taught the speaker, Nelson Mandela, the true meaning of courage. He learned that courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to overcome it. Seeing men and women risk their lives for an idea inspired him and showed great strength and resilience, influencing his own understanding of bravery.

Key Points: Experience taught true meaning of courage - Courage is conquering fear not absence of it - Inspired by men and women risking lives for ideas

(2)

Select one inference about the idea of courage from the given

context :

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the

triumph over it.

(A) being fearless

(B) absence of fear

(C) feeding your fears

(D) ability to overcome fear

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer : The idea of courage here means the ability to overcome fear, not being without fear. Nelson Mandela explains that true courage is when a person conquers their fear and faces challenges bravely, as seen in the passage where people resist torture and attacks without breaking. This shows that courage involves bravery through triumph over fear, not a lack of fear.

Key Points: Courage means overcoming fear - Brave person conquers fear - Not absence but triumph over fear

(3)

Fill in the blank with the correct phrase from the bracket in the

context of the given extract :

Men stood up to torture showing strength and resilience that is

_____ (impossible to understand / seeped in reality).

[1 Marks]

Answer: Men stood up to torture showing strength and resilience that is **impossible to understand** as the passage says it 'defies the imagination'. This means their courage and firmness were beyond what we can easily comprehend.
This shows their true bravery and strength.

> **Key Points: Men showed strength beyond imagination - Courage involves conquering fear - Strength and resilience in torture**

(4)

Answer in about 40 words, with reference to the extract :

According to the author, what does true courage entail ? How

does this perspective differ from a common misconception about

courage ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: According to Nelson Mandela, true courage means to conquer fear, not the absence of fear. People may think a brave person is someone who feels no fear, but Mandela explains that real bravery is overcoming that fear, as shown by those who risk their lives for a cause.
This shows courage is a triumph over fear, not the lack of it.

> **Key Points: True courage is conquering fear - Not absence of fear - Brave people overcome fear to stand strong**

Question 4. There was a fifty rupee note between his fingers. My heart sank. I thought I had been discovered. “I made some money yesterday,” he explained. “Now you’ll be paid regularly.” My spirits

rose. But when I took the note, I saw it was still wet from the night's rain. "Today we'll start writing sentences," he said. He knew. But neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything.(The Thief's Story)

(1) In the context of the given extract : What was the feelings UNLIKELY to have been on seeing 'a fifty rupee note between his fingers' ? (A) joyous (B) sad (C) unhappy (D) worried

[1 Marks]

Answer: Answer: The feeling unlikely to have been on seeing the fifty rupee note was **joyous**. In the extract, the narrator's heart sank and he thought he had been discovered, showing feelings of worry and unhappiness, not joy. Therefore, **joyous** is unlikely according to the context.

Key Points: Feeling of worry on seeing the note - Thought of being discovered - Heart sank, no joy observed

(2)

How does the prospect of being paid regularly affect the

narrator's motivation and hope for the future ?

Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: The narrator feels encouraged and hopeful on hearing about regular payment, as shown by his rising spirits. This promise motivates him to look forward to learning and earning honestly, replacing his old life of stealing, as the case passage reveals.

Key Points: Regular payment encourages the narrator - Hope and motivation to learn and work honestly - Rising spirits on receiving news of payment

(3)

Compare the meanings of the expressions :

“My heart sank”, and “My spirits rose”.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The expression My heart sank means feeling sudden sadness or fear, as the narrator thought he was discovered when he saw the fifty rupee note. My spirits rose means feeling happy or hopeful, as he became hopeful about being paid regularly after the man explained about making money yesterday. These feelings show the narrator's change of emotions in the story.

Key Points: My heart sank means sudden sadness or fear - My spirits rose means feeling hopeful or happy - Both show change in narrator's emotions

(4)

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket :

The person spoken about did not let the narrator realise that

his act of stealing was caught. It reflects the_____(nobility

/ dishonesty) of his character.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The person spoken about did not let the narrator realise that his act of stealing was caught. This shows the nobility of his character as he kept quiet and did not show anger or disappointment. It reflects kindness and understanding towards the narrator as mentioned in the case where he did not express anything through his lips or eyes.

Key Points: Did not reveal stealing - Showed nobility - Stayed calm and understanding

Question 5. My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent. Listen. The glass is breaking. The trees are stumbling forward into the night. Winds rush to meet them. The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.(The Trees)

(1) The metaphorical expression used by the poet to describe the movement of the trees is_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The poet uses the metaphor 'The trees are stumbling forward' to describe the movement of the trees. This expression gives the trees human-like qualities of stumbling, showing the trees moving heavily and unsteadily as if they are unbalanced, which creates a vivid image of how the trees sway in the wind.

Key Points: The trees are described as stumbling - The metaphor gives human qualities to trees - Describes unsteady movement caused by wind

(2)

Based on the tone, discuss how Adreinne Rich presents the

conflict between man and nature.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Adrienne Rich presents the conflict between man and nature through a tense and vivid tone as seen in the passage. The breaking glass and stumbling trees symbolize destruction and disturbance caused by human actions while nature struggles against these forces. The image of the broken moon like a mirror reflects the shattered state of nature. Thus, the tone creates a sense of urgency and conflict between human interference and the natural world.

Key Points: Breaking glass symbolizes human destruction - Trees stumbling shows nature struggling - Broken moon reflects shattered nature - Tone is tense and urgent - Conflict between man and nature highlighted

(3)

What is the mood or atmosphere conveyed by the imagery in

the passage ?

(A) Calm and tranquil

(B) Eerie and foreboding

(C) Joyful and celebratory

(D) Melancholic and traumatic

[1 Marks]

Answer: The mood conveyed by the imagery in the passage is eerie and foreboding. The lines like "The glass is breaking," "The trees are stumbling," and "The moon is broken like a mirror" create a sense of disturbance and unease, suggesting something ominous is happening, as described in the passage.

> **Key Points: Imagery creates disturbance - Glass breaking suggests danger - Moon broken like a mirror indicates something ominous**

(4)

Why would the whispers be silent tomorrow ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The whispers will be silent tomorrow because the poem suggests a change from noise to silence as night falls. The breaking glass, stumbling trees, and rushing winds indicate a disturbance now, but tomorrow everything will be still and quiet. This shows that the current whispers are temporary and will cease with time, emphasizing a calm silence following the present noise in the poem.

> **Key Points: Whispers represent present noise - Night brings silence - Noise is temporary and will stop tomorrow**

Question 6. (I am Rapunzel, I have not care; life in a tower is tranquil and rare; I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!) Stop that sulking at once, Amanda ! You're always so moody, Amanda ! Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda! (Amanda)

(1) Complete the following suitably : Amanda sulked and became moody because_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Amanda sulked and became moody because she felt upset when being told to stop sulking and was nagged at. The poem shows that Amanda is often moody and does not like being scolded. This made her feel unhappy and moody as seen in the lines, 'Stop that sulking at once, Amanda! You\'re always so moody, Amanda!'

Key Points: Amanda feels upset when told off-Amanda is often moody-Amanda does not like being nagged at

(2)

What does the girl constantly yearn for ? What do you pattern

about Amanda from the poem ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: The girl constantly yearns for a carefree and peaceful life like Rapunzel in the tower, as shown in the lines 'I am Rapunzel, I have not care; life in a tower is tranquil and rare.' Amanda seems to be moody and sulking often, which is clear from the repeated phrases 'Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!' and 'You're always so moody, Amanda!'.

Key Points: The girl yearns for carefree life - Amanda is moody - Amanda often sulks

(3)

What kind of picture is painted by the poet through the line,

“life in a tower is tranquil and rare” ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The poet paints a peaceful and unique picture of life in the tower through the line "life in a tower is tranquil and rare". It shows that living in a tower is calm and different from normal life. The word "tranquil" means peaceful and quiet, and "rare" means something unusual or special. So, the poet suggests that life in the tower is very calm and not common, which makes it special in its own way as mentioned in the poem.

Key Points: Life in tower is peaceful - Life in tower is unique and uncommon - Poet describes tower life as special

(4)

The tone of the speaker in the exclamation “Stop that sulking at once, Amanda !” is

1. **uncertain**
2. **aggressive**
3. **dominating**
4. **meek**
5. **moody**

(A)1,2,4

(B) 2and 3

(C) 2,4and 5

(D) 4and 5

[1 Marks]

Answer: The tone of the speaker when saying "Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!" is **aggressive** and **dominating**. The speaker is commanding Amanda to stop sulking immediately, which shows authority and strictness. This matches options 2 and 3 in the question.

> **Key Points: Tone is aggressive - Tone is dominating - Commanding Amanda to stop sulking**

Section C

Question 7.

Read the given sentence from a story. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

As I entered the room, the first thing that struck me as odd, was the candle still_____ (burn) on the table. The curtains had been

drawn back and the room was bright.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct form of the verb "burn" to fill in the blank is "burning". The sentence correctly completed is: "As I entered the room, the first thing that struck me as odd, was the candle still burning on the table."

Explanation:
1. Here, "burning" is the present participle form of the verb "burn".
2. It is used to describe an action happening at the time of entering the room.
3. The candle was not just burnt or burnt out; it was still in the process of burning.

Thus, "burning" fits grammatically and contextually in the sentence.

Key Points: Correct form of verb is burning - Present participle describes ongoing action - Context shows candle lit at the moment

Question 8.

Identify and correct the error in the sentence taken from the article

— 'The Hidden Health Risks of Bread Consumption'.

Health experts worldwide are concerning about the surge in health

problems.

[1 Marks]

Error	Correction

Answer: The sentence has an error in the use of the verb "concerning." The correct word should be "concerned." The corrected sentence is: "Health experts worldwide are concerned about the surge in health problems." Here, "concerned" is an adjective that correctly describes the feelings of health experts. "Concerning" is a preposition or gerund and does not fit in this context.

Key Points: Error in verb usage - Incorrect use of "concerning" - Correct word is "concerned"

Question 9.

Identify the error and supply the correct word in the format given

below :

“Embrace change as an opportunity for personal growth and allowed

it to improve your life.”

[1 Marks]

Error	Correction

Answer: Identification of the error: The error is in the word 'allowed'.
Correction: The correct word should be 'allow'.
Explanation: The sentence has two verbs joined by 'and' which should be parallel in form. The first verb is in the base form 'embrace', so the second verb should also be in the base form 'allow' instead of the past tense 'allowed'. Therefore, the corrected sentence is: "Embrace change as an opportunity for personal growth and allow it to improve your life." This makes the sentence grammatically correct and clear.

Key Points: Error in verb form - Parallelism in verbs - Correct verb is 'allow' not 'allowed'

Question 10.

Report the dialogue between a shopkeeper and Ramesh :

Shopkeeper : What book do you want ?

Ramesh : A reference book for Physics which I can use for my

project work.

The shopkeeper asked Ramesh which book did he want. Ramesh

replied that_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The shopkeeper asked Ramesh which book he wanted. Ramesh replied that he wanted a reference book for Physics which he could use for his project work.

Key Points: Indirect speech reporting - Use of appropriate pronouns and tense change - Clear and complete sentence formation

Question 11.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an

article published in a science magazine.

There are many inventions of science_____ (those / which /

such) have benefitted human beings in many ways.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The correct word to fill in the blank is **which**.
The sentence becomes: "There are many inventions of science **which** have benefitted human beings in many ways."

Explanation:
In this sentence, "which" is a relative pronoun used to give more information about "inventions of science." It connects the main clause with the relative clause "have benefitted human beings in many ways."

The other options "those" and "such" are incorrect here.
- "Those" is a demonstrative pronoun used to point to specific things but does not connect clauses.
- "Such" is used to refer to a type or kind of things and usually used differently.

Hence, "which" fits correctly in this sentence to complete the article.

> **Key Points: Use of relative pronoun - Meaning and function of "which" - Difference between "those," "such," and "which" in context**

Question 12.

Report the dialogue between the residents' and the city planner, by

completing the sentence :

City planner : "The new park is a result of several months of

research and planning."

Residents : "We don't know who is more excited — we or our

children !"

The city planner said that the new park_____ of several months

of research and planning. The residents expressed their excitement,

stating that they were unsure who was more excited — they or their

children.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The city planner said that the new park was a result of several months of research and planning. The residents expressed their excitement, stating that they were unsure who was more excited — they or their children. This shows how much the community valued the new park and the efforts put into it, demonstrating a shared enthusiasm between adults and children alike.

Key Points: Reported speech - Use of past tense verbs - Expressing excitement of residents and children

Question 13.

The following is an excerpt from a travelogue :

There is an error in the statement. Select the option that identifies

the error and supplies the correction.

Kanyakumari is popular for its beautiful beaches, unique Vivekananda

Rock Memorial and stunning sunrise and sunset view.

[1 Marks]

	Error	Correction
(A)	is	are
(B)	for	of
(C)	and	also
(D)	view	views

Answer: The error in the statement is the use of the word "unique" before "Vivekananda Rock Memorial". The word "unique" means one of a kind, so it is better to remove "unique" and say "Kanyakumari is popular for its beautiful beaches, Vivekananda Rock Memorial, and stunning sunrise and sunset views." This correction makes the sentence clear and grammatically correct. Also, it is better to write "sunrise and sunset views" in plural to indicate the views of both sunrise and sunset.

Key Points: Error is the word "unique" before Vivekananda Rock Memorial - "Unique" means one of a kind, better removed for clarity - Use plural "views" for sunrise and sunset to improve the sentence

Section D

Question 14. Complete the given statement, by filling the blank with the correct option. A mask is used to hide the identity_____ a person.

[1 Marks]

(A) of

(B) being

(C) for

(D) at

Explanation: The correct preposition to use with 'identity' in this context is 'of'. The phrase 'identity of a person' correctly expresses possession, meaning the mask hides who the person is. The other options 'at', 'for', and 'being' do not correctly fit the grammatical structure or meaning of the sentence.

Question 15.

Read the following conversation : Student : Hello. I've come to ask about the English courses you run for international students. Administrator : Are you a student at the university ? Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue : The student greeted and mentioned that she_____ to inquire about the English courses for international students. The administrator enquired if she was a student at the university.

[1 Marks]

(A) has came

(B) had came

(C) has come

(D) had come

Explanation:

In reported speech, present perfect tense (I've come) changes to past perfect tense. Therefore, "I've come" becomes "she had come". Among the given options, "had come" is the correct past perfect form. The other options are either repeated or incorrect forms ("has came" is grammatically wrong). Hence, "had come" completes the sentence correctly.

Question 16.

Complete the statement made by a career counsellor by filling the blank with the correct option : In our country,_____ universities offer a range of courses. That's why foreign students prefer Indian universities.

[1 Marks]

(A) few

(B) many

(C) each

(D) more

Explanation:

The context explains the use of 'many' with countable nouns. Since 'universities' is a countable noun in plural form, 'many' is the correct choice to indicate that a large number of universities offer a range of courses. This explains why foreign students prefer Indian universities.

Question 17.

Choose the correct statement:

[1 Marks]

(A) He was swearing that he had not stolen the bag.

(B) He sweared that he had not stolen the bag.

(C) He swore that he had not stolen the bag.

(D) He swears that he had not stolen the bag.

Explanation:

The correct past tense of 'swear' when used in reported speech is 'swore.' The sentence is in reported speech, indicating a past action or statement. Therefore, 'He swore that he had not stolen the bag.' is correct. 'He swears' is present tense, 'He was swearing' is past continuous and does not fit reported speech here, and 'He sweared' is grammatically incorrect.

Question 18.

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options to conclude the report. The report concludes that_____ learners have_____ knowledge of astrophysics.

[1 Marks]

(A) very few / some

(B) every/no

(C) some /every

(D) no/alotof

Explanation:

The phrase 'very few learners' correctly refers to a small number of countable learners, and 'some knowledge' correctly indicates an unspecified amount of uncountable knowledge. According to the context, 'many' is used for countable nouns and 'much' for uncountable nouns, and 'some' can be used with both. Here, 'very few' is appropriate for learners (countable), and 'some' is suitable for knowledge (uncountable). Therefore, 'very few learners have some knowledge of astrophysics' is the correct choice.

Section E

Question 19.

“Not from weeping or from grieving will anyone obtain peace of

mind; on the contrary his pain will be greater and his body will

suffer.”

Validate this preaching of Buddha with reference to the story ‘A

Sermon at Benaras’. (A Sermon at Benaras)

[3 Marks]

Answer: The Buddha taught that grief and weeping do not bring peace of mind; instead, they increase a person's suffering. In the story 'A Sermon at Benaras', the Buddha explained to a grieving woman that suffering, old age, and death are parts of life that all living beings must face. He advised her to accept these realities rather than grieve endlessly. The Buddha said that knowing the true nature of life helps one to be wise and avoid unnecessary pain. Therefore, weeping or grieving will only deepen pain and make the body suffer more. Acceptance and understanding bring peace of mind, not sorrow and lamentation.

Key Points: Buddha's teaching on grief - Story of grieving woman in Benares - Acceptance leads to peace of mind rather than sorrow

Question 20.

‘The Ball Poem’ deals with the undertones of loss and responsibility.

How is the poem very relatable to our lives and what important

message/s do we learn from it ? (The Ball Poem)

[3 Marks]

Answer: (a) How is the poem relatable to our lives?
The poem "The Ball Poem" by John Berryman is relatable because everyone experiences loss at some point, whether it is something material or emotional. In the poem, the boy loses his ball, which symbolizes his innocence and childhood. The feeling of sadness and helplessness the boy experiences is something all of us can understand because loss is a natural part of life.
(b) What important messages do we learn?
The poem teaches us several important lessons: First, loss is inevitable and it is a part of growing up; we cannot avoid it. Second, losing something does not just mean a material loss but also the loss of feelings, memories, or a phase of life. Third, the boy learns responsibility and the importance of accepting reality. Instead of remaining upset forever, he must learn to cope and move on. In short, the poem conveys that loss teaches us maturity and strength, preparing us for life’s challenges.

> **Key Points: Loss is a universal experience - Loss symbolizes more than just material things - Teaches acceptance and responsibility - Encourages strength and maturity in face of loss**

Question 21.

The story, ‘Mijbil the Otter’, has it all — emotions, humour, certain

surprising incidents and the freshness of a new and unique type of

story. Explain how Maxwell has highlighted these in his story.(Mijbil — The Otter)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In "Mijbil the Otter," Maxwell expresses strong emotions by showing his affection and care for Mij, making readers feel connected to the otter. He uses humour through the otter’s playful and mischievous behavior, which brings light moments in the story. Surprising incidents include Mij biting the guests and his unique habits, which keep the story interesting and unpredictable. The freshness comes from the fact that this story is about an otter as a pet, which was new and uncommon, making the tale unique and engaging for readers.

> **Key Points: Emotions shown through affection and care - Humour in Mij’s playful antics - Surprising incidents like Mij biting guests - Freshness by introducing a pet otter as a**

unique story subject

Question 22.

“He was not falling headlong now. He was soaring gradually

downwards and outwards, he was no longer afraid.” Describe the

young seagull’s feelings, emotions and experiences, just before this

moment. (Two Stories about Flying)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Answer: Before this moment, the young seagull was very afraid and hesitant to fly. He was scared of leaving the safety of his ledge and the possibility of falling if he tried to fly. However, as he gathered courage, he experienced a mix of fear and excitement. Gradually, he started to trust his wings and felt a bit dizzy from balancing himself in the air. His fear slowly diminished and he began to enjoy the feeling of flying. Just before soaring downwards and outwards, the young seagull felt confident and free as he overcame his fear, ready to explore the air around him with joy and a sense of achievement.

Key Points: Young seagull was initially afraid - He felt hesitant and scared to fly - Felt dizziness and excitement - Gradually gained confidence - Became free and fearless - Enjoyed the experience of flying

Question 23.

The idea of beauty is a one-dimensional cultural conception or one

that has been created by human beings themselves. Comment on the

statement with reference to the conventional ideas of beauty in the

poem ‘For Anne Gregory’. (For Anne Gregory)

[3 Marks]

Answer: The poem "For Anne Gregory" by W. H. Auden challenges the conventional and one-dimensional cultural idea of beauty. In the poem, the speaker says that just having a beautiful face like Anne Gregory is not enough for true beauty. True beauty comes from the heart and soul, from kindness, love, and personality, which cannot be judged only by physical appearance. The conventional idea of beauty is often shallow and limited to external looks that society values, but the poem shows that inner qualities are more important and valuable. This criticizes the narrow cultural concept of beauty that people create, reminding us that real beauty is deeper than just what the eyes see. Thus, the poem comments that the idea of beauty should not be limited to physical appearance alone but must include moral and emotional goodness as well.

Key Points: conventional beauty is superficial - true beauty includes inner qualities - poem challenges one-dimensional cultural conception - beauty is created by human perceptions - emphasizes kindness and personality over looks

Question 24.

Examine the witty strategy used by Ausable in emerging as a super

spy. (The Midnight Visitor)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Answer: Ausable uses his wit and quick thinking to outsmart Max, proving himself a super spy. Initially, Ausable pretends not to be a secret agent, which fools Max into underestimating him. When Max threatens to kill him if he does not hand over the secret documents, Ausable cleverly plays along and asks Max to wait in another room while he writes a letter. Instead of writing a letter, Ausable signals his assistant for help. Meanwhile, he tricks Max by giving him fake documents and making him believe that the police are on their way. Ausable's calmness, confidence, and ability to create a situation that makes Max nervous and confused help him win. His strategy shows that intelligence and presence of mind are more important than physical appearance or strength in espionage. Thus, Ausable emerges as a super spy by using a witty and well-thought-out plan that outsmarts the enemy without any violence.

Key Points: Ausable pretends not to be a secret agent - Uses calmness and quick thinking - Tricks Max with fake documents and calls for help - Outwits Max without violence

Question 25.

'The Necklace' is a lesson in discontentment and unreasonable

materialism. In light of the preceding statement, discuss Matilda's

greatest failing.(The Necklace)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Matilda's greatest failing is her discontentment and unreasonable materialism.
She is unhappy with her modest life and always dreams of luxury and wealth.
Her desire for a higher social status and beautiful possessions makes her borrow a necklace to appear richer at the ball.
After losing the necklace, she and her husband work for ten years to repay the debt of replacing it, which ruins their life.
Matilda's inability to be content and honest leads to unnecessary suffering.

If she had been satisfied with what she had or told her friend the truth, the tragedy could have been avoided.

Key Points: Discontentment - Unreasonable materialism - Borrowing necklace due to social pressure - Resulting life ruin - Lack of honesty

Question 26.

Think-tank excelled in misinterpreting and mispresenting things.

Do you agree ? Justify giving appropriate reasons.(The Book that Saved the Earth)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Yes, I agree that Think-Tank excelled in misinterpreting and mispresenting things. (a) Think-Tank wrongly interpreted innocent nursery rhymes as serious threats to the Martians. For example, when the Earthlings mentioned "the dish ran away with the spoon", Think-Tank thought it was a sign of alarm and danger instead of understanding it as a harmless rhyme. (b) He mistrusted the sandwiches saying they might be communicating secrets, showing his tendency to misinterpret simple things. (c) This shows Think-Tank's arrogance and quickness to judge, as he never doubts himself even when he is clearly wrong. (d) Such misunderstanding arises from prejudice and overactive imagination that prevent him from seeing reality clearly. Therefore, Think-Tank's actions demonstrate how misinterpretation caused confusion and fear among the Martians. This teaches us to always check facts carefully before jumping to conclusions.

Key Points: Think-Tank misinterprets nursery rhymes - Think-Tank thinks sandwiches are threats - Shows arrogance and prejudice - Misunderstanding causes confusion - Lesson to verify before judging

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Section F

Question 27.

You are Garima/Gopal, a resident of B/66, Mall Road, Guwahati and

a volunteer of ‘Greenpeace India’. Write a letter to the editor of

‘National Times'' expressing your concern about the grave and

irreparable damage that environmental pollution is causing to the

society. In megacities, rapid urbanization and rampant

industrialization has played a key role in increasing the pressure on

the limited resources.

Discuss how environmental degradation can be curbed with the

development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental

laws, regulations and policies.

[5 Marks]

Answer: B/66, Mall Road, Guwahati
15 April 2024
To
The Editor,
National Times,
Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Concern about Environmental Pollution and Need for Strong Laws

I am Garima, a resident of Guwahati and a volunteer of Greenpeace India. I am writing to express my deep concern over the grave and irreparable damage caused by environmental pollution in our society. In megacities like ours, rapid urbanization and rampant industrialization have increased pressure on limited natural resources. This has led to air and water pollution, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity, adversely affecting public health and the environment.

Environmental degradation can be effectively curbed through the development, implementation, and strict enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. The government should introduce policies that limit emissions from industries and vehicles, promote use of renewable energy, and ensure proper waste management. Regular monitoring and strict penalties for violations can discourage harmful practices. Public awareness campaigns and community participation are also vital to support these efforts.

Strong legal frameworks combined with active public involvement can ensure sustainable development and protect our environment for future generations.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,
Garima
Volunteer, Greenpeace India

Key Points: Concern about environmental pollution due to urbanization and industrialization - Importance of environmental laws and regulations - Need for implementation and enforcement to protect environment and public health

Question 28.

Obesity has become a global issue. The lack of physical fitness programmes and extra-curriculars has created significant problems that could affect future health of youngsters. 39 percent of individuals around the world are overweight and 13 percent are obese. You are Shiksha/Sumit of Ramjas School, Ranchi. You believe that efforts by the government will help to turn the tide.

Write a letter to the Ministry of Health for implementing compulsory programmes at school level to emphasize need for proper nutrition and fitness from a young age.

[5 Marks]

Answer: Ramjas School, Ranchi
15 April 2024

To
The Ministry of Health
Government of India
New Delhi

Subject: Request for implementing compulsory physical fitness and nutrition programmes at school level

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am Sumit, a student of Ramjas School, Ranchi. I wish to draw your kind attention to the alarming issue of obesity and overweight among youngsters in India and worldwide. Recent studies show that 39 percent of individuals globally are overweight and 13 percent are obese. This unhealthy trend is mostly due to lack of physical fitness programmes and poor nutrition awareness among school children.

I strongly believe that the government can play a crucial role in reversing this trend by making it

compulsory for all schools to implement physical fitness and nutrition education programmes. Such initiatives will teach children the importance of regular exercise and balanced diets from a young age, helping them develop healthy habits for life.

Moreover, promoting extra-curricular activities like sports, yoga, and outdoor games will motivate children to stay active and maintain physical fitness. Proper nutrition awareness will ensure they understand the importance of eating nutritious food rather than junk or fast food which contributes to obesity.

I sincerely hope the Ministry of Health will consider enforcing these programmes in all schools for the well-being of future generations. Such efforts will greatly reduce health risks related to obesity and improve the overall health of youngsters.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
Sumit
Class 12, Ramjas School, Ranchi

Key Points: Obesity and overweight are global issues - Need for compulsory fitness and nutrition programmes in schools - Importance of government efforts to promote healthy habits among youngsters

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Section G

Question 29.

The Pros and Cons of using the internet in everyday life are

numerous. The internet is like a double-edged sword. Based on the

information provided in the table below, write an analytical

paragraph on the topic ‘Advantages and Disadvantages of the

Internet’ in not less than 120 words.

[5 Marks]

Pros and Cons of Internet

Pros	Cons
(1) Connectivity	(1) Data Security
(2) Communication speed and versatile working	(2) Social Isolation
(3) Learning Re-defined	(3) Addiction towards it
(4) Transfer of Data	(4) Plagiarism and copyright

Answer: Advantages and Disadvantages of the Internet

The internet has become an important part of our daily lives and offers many benefits. Regarding health, it provides easy access to information about fitness, nutrition, and mental well-being, which helps people take better care of themselves. It also offers platforms for online counseling and support groups that improve mental health. On the moral front, the internet promotes awareness about social issues and ethical values by allowing people to share knowledge and learn about different cultures. However, the internet has disadvantages too. It can cause addiction, reduce physical activity, and expose users to harmful content that can impact mental health negatively. Privacy concerns and cyberbullying are also serious issues. In conclusion, while the internet provides great benefits related to health and morality, it is essential to use it wisely to avoid its negative effects and make the most of its advantages.

Key Points: Easy access to health information - Promotes moral and ethical awareness - Risks of addiction and privacy issues

Question 30.

Read the following details :

Students today are becoming victims of cyber-crime and cyber

bullying in schools, which is affecting the mental health of students.

Write an analytical paragraph in 120 words on the problems and

causes of cyber-crimes.

[5 Marks]

⇒ Misuse of Information Technology with the intention to trouble others.

⇒ It comes in various forms – hacking, negative comments – spreading rumours

Impact – spoils image, self-doubt, results in insecurities and complexes.

Causes – desire of power, seeking entertainment, escapism, inadequate regulations.

Answer: Cyber-crimes and their Problems and Causes

Cyber-crime is becoming a serious problem for students in schools. It includes cyber bullying, hacking, identity theft, and spreading false information online. These crimes severely affect students' mental health and confidence. Cyber bullying, a major form of cyber-crime, causes emotional distress, anxiety, and sometimes depression among students. The main causes of cyber-crimes include lack of awareness about safe internet practices, easy access to digital devices, and anonymity provided by the internet that encourages wrong behavior. Sometimes students themselves unknowingly become victims or even perpetrators due to peer pressure or lack of proper guidance. To combat these issues, schools and parents must educate children about online safety, encourage responsible use of technology, and promote a supportive environment to report cyber issues. This will help create safe and healthy digital spaces for students.

Key Points: Cyber-crime affects mental health - Causes include lack of awareness, anonymity, peer pressure - Need for education and safe digital environment

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Section H

Question 31.

Examine the role of Nature in the poems ‘The Dust of Snow’ and ‘Fog’.

[6 Marks]

Answer: (a) In "The Dust of Snow", nature plays a transformative role. The poem describes a moment when a crow shakes down dust of snow from a hemlock tree onto the poet, changing his bad mood to a better one. This shows that simple acts in nature can uplift human spirit and change one’s outlook positively.

(b) In "Fog", nature is depicted as quiet, calm, and mysterious. The fog is personified as a cat that moves silently and stealthily over the city, showing the subtle and soft presence of nature in the urban environment. It highlights how nature exists even in the midst of human life, influencing mood and atmosphere quietly.

Overall, both poems present nature as a powerful yet gentle force that affects human emotions. "The Dust of Snow" shows nature’s ability to bring joy and change negativity, while "Fog" reveals nature’s mysterious and soft presence. Both celebrate nature’s simplicity and its impact on human feelings.

Key Points: Nature changes mood positively - Nature portrayed as gentle and mysterious - Nature influences human emotions and atmosphere

Question 32.

The journeys of Anne Frank and Valli teach us the vital lesson that optimism and self-assurance empower women to rise above circumstances and overcome obstacles. Examine the similarities. (Diary of Anne Frank & Madam Rides the Bus)

[6 Marks]

Answer: Similarities between Anne Frank and Valli's journeys:
Both Anne Frank from "The Diary of Anne Frank" and Valli from "Madam Rides the Bus" show how optimism and self-confidence can help women face difficult situations and achieve their dreams.

(a) **Optimism:** Anne Frank, despite living in hiding during a dangerous time of war, kept hope alive through her diary. She believed in a brighter future and never gave up on her dreams. Similarly, Valli was always hopeful and excited about experiencing the world outside her village. Her optimism motivated her to take her first bus ride alone.

(b) **Self-assurance:** Anne showed courage by writing honestly about her fears and hopes. Her confidence in her thoughts and feelings helped her stay strong. Valli demonstrated self-belief by making plans to ride the bus without her parents' permission, showing her determination and confidence in herself.

(c) **Overcoming obstacles:** Anne faced the extreme challenge of living in fear and confinement but did not allow circumstances to break her spirit. Valli overcame the obstacle of unavailability of transportation and saved money to fulfill her wish.

In conclusion, both their stories inspire us by showing that a positive attitude and belief in oneself are powerful tools to rise above hardships and make dreams come true.

> **Key Points: Optimism in face of adversity - Self-confidence to take bold steps - Overcoming obstacles through determination**

Question 33.

Ebright's journey of becoming a leading scientist conveys a strong

message to us. His inquisitiveness and competency drove him to

become a great scientist. In what manner does Richard Ebright's

perseverance, dedication and inquisitiveness inspire you to pursue

your dreams ? (The Making of a Scientist)

[6 Marks]

Answer: Richard Ebright's journey teaches us valuable lessons on how perseverance, dedication and inquisitiveness can help us achieve our dreams. (a) Ebright's interest in science began when he read a book titled The Travels of Monarch X, which opened the world of science to him and sparked his curiosity. This shows that being curious and open to learning new things can lead us to discover our passion. (b) His mother supported him by encouraging his interests and helping him pursue his scientific experiments and projects. This highlights the importance of support and encouragement in the journey towards success. (c) Even though Ebright did not win at a science fair initially, he learned that failure is a part of learning and kept working hard by doing various experiments and projects. This teaches us to stay dedicated and persistent despite obstacles. (d) Ebright's qualities such as his strong mind, curiosity, will to win for the right reasons, and multi-talented personality including debating and outdoor skills illustrate that a combination of passion, hard work, and balanced interests make a great scientist. His journey inspires me to stay curious, work hard, accept failures as lessons, and remain dedicated to my dreams, knowing that persistence and support can lead to great achievements.

Key Points: Curiosity sparked by a book - Support from mother - Learning from failure - Perseverance and dedication - Inspiration to pursue dreams

Question 34.

It is truly said that a good teacher is the light that helps one cross

even the darkest of paths through honing their inherent qualities

which enable them to shine bright and strong in life. In what ways,

does Sulekha’s teacher epitomize this saying ? How did she become

the pillar of support and strength for Sulekha ? (Bholi)

[6 Marks]

Answer: (a) Sulekha’s teacher embodies the saying that a good teacher is like a light in dark paths because she recognized Sulekha’s potential and helped her overcome her fears and social obstacles. She encouraged Sulekha to attend school despite her apprehensions and poor background. By giving her constant support, love, and belief in her abilities, the teacher helped Sulekha build confidence and self-respect.

(b) The teacher became the pillar of strength for Sulekha by motivating her to improve and enlighten herself through education. She protected her from being ridiculed and stood by her side during difficult times. Her encouragement transformed Sulekha from a timid girl into a confident young woman who was able to stand up against social injustice. Thus the teacher empowered Sulekha to become strong and shine brightly in her life.

In this way, the teacher played a pivotal role in changing Sulekha’s life, showing how a true teacher supports, motivates, and nurtures students to overcome challenges and grow into their best selves.

Key Points: Teacher recognized Sulekha’s potential - Teacher encouraged and motivated Sulekha to attend school - Teacher became a source of strength and support for Sulekha