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 4** are case based questions

iv. **Section B** – questions number **5 to 6** are unseen passage

v. **Section C** – questions number **7 to 14** are grammar short

vi. **Section D** – questions number **15 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.

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and

looking forward to being with my family. I 'looked at my watch: one thirty in the morning. (Two Stories About Flying)

(1)

What time of the day is the above extract set in ?

(A) dawn

(B) afternoon

(C) night

(D) dusk

[1 Marks]

Answer: The extract is set at night time as the narrator mentions the moon and stars shining in the sky and it is one thirty in the morning according to his watch.

Key Points: Time mentioned as one thirty in the morning - Presence of moon and stars in the sky - Mention of a clear night sky - The countryside is described as sleeping

(2)

State any one inference about the writer from the given context. “I was looking forward to being with my family.”

[1 Marks]

Answer: The writer is a family-oriented person who values spending time with his family and eagerly anticipates being reunited with them after his flight.

Key Points: Writer values family-Writer eagerly anticipates reunion-Writer is emotionally connected to family

(3)

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the brackets. The use of the phrase ‘clear sky’ adds to a sense of _____(favourable/flavourful) weather conditions.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The use of the phrase ‘clear sky’ adds to a sense of favourable weather conditions.

Key Points: The phrase 'clear sky' means there are no clouds-The sky is bright and open-Clear sky suggests good weather which is favourable for flying-The context mentions there wasn’t a cloud in the sky, indicating good weather

(4)

How does the serene atmosphere described by the narrator contribute to the mood and anticipation of his journey back to England ? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.

[2 Marks]

Answer: The serene atmosphere with a clear sky, shining stars, and the quiet countryside creates a peaceful and joyful mood. It reflects the narrator's happiness and excitement about his journey back to England and reunion with his family during his holiday.

Key Points: Serene atmosphere - clear sky and shining stars - peaceful and joyful mood - narrator feels happy and alone - anticipates holiday and family reunion

Question 2.

“It’s not my balcony,” Ausable said with extreme irritation. “It belongs to the next apartment.” He glanced explanatorily at Fowler. “You see,” he said, “this room used to be part of a large unit, and the next room — through that door there — used to be the living room. It had the balcony, which extends under my window now. You can get onto it from the empty room two doors down — and somebody did, last month. The management promised to block it off. But they haven’t.” (The Midnight Visitor)

(1)

What was the management supposed to do regarding the balcony ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The management was supposed to block off the balcony to prevent people from getting onto it, as someone had accessed the balcony last month through the empty room.

Key Points: Balcony belongs to next apartment - Balcony extends under Ausable's window - Someone got onto the balcony last month - Management promised to block it off - To prevent unauthorized access

(2)

Which of the following was the reason that irritated Ausable about the balcony ?

(A) its size and layout

(B) its location relative to his apartment

(C) its accessibility from the neighbouring unit

(D) its maintenance by the apartment management

[1 Marks]

Answer: Ausable was irritated because the balcony belonging to the next apartment was accessible from his apartment's window area, and someone had entered his room through the balcony. Although the management promised to block off the balcony access, they had not done so. Therefore, the reason that irritated Ausable was the balcony's accessibility from the neighbouring unit.

Key Points: Balcony belongs to the next apartment-Balcony extends under Ausable's window-Access to the balcony is possible from another room-Someone entered Ausable's room through the balcony-Management promised to block the access but did not do so-Irritation due to accessibility from neighbouring unit

(3)

How does Ausable's detailed explanation of the balcony's history and current accessibility contribute to the atmosphere of suspense or tension in the story ? Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Ausable's detailed explanation creates suspense by revealing vulnerability through the accessible balcony, suggesting possible threats. It heightens tension by showing someone has already intruded, making the danger immediate and real in the seemingly safe setting.

Key Points: Ausable's explanation reveals the balcony is accessible from another apartment-Ausable mentions someone intruded through it recently-The accessibility increases tension by showing a security weakness-It creates suspense as it hints at impending danger or surprise-Increases realism making the threat believable

(4)

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the brackets. The reference to 'last month' and 'now' adds to a sense of_____- (reconciliation/mystery).

[1 Marks]

Answer: The reference to 'last month' and 'now' adds to a sense of mystery.

Key Points: The words 'last month' and 'now' link past and present events - This connection builds curiosity about who accessed the balcony - It emphasizes the unknown element or suspense - Hence, the correct word is mystery

Question 3.

The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart

A change of mood (Dust of Snow)

(1)

Fill the blank to complete the sentence.

Shaking down of dust of snow gave the speaker a change of heart by_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Shaking down of dust of snow gave the speaker a change of heart by lifting his spirits and changing his mood from sadness to happiness.

Key Points: The dust of snow from a hemlock tree symbolized a pleasant surprise-The crow shaking the snow caused a sudden change-The change brightened the poet's mood-The incident showed nature's power to influence emotions positively

(2)

How does the interaction between the natural elements (crow, snow, hemlock tree) contribute to the speaker's emotional transformation in the poem ? Answer in about 40 words.

[2 Marks]

Answer: In the poem, the crow shaking down the dust of snow from the hemlock tree unexpectedly brightens the speaker's mood. This simple act from elements often linked with gloom shows how nature can bring sudden joy and change a person's feelings positively.

Key Points: Crow shaking snow from hemlock tree-surprising action-nature's influence on mood-crow and hemlock usually symbolize gloom-contrast leads to positive emotional change-sudden joy from simple natural event

(3)

Dust of Snow' is referred to as :

(A) mist

(B) dust of branches

(C) snow residue

(D) snowflakes

[1 Marks]

Answer: 'Dust of Snow' refers to the snow residue that the crow shakes down from a hemlock tree.

Key Points: Dust of snow means snow residue-The crow shakes snow from the hemlock tree-It is not mist or dust of branches or snowflakes-It represents snow falling

(4)

The crow and the hemlock tree represent _____

1. Sorrow

2. elation

3. hope

4. anxiety

5.enthusiasm

(A) 1only

(B) 2,3 and 5

(C) 4 only

(D) 1,4and5

[1 Marks]

Answer: The crow and the hemlock tree represent sorrow.

Key Points: Crow and hemlock tree symbolize sadness or negative feelings-The poet uses these symbols to show a gloomy mood-The dust of snow falling from them unexpectedly changes the poet's mood to a positive one

Question 4.

Don’t bite your nails, Amanda!

Don’t hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,

Amanda!

(There is a languid, emerald sea,

where the sole inhabitant is me —

a mermaid, drifting blissfully.) (Amanda)

(1)

How does the poet reinforce the contrast between what the narrator wants and what Amanda desires ?

[2 Marks]

Answer: The poet reinforces the contrast by showing Amanda's real-world constraints and the narrator's desire for freedom. Amanda is scolded for simple habits like biting nails and slouching, which represents the strict, controlled life she lives. In contrast, the narrator imagines being a mermaid in a free, beautiful sea, drifting blissfully alone. This contrast highlights Amanda's wish to escape the limitations of her life and live freely like the mermaid.

Key Points: Amanda is told not to bite nails or slouch - represents limitations and control-The narrator imagines being a mermaid in a free, peaceful sea - symbolizing freedom and happiness-This contrast shows the difference between Amanda's constrained reality and her inner desire for liberation and joy

(2)

What tone is conveyed through the repetition of Amanda’s name in the line ?

(A) loving

(B) instructive

(C) indifferent

(D) playful

[1 Marks]

Answer: The tone conveyed through the repetition of Amanda’s name in the line is instructive. The speaker repeatedly uses Amanda's name while giving commands like 'Don’t bite your nails' and 'sit up straight,' which shows a tone of giving instructions and guidance.

Key Points: Repetition of Amanda's name shows emphasis-Instructions and commands are given in the lines-Tone is corrective and guiding-The repeated use shows the speaker's focus on Amanda's behavior

(3)

Select the option that applies the same rhyme scheme as the lines of the given extract.

(A) Sitting by the pond Waving my wand Awaiting my dearest I looked above and beyond Awaiting my love A sudden sound, fluttered the dove The crackle stopped, as so did my heart

(B) Sitting by the pond Holding tight to my bond I looked above and beyond Awaiting my love I heard her come, a sudden sound The crackle stopped, as so did my heart

(C) I sat beside the pond with her Awaiting for her to come I looked above and beyond Awaiting my love A sudden sound, I turned back The crackle stopped, as so did my heart

(D) Sitting by the pond Awaiting my love I looked above and beyond A sudden scream, I looked around Then a shadow fell and there was no sound The crackle stopped, as so did my heart

[1 Marks]

Answer: Option (D) applies the same rhyme scheme as the lines of the given extract. Both the extract and option D have a rhyme scheme where lines have different rhymes but create a pattern of unique rhyme sounds, resembling the pattern shown in the original passage.

Key Points: Identify rhyme scheme in the original extract-Check rhyme endings in each option-Compare pattern of rhymes matching the extract-Select option D as it matches best

(4)

How does the imagery of the emerald sea with the mermaid contrast with Amanda's actions ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The imagery of the emerald sea with the mermaid represents peace, calmness, and freedom. The mermaid is drifting blissfully, showing a relaxed and serene state. In contrast, Amanda's actions, such as biting her nails, hunching her shoulders, and slouching, indicate nervousness, discomfort, and lack of confidence. Thus, while the mermaid imagery suggests calm and ease, Amanda's actions reveal tension and unease.

Key Points: Imagery of emerald sea symbolizes peace and calmness - Mermaid drifting blissfully shows freedom and relaxation - Amanda's actions (nail biting, slouching) show nervousness and discomfort - Contrast between serene imagery and restless behavior

Section B

Question 5.

Read the following passage carefully :

(1) With the growing focus on sustainable living, the importance of kitchen gardens in wurban regions has garnered greater acknowledgement. One significance of kitchen gardens in urban areas is their role in promoting food security. Rapid urbanization has led to increased distances between food production centres and urban settlements, resulting in longer food supply chains and a decrease in the freshness and nutritional value of food.

(2) By having a kitchen garden, urban dwellers can grow their own fresh produce at home, making good use of empty tins, old utensils, and clay flower pots, ensuring a constant supply of nutritious food for themselves and their families. This activity not only saves money and time but can also provide a healthy, practical, and environmentally friendly hobby for the whole family.

(3) Not only do kitchen gardens contribute to food security, but they also play a crucial role in environmental sustainability. Traditional agricultural practices often involve the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and intensive irrigation methods, which may have adverse effects on the environment. However, kitchen gardens promote organic farming, reducing the use of harmful chemicals and preserving soil health.

(4) In addition to fostering a sustainable environment, kitchen gardens provide numerous health benefits to urban dwellers. The availability of fresh and organic produce from the garden ensures a higher intake of essential nutrients, vitamins, and minerals, promoting better overall health and well-being.

(5) Furthermore, kitchen gardens have proven to be an effective tool for education and community development. They provide an opportunity for individuals to reconnect with nature and learn about the basics of agriculture. Besides providing fruits and vegetables, gardening provides an aesthetic and therapeutic exercise that helps relieve stress. The physical activity involved in tending to a garden helps individuals stay active, reducing the risk of obesity and related health issues.

(6) By involving children in gardening activities, they can develop an appreciation for the environment and learn essential life skills. Moreover, kitchen gardens can also serve as a platform for community engagement, fostering social interactions and promoting a sense of belonging among urban residents.

(7) Despite the numerous benefits of kitchen gardens, establishing and maintaining one in urban areas can be challenging. Limited space, lack of sunlight, and soil quality issues are common obstacles that urban gardeners face. However, innovative solutions such as vertical gardening, hydroponics, and rooftop gardens have emerged to overcome these challenges.

(8) It is imperative to provide support and resources to encourage urban gardening initiatives as this can transform urban areas into sustainable havens where residents not only live but thrive in harmony with nature.

(1)

What does the writer's use of phrases like 'in urban regions kitchen gardens have garnered great acknowledgement' suggest about kitchen gardening today ?

(A) It has reduced inflation.

(B) It is an expensive hobby.

(C) It provides nutritious food.

(D) It does not minimize adverse effects on the environment. Paragraph (1)

[1 Marks]

Answer: The writer's phrase 'in urban regions kitchen gardens have garnered great acknowledgement' suggests that kitchen gardening is gaining popularity and recognition in cities today because it provides fresh and nutritious food. It highlights the growing awareness about the benefits of growing one's own vegetables and fruits at home.

Key Points: Phrase indicates growing recognition and popularity of kitchen gardening-Kitchen gardens are valued in urban areas for their benefits-They provide fresh and nutritious food to urban dwellers-Kitchen gardening is seen as a useful and healthy practice in cities

(2)

Complete the following with a suitable explanation. 1 Growing a kitchen garden is cost effective because _____.Paragraph (2)

[1 Marks]

Answer: Growing a kitchen garden is cost effective because urban dwellers can grow their own fresh produce at home using recycled materials like empty tins and old utensils, which saves money on buying vegetables from the market.

Key Points: Grow fresh produce at home - Use of recycled containers - Saves money on buying food - Constant supply of nutritious food

(3)

Tending to a kitchen garden has many health benefits. Explain in about 40 words. Paragraphs (4) and (5)

[2 Marks]

Answer: Kitchen gardens provide fresh and organic produce rich in essential nutrients, vitamins, and minerals that promote better health. Gardening also serves as a physical activity that reduces stress, helps in weight management, and offers therapeutic benefits to urban dwellers.

Key Points: Provides fresh organic produce - Rich in essential nutrients, vitamins, and minerals - Promotes overall health and well-being - Acts as physical exercise - Reduces stress - Therapeutic and aesthetic benefits

(4)

Identify two differences between the methods adopted in traditional farming and kitchen gardens.

Paragraph (3)

[2 Marks]

Answer: Traditional farming often uses synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and intensive irrigation methods, which can harm the environment. In contrast, kitchen gardens promote organic farming by reducing the use of harmful chemicals and help preserve soil health.

Key Points: Traditional farming uses synthetic fertilizers and pesticides - Kitchen gardens use organic farming methods - Traditional farming may involve intensive irrigation - Kitchen gardens focus on environmental sustainability

(5)

Substitute the underlined word with the correct word from Paragraph (4).

The local residents’ nurturing of their surrounding flora and fauna helps to create awareness about civic responsibilities.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word 'nurturing' should be replaced with 'availability' from Paragraph (4).

Key Points: The question asks to replace the underlined word with an appropriate word from Paragraph (4)-Paragraph (4) talks about fresh and organic produce from the garden ensuring availability of essential nutrients-vocabulary matching from the paragraph should be used to find the suitable replacement word

(6)

What hurdles do kitchen gardeners face ? Mention any two. Paragraph (7)

[1 Marks]

Answer: Kitchen gardeners in urban areas face problems like limited space and lack of sunlight, which make it difficult to grow plants properly.

Key Points: Limited space-Lack of sunlight-Soil quality issues

(7)

State whether the following statement is True or False : Kitchen gardening should be practised by everyone living in the cities.

[1 Marks]

Answer: True. Kitchen gardening should be practised by everyone living in cities because it promotes food security, provides fresh and nutritious produce, helps in environmental sustainability by reducing harmful chemicals, and also encourages community development and better health.

Key Points: Promotes food security-Provides fresh and nutritious food-Helps environmental sustainability by promoting organic farming-Supports health benefits-Involves community engagement

(8)

Select the option that best reflects the concept that kitchen gardening is an effective educational tool for children.

(A) It contributes to effective community development.

(B) It helps develop sensitivity and appreciation for nature. Paragraph (5)

[1 Marks]

Answer: Option (B) is correct because kitchen gardening helps children develop sensitivity and appreciation for nature.

Key Points: Kitchen gardens provide educational opportunities for children-They help children learn about agriculture and nature-Children develop appreciation and sensitivity towards the environment through gardening

Question 6.

Read the following passage carefully :

(1) Silk is a natural protein fibre, some forms of which can be woven into textiles. Silk has a long history in India. It is known as Resham in eastern and northern India, and Pattu in the southern parts of India. India is the second largest producer of silk in the world after China.

(2) Silk is renowned for its luxurious qualities with a natural soft and smooth texture that feels comfortable on the skin. One of its unique qualities is to absorb and release moisture, regulating the body temperature, and keeping the wearer cool and dry. Silk is renowned for its luxurious qualities with a natural soft and smooth texture that feels comfortable on the skin. One of its unique qualities is to absorb and release moisture, regulating the body temperature, and keeping the wearer cool and dry.

(3) Silk is one of the strongest natural fibres, but it loses up to 20% of its strength when wet. Its elasticity is moderate to poor: if elongated even a small amount, it remains stretched. It can be weakened if exposed to too much sunlight. It may also be attacked by insects, especially if left dirty.

(4) The process of silk production is known as sericulture. Silk is produced by several insects; but, generally, only the silk of moth caterpillars has been used for textile manufacturing. To produce 1 kg of silk, 104 kg of mulberry leaves must be eaten by 3000 silkworms.

(5) So what makes silk so costly ? Firstly, cultivation of silk is a labour-intensive work. Secondly, the silk fabric is carefully derived from the larva of the silkworms which spin silk threads around themselves to make cocoons from natural sources. This makes the production limited due to factors like — climate, availability of quality mulberry leaves and time required by silkworms to complete their lifecycle. Thirdly, the intensive work can only be carried out with specialized knowledge and expertise by skilled artisans and craftsmanship. Lastly, superior quality silk fabrics are made from long and uniform silk fibres giving them a smooth and lustrous appearance. Thus, production requires careful selection, adding to the cost.

In 2021, Karnataka was the highest producer of raw silk at 8483 metric tonnes followed by Andhra Pradesh at 5520 metric tonnes with Assam close behind at 5038 metric tonnes. At the other end of the spectrum there was Chhattisgarh (248 metric tonnes), Nagaland (230 metric tonnes) and UP trailed behind at 179 metric tonnes.

(1) Silk is a popular fabric in India. Support the above statement in 40 words with evidence from the text.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Silk is popular in India as it has a long history and is known by different names like Resham and Pattu. India is the second largest producer of silk globally, with states like Karnataka producing the highest amount, showing its wide acceptance.

Key Points: Silk has a long history in India-Also known as Resham and Pattu-India is second largest producer globally-Karnataka is highest producer among Indian states

(2)

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

Assertion : Silk feels comfortable to the skin.

Reason : It made of natural protein fibre.

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

(B) Both the assertion and the 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: Option (A) Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion. Silk is a natural protein fibre and hence feels soft and comfortable on the skin.

Key Points: Silk is a natural protein fibre - Silk has a natural soft and smooth texture - Silk feels comfortable on the skin - The reason (being natural protein fibre) explains the comfort of silk

(3)

Complete the sentence suitably. To carry out silk production requires careful selection because_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: To carry out silk production requires careful selection because superior quality silk fabrics are made from long and uniform silk fibres giving them a smooth and lustrous appearance.

Key Points: Careful selection needed for superior quality silk fibres- Silk fibres must be long and uniform- Ensures smooth and lustrous appearance of silk fabric- Adds to the production cost- Selection is important for quality control

(4)

According to the passage, in what way is sunlight harmful to silk ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Sunlight can weaken silk fabric, making it less strong and durable.

Key Points: Sunlight exposure-weakens silk fabric-reduces strength

(5)

“To produce 1 kg of silk, 104 kg of mulberry leaves must be eaten by 3000 silkworms.”

State any one inference that can be drawn from the above statement.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The production of silk requires a large amount of mulberry leaves and many silkworms, which shows that silk production is resource-intensive and requires significant effort.

Key Points: Silk production is resource-intensive - Large quantity of mulberry leaves needed - Many silkworms involved in producing 1 kg silk - Explains why silk is costly

(6)

Complete the following with one suitable reason from the text : Silk production work can be carried out by skilled artisans because_____.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Silk production work can be carried out by skilled artisans because it requires specialized knowledge and expertise.

Key Points: specialized knowledge-required expertise-intensive work-skilled artisans and craftsmanship

(7)

Justify the following statement :

Though one of the strongest natural fibres, silk remains stretched.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Silk is one of the strongest natural fibres, but it has moderate to poor elasticity. This means that if silk is stretched even a little, it tends to remain in its stretched form and does not return to its original shape easily. Therefore, silk remains stretched despite being strong.

Key Points: Silk is a strong natural fibre - Silk has moderate to poor elasticity - Once stretched, silk remains elongated and does not regain shape easily

(8)

Based on the given text, which state was the smallest producer of silk.

[1 Marks]

Answer: According to the passage, Uttar Pradesh (UP) was the smallest producer of silk with 179 metric tonnes.

Key Points: Mentioning the states listed as smallest producers - Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, and Uttar Pradesh- Identifying Uttar Pradesh (UP) as the smallest producer with 179 metric tonnes of raw silk.

(9)

Give one reason to support why production of silk is limited.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The production of silk is limited because it depends on factors such as climate, availability of quality mulberry leaves, and the time required by silkworms to complete their lifecycle.

Key Points: Dependence on climate - Need for quality mulberry leaves - Time taken by silkworm lifecycle

Section C

Question 7.

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.
Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions or if I can be of_____ (assist) in any way.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Key Points: Identify the correct form of the word 'assist' needed in a formal letter- Use the noun form 'assistance' after the phrase 'be of' to show offering help- Ensure the sentence is polite and formal as it is part of a letter- Recognize that 'assistance' correctly fits the blank to convey the intended meaning

Question 8.

Read the given sentence from a travel blog. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Spend a night under the stars in a traditional camp, where you can experience the warmth of our hospitable and savour the delicious local cuisine.

Use the given format for your response.

[1 Marks]

Error	*Correction*

Answer: The error in the sentence is the use of the word 'hospitable' which is an adjective, but here it is used as a noun. The correct noun form should be 'hospitality'. Therefore, the corrected sentence is: "Spend a night under the stars in a traditional camp, where you can experience the warmth of our hospitality and savour the delicious local cuisine."

Key Points: Identify the incorrect word 'hospitable' - Explain why it is incorrect (used as noun instead of adjective) - Provide the correct word 'hospitality' - Rewrite the corrected sentence clearly

Question 9.

Kriva and Manish had a conversation about the engagement of Kriva's brother. Report Manish's question.

How far is the engagement venue from your house ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Manish asked Kriva how far the engagement venue was from her house. He wanted to know the distance to the place where the engagement ceremony of Kriva's brother was being held. So, Manish's question can be reported as: Manish asked Kriva how far the engagement venue was from her house.

Key Points: Identify the original question-Convert direct question into reported speech-Use appropriate reporting verb 'asked'-Change the question word 'How far' appropriately-Change the tense if necessary-Use indirect question format without question mark

Question 10.

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a description of Notice Writing.

A notice is a type of social _____(conversation/conveyance/communication) used to notify or present information to a specific set of people.

[1 Marks]

Answer: A notice is a type of social communication used to notify or present information to a specific set of people. Notices are usually displayed on notice boards to inform the targeted audience about important events, rules, or instructions. Unlike letters or descriptive paragraphs, notices are brief, clear, and focused solely on conveying the essential information that requires attention or action. The

purpose of a notice is to communicate messages efficiently and effectively within a community, such as a school or organization.

Key Points: Notice is a social communication-It notifies or informs specific people-Displayed on notice boards-Used for announcements, events, rules-Concise and clear writing style-Distinct from letters or descriptive paragraphs

Question 11.

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an advertisement.

The board invite online applications from eligible candidates for the post of a senior English teacher.

Use the given format for your response.

[1 Marks]

Error	*Correction*

Answer: In the given sentence, the error lies in the verb 'invite'. Since the subject 'The board' is singular, the verb should also be singular. Therefore, 'invite' should be corrected to 'invites'. The corrected sentence will be: 'The board invites online applications from eligible candidates for the post of a senior English teacher.'

Key Points: Subject-verb agreement-The subject 'The board' is singular-The verb must be singular too-'invite' should be replaced with 'invites'-Corrected sentence maintains the formal tone expected in advertisements

Question 12.

Identify and correct the error in the given line taken from a user manual of an ironing board.

Place the garment on the ironing board, smoothening out as many wrinkle as possible.

[1 Marks]

Option No.	*Error*	*Correction*
(A)	on	in
(B)	many	any
(C)	wrinkle	wrinkles
(D)	possible	impossible

Answer: The error in the sentence is related to the plural form and the use of a less preferred word. The phrase 'smoothening out as many wrinkle as possible' contains two mistakes. First, 'wrinkle' should be in its plural form 'wrinkles' because it refers to multiple creases in the garment. Second, the word 'smoothening' is not standard; the correct word is 'smoothing'. Hence, the correct sentence should be: 'Place the garment on the ironing board, smoothing out as many wrinkles as possible.' This correction ensures proper grammar and clarity in the instruction, which is important for a user manual.

Key Points: Identification of grammatical error-Plural form of 'wrinkle' is 'wrinkles'-Correct word is 'smoothing' instead of 'smoothening'-Corrected sentence: 'Place the garment on the ironing board, smoothing out as many wrinkles as possible.'-Importance of clarity and correctness in user manuals

Question 13.

Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence.

Ankita : Will you help me plan my itinerary ?

Tanu : Yes, indeed ! Where are you going ?

Ankita asked Tanu if _____. Tanu enthusiastically replied in the affirmative and asked where she was going.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Ankita asked Tanu if she would help her plan her itinerary. Tanu enthusiastically replied in the affirmative and asked Ankita where she was going.

Key Points: Use reported speech to convert the question and answer-Ankita asked Tanu if she would help her plan the itinerary-Express Tanu's enthusiastic acceptance by mentioning 'enthusiastically replied in the affirmative'-Report Tanu's question about the destination by stating she asked where Ankita was going

Question 14.

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note on a food packet.

This product is manufacturing for infants and contains no additives.

[1 Marks]

Error	*Correction*

Answer: The error in the note is the use of the word 'manufacturing' instead of the correct form. The correct sentence should be: 'This product is manufactured for infants and contains no additives.' Here, 'manufactured' is the past participle used as an adjective, indicating that the product has been made for infants. Using 'manufacturing' (a present participle) in this context is incorrect because the sentence requires the past participle to describe the product. Hence, the correction is to replace 'manufacturing' with 'manufactured.'

Key Points: Error in verb form - Incorrect use of 'manufacturing'-Correct form is 'manufactured'-Use of past participle as an adjective-Explanation why 'manufactured' is correct

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Section D

Question 15.

Read the dialogue between Ankita and her mentor, Sharwari, about the cultural exchange programme. Ankita : Are we going to get some time off for sightseeing ?

Sharwart: Oh yes! All the students will get two days for sightseeing.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Ankita asked Sharwari if they were going to get some time off for sightseeing, to which Sharwari replied in the affirmative two days for sightseeing.

[1 Marks]

(A) that all students must be getting

(B) that all the students would get

(C) that all the students ought to get

(D) that all the students should get

Explanation:

The correct option is 'that all the students would get' because the reporting verb should express the future time from the perspective of the reporting. In the direct speech, Sharwari says 'All the students will get two days for sightseeing.' When reported, 'will' changes to 'would'. Therefore, the sentence correctly reads: '...to which Sharwari replied in the affirmative that all the students would get two days for sightseeing.'

Question 16.

Complete the given sentence by filling in the blank with the correct option. After she _____ her homework, Anaisha finally relaxed and watched a movie with her friends.

[1 Marks]

(A) will finish

(B) finished

(C) have finished

(D) had finished

Explanation:

The correct option is 'had finished' because the sentence requires the past perfect tense to show that Anaisha completed her homework before relaxing and watching a movie. The past perfect form is used to indicate an action that was completed before another action in the past.

Question 17. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the pop-up message appearing on a website. Welcome to our website! You _____ enjoy 10 percent off on your first purchase with code WELCOME. Click here to start shopping!

[1 Marks]

(A) may

(B) will

(C) might

(D) should

Explanation: The correct option is 'may' because the sentence is offering a possibility or permission to enjoy a discount, not a certainty or obligation. 'Should' implies recommendation, 'might' implies

uncertainty but less polite or direct, and 'will' implies certainty. Thus, 'may' best fits the polite, offering tone of the message.

Question 18.

Complete the given sentence about the reaction of some students, by selecting the correct option.
Since morning the group of students _____excited about the forthcoming cultural fest.

[1 Marks]

(A) was

(B) has been

(C) were

(D) are

Explanation:

The correct option is 'has been' because the sentence uses 'Since morning' which indicates an action that started in the past and is continuing until now. This requires the present perfect tense, which is formed using 'has been' for singular subject or 'have been' for plural subjects. Although 'group of students' refers to multiple individuals, it is considered singular when using 'group' as the subject. Therefore, 'has been' is the appropriate choice.

Section E

Question 19.

The young seagull’s fear of flying and reluctance to leave his ledge contribute to the development of the theme of independence and courage in the story. Justify. (Two Stories about Flying)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In the story 'His First Flight,' the young seagull initially feels frightened and hesitant to fly for the first time. His fear of leaving the safety of his ledge symbolizes the natural reluctance to embrace new challenges. However, his parents encourage and sometimes even threaten him gently to make him brave enough to spread his wings. This struggle reflects the theme of independence, as the seagull learns to rely on himself and overcome his fears. Courage is developed when the young seagull finally gathers the confidence to fly alone, marking his growth from dependence on his parents to self-reliance. Similarly, the pilot in the other story faces challenges but is helped by the seagulls, showing courage and determination. Overall, the young seagull's fear and eventual courage illustrate the experience every one of us faces while stepping out of our comfort zones to become independent.

Key Points: Young seagull’s initial fear of flying-The safety of the ledge as comfort zone-Parents' encouragement and gentle threats-Theme of courage through overcoming fear-Development of independence by flying alone-Relatable to human experiences of facing fears and becoming independent

Question 20.

In what ways does the contrast between the tiger’s natural habitat and its confinement in a concrete cell enhance the poem’s exploration of captivity and its consequences for wild animals ? (A Tiger in the Zoo)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In Leslie Norris's poem "A Tiger in the Zoo," the contrast between the tiger’s natural habitat and its confinement in a concrete cell powerfully highlights the theme of captivity and its dire consequences on wild animals. The tiger, which in the wild moves freely with strength and grace, is shown pacing in a small, bare cage made of concrete, which restricts its natural instincts and vitality. This contrast emphasizes the loss of freedom and devastation of a tiger’s true spirit when trapped by humans. The poem portrays the concrete cell as a cold, unnatural environment that suppresses the tiger’s wildness, illustrating how captivity confines and diminishes the life force of such majestic creatures. Thus, the contrast deepens the reader’s understanding of how the unnatural confinement causes physical and psychological harm to wild animals, reflecting the broader conflict between nature and human control.

Key Points: Contrast between wild freedom and captive confinement- Tiger’s natural movements versus pacing in cage- Concrete cell symbolizes unnatural imprisonment-Captivity suppresses tiger’s vitality and instincts- Highlights consequences of captivity on wild animals- Explores conflict between man and nature- Emphasizes loss of freedom and spirit in captivity

Question 21.

The portrayal of the baker’s attire and role in the village emphasize the cultural and social significance of bread-making within the community. Elaborate. (Glimpses of India — A Baker from Goa)

[3 Marks]

Answer:

In the story 'A Baker from Goa,' the baker’s attire, known as the 'kabai,' signifies his unique identity and respected position in the village. The kabai, a long frock reaching the knees, distinguishes the baker and highlights his traditional role. The baker’s furnace in the village is essential to community life, providing bread and festive treats like cakes and bolinhas during celebrations such as Christmas and engagement ceremonies. This shows how deeply bread-making is linked to cultural customs and

social functions, with the baker playing a vital role in preserving tradition and meeting the community's needs.

Key Points: Baker's attire (kabai) symbolizes his unique identity-Bakery furnace is essential in the village-Baker's role in preparing bread and festive items-Cultural importance of bread in social occasions-Traditional baking as a community practice

Question 22.

What happens to the house when the trees move out of it ? Comment. (The Trees)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In the poem "The Trees," when the trees move out of the house, the house is left empty and bare. The trees originally occupy the house, giving it life and vibrancy. However, as the trees move back into the forest, the house loses its charm and becomes empty. This movement symbolizes the importance of trees and nature in making a place lively and full of energy. Without the trees, the house feels deserted and hollow, showing how essential trees are to the environment and our surroundings.

Key Points: Trees move out of the house-The house becomes empty and lifeless-Trees give life and vibrancy to the house-Trees symbolize nature's presence-The house loses charm without trees-Trees moving back to the forest-The importance of trees in environment and surroundings

Question 23.

How does Valli's desire to ride the bus reflect her aspirations and challenges in context of her daily life ? (Madam Rides the Bus)

[3 Marks]

Answer: Valli's deep desire to ride the bus shows her curiosity about the world beyond her village and her wish to experience something new and exciting. Living a simple life in a rural setting, she had never seen the town closely and was eager to discover it. Her plan to save money by collecting small amounts from home reflects her determination and the challenges she faced due to limited resources. Riding the bus was not just about travel; it symbolized her dreams to explore, learn, and break away from the routine of her daily life.

Key Points: Valli's curiosity about the town-Valli's wish to explore and experience new things-Saving money by collecting small amounts from home-Overcoming challenges of limited resources-Riding the bus as a symbol of aspiration and discovery

Question 24.

How do Anil’s initial reaction to Hari Singh’s cooking and his subsequent actions reflect Anil’s evolving relationship with Hari Singh ? (The Thief’s Story)

[3 Marks]

Answer: In the story 'The Thief’s Story', Anil’s initial reaction to Hari Singh’s cooking is one of surprise and appreciation. Although Hari Singh is a thief, Anil is not judgmental; instead, he acknowledges Hari Singh’s genuine effort when the boy cooks for him. This reaction marks the beginning of their evolving bond, moving from mere employer-employee to a relationship built on trust and understanding. Anil’s subsequent actions, such as not reporting Hari Singh to the police after the theft and instead choosing to forgive him, further reflect his compassionate and empathetic nature. Anil, a struggling writer himself, appears to understand that circumstances, rather than character, often shape a person's actions. His kindness helps Hari Singh see the possibility of trust and change. Thus, Anil’s responses show a growing respect and belief in Hari Singh’s potential for honesty and reform, highlighting the transformation in their relationship from suspicion to mutual respect and warmth.

Key Points: Anil's surprise and appreciation of Hari Singh's cooking - Reflection of non-judgmental attitude - Transition from employer-employee to trust-based relationship - Anil's decision not to punish or report Hari Singh - Shows Anil's empathy and understanding of circumstances - Anil as a struggling writer shapes his compassionate behavior - Demonstrates the development of respect and belief in potential reform

Question 25.

The unexpected encounter with the voice in the doorway affects Horace’s burglary attempt. Elaborate. (A Question of Trust)

[3 Marks]

Answer: The unexpected encounter with the voice in the doorway significantly altered Horace’s burglary attempt. When Horace, a burglar, entered the cottage, he was taken aback to hear a familiar voice. The lady, who appeared amused, greeted him saying, “Anyone would think I’d been away for a month!” This unexpected presence made Horace rethink his actions. Though he was a criminal, the lady’s calm and confident demeanor confused him. He realized that she was aware of his intentions but chose to engage rather than panic. This encounter gave Horace hope that he might avoid trouble if he dealt with her properly, indicating that her composure and unexpected arrival disrupted his plan and made him cautious. Ultimately, the voice in the doorway shifted the power dynamic and undermined Horace’s burglary, preventing him from proceeding recklessly.

Key Points: Horace was surprised by the lady's unexpected presence-The lady's amused and confident tone unsettled Horace-The encounter made Horace reconsider his plan-

Horace saw a chance to avoid trouble by behaving cautiously-The unexpected voice disrupted the burglary attempt and shifted the power balance

Question 26.

The play, 'The Book that Saved the Earth', uses humour and misunderstandings between the Martians and Earthlings to explore the themes of perception and cultural differences. Comment.

[3 Marks]

Answer: The play 'The Book that Saved the Earth' cleverly uses humour and misunderstandings to highlight how perceptions and cultural differences can lead to confusion. The Martians, led by Think-Tank, misinterpret innocent nursery rhymes from the book Mother Goose as dangerous secret messages meant to invade Mars. This misunderstanding is amusing because the Martians take the nursery rhymes literally and see threats where there are none. The play shows that different cultures may interpret the same things differently based on their own knowledge and fears. It also teaches us the importance of communication and understanding to overcome such confusions. For example, the Martians think the line 'There was a little lamb who followed the children to school' is a code to invade Mars. Through humour, the play encourages readers to look beyond their perceptions and appreciate cultural differences to avoid conflicts. Eventually, when the Martians understand the real meaning of the nursery rhymes, they form a friendly relationship with Earth. Therefore, the play uses comedy to deliver a strong message about the dangers of misunderstandings and the value of open-mindedness.

Key Points: Humour highlights misinterpretations-The Martians misunderstand nursery rhymes as threats-Themes of perception and cultural differences-Importance of communication to resolve confusion-How cultural background shapes interpretation-The play's message on understanding and friendship-The resolution leading to Martian-Earth friendship

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Section F

Question 27.

You are Neha/Nehal Panjwani, residing at 8576, Sarita Apartments, Hanger Street. As a responsible citizen, you believe in promoting environmentally responsible practices. Write a letter to the Director, Alternate Energy Commission, in about 120 words, sharing your views about 'Reducing the Carbon Footprint' by encouraging the use of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power and to provide subsidies to families who want to avail the facility.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

8576, Sarita Apartments,
Hanger Street,
10 April 2024

The Director,
Alternate Energy Commission,
City Center,

Subject: Promoting Renewable Energy to Reduce Carbon Footprint

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Neha Panjwani, a resident of Sarita Apartments. I am writing to express my strong belief in promoting renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power to reduce our carbon footprint. The use of these clean energy options is essential to combat climate change and protect our environment.

I urge the Commission to provide subsidies and incentives to families willing to adopt these renewable energy sources. This support will encourage more households to switch from traditional energy to eco-friendly alternatives, thus reducing pollution significantly.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I hope the Commission will take appropriate steps to promote sustainable energy practices.

Yours sincerely,
Neha Panjwani

> **Key Points: Mention your name and address- Purpose of writing the letter- Importance of reducing carbon footprint- Encouraging the use of renewable energy like solar and wind power- Request to provide subsidies to families- Benefits of such measures for environment and society- Polite closing**

Question 28.

As Shobita/Shobhit Das, a responsible citizen, residing in 14-A, GVR Colony, Hoshiyarbad, you have noticed that a road crossing in your area does not have a traffic signal which leads to chaos and traffic jams during peak hours. It is also an accident-prone area. Despite writing numerous letters to the Traffic Commissioner, no action has yet been taken. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, to draw the attention of concerned authorities to address the pressing issue affecting the commuters.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

14-A, GVR Colony,
Hoshiyarbad.
Date: 27 April 2024

To
The Editor,
A National Daily,
New Delhi.

Subject: Urgent Need for Traffic Signal at Busy Road Crossing in GVR Colony

Sir,

I am Shobhit Das, a resident of GVR Colony, Hoshiyarbad. I wish to bring to your kind notice the chaos created at a busy road crossing in our area due to the absence of a traffic signal. This place is a hotspot for traffic jams during peak hours and is highly accident-prone, putting commuters' lives at risk. Despite writing several letters to the Traffic Commissioner, no action has been taken so far.

I urge the concerned authorities to install a traffic signal at the earliest to ensure smooth traffic flow and prevent accidents. Prompt attention to this issue will greatly benefit the people of this area.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Shobhit Das

Key Points: Mention your name and address-Describe the problem at the road crossing due to no traffic signal-Highlight traffic jams and accident risks-Note previous letters written with no action-Focus on drawing public and authority attention-Request urgent installation of traffic signal for safety and smooth traffic flow-End with a polite closing

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Section G

Question 29.

The effects of technology on education have been profound and multifaceted; influencing both teaching and learning in various ways. The data below shows the rising enrolment in online courses over the years. Analyze the data and write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, about how technology has transformed teaching and learning by shifting from classrooms to digital devices. Discuss benefits such as access to information and challenges like digital divide.

[5 Marks]

S. No.	Year	Total number of enrolments (in millions)
1.	2017	26
2.	2018	43
3.	2019	59
4.	2020	76
5.	2021	143
6.	2022	189

Answer: Technology has significantly transformed education by shifting the learning environment from traditional classrooms to digital devices. The rise in enrollment in online courses over the years highlights this change. Technology provides easy access to vast information and learning resources anytime and anywhere, making education more flexible and personalized. Teachers use multimedia tools and digital platforms to make learning more interactive and engaging. However, this shift also brings challenges such as the digital divide, where many students lack access to computers or reliable internet, limiting their learning opportunities. Digital literacy becomes important to ensure everyone benefits from these advancements. Overall, technology in education enhances learning but also requires measures to bridge accessibility gaps.

Key Points: Technology shifts education from classrooms to digital devices - Increased online course enrollment shows growing digital learning - Provides easy access to information and resources anytime - Makes learning flexible, personalized, and interactive - Enhances teaching methods through multimedia and digital tools - Challenges include digital divide and unequal access to devices and internet - Importance of digital literacy for all students - Need to address accessibility and inclusion for effective learning transformation

Question 30.

Read the given details about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence (AI). With the help of the given cues and your own ideas write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words on “Al — Benefits and Drawbacks”.

[5 Marks]

- AI is possessed by machines
- Impacted our lives in many ways
- AI – Google maps
- Knowledge at our fingertips
- Cannot wholly replicate humans
- Increase in cyber crime

Answer: Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers both benefits and drawbacks that impact various aspects of life. On the positive side, AI improves healthcare by enabling faster diagnosis and personalized treatment, which enhances physical and mental health. Morally, AI can support ethical decision-making by reducing human errors and biases. However, AI also presents disadvantages. It can lead to job losses due to automation, affecting people's livelihoods and causing social imbalance. Additionally, there are dangers related to privacy invasion and misuse of AI in surveillance or autonomous weapons. Therefore, while AI contributes significantly to progress, it is important to address its ethical, social, and safety challenges to ensure it benefits humanity as a whole.

Key Points: Benefits divided into health and moral categories - Health: AI's positive effects on physical and mental health through improved diagnosis and treatment - Moral: AI's contribution to ethical decision-making and reduction of human biases - Disadvantages: Job losses due to automation, privacy concerns, misuse of AI technology - Overall balanced view emphasizing benefits while recognizing challenges and dangers

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Section H

Question 31.

Comment on the reactions and feelings of Lencho and Nelson Mandela when they faced challenges in their lives. (A Letter to God and Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)

[6 Marks]

Answer:

Both Lencho from "A Letter to God" and Nelson Mandela from "Long Walk to Freedom" demonstrate remarkable resilience and unwavering faith when faced with challenges in their lives. Lencho, a poor farmer, confronted the devastating loss of his crops due to a hailstorm. Despite the hardship, he displayed unshakeable faith in God, confidently writing a letter asking for help, showing his hope and belief in divine intervention. On the other hand, Nelson Mandela faced immense adversity during his struggle against apartheid. Despite imprisonment and oppression, he remained committed to his

ideals of freedom, equality, and reconciliation. Mandela's feelings evolved over time; while he initially viewed freedom as merely the absence of chains, his experiences deepened his understanding to include the liberation of both the oppressed and the oppressor. Both characters embody courage and faith: Lencho through his trust in God's help, and Mandela through his perseverance and hope in human dignity and justice. Their reactions reveal the strength of the human spirit when faced with difficulties, highlighting that hope and steadfastness are vital in overcoming challenges.

Key Points: Lencho's faith in God despite crop loss - Lencho's hope expressed through letter - Mandela's struggle against apartheid - Mandela's imprisonment and perseverance - Mandela's evolving understanding of freedom - Both show courage and resilience - Importance of hope and faith in adversity

Question 32.

Discuss how the writers use language to create humour in the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' and the play 'The Proposal'.

[6 Marks]

Answer:

In both the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' by Ogden Nash and the play 'The Proposal' by Anton Chekhov, language is cleverly used to create humour that engages the reader and makes the stories memorable. In 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon', Nash uses playful rhyme, exaggerated descriptions, and irony to make the poem amusing. For example, the dragon Custard is ironically called 'cowardly' and is constantly depicted as scared and needing protection, which is unusual for dragons typically seen as fierce. The contrast between Custard's bravery in the end and his fearful nature adds humor. The use of simple yet witty language like 'Belinda tickled him unmerciful' creates a light-hearted tone. In addition, the humorous personification of the pets and their conversations adds to the comic effect. In 'The Proposal', Chekhov achieves humour through witty and exaggerated dialogue, misunderstandings, and the characters' quick tempers. The language reflects the petty quarrels between the characters, which are blown out of proportion, creating a comic effect. The use of formal language mixed with absurd disputes highlights the ridiculousness of the situation. Both writers use language not only to tell the story but to entertain by highlighting the irony and absurdity of their characters' actions, making humour an integral part of their works.

Key Points: Use of irony in 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'-Playful rhyme and exaggeration in the poem-Irony of a 'cowardly dragon'-Humorous personification of animals-Witty and exaggerated dialogue in 'The Proposal'-Use of misunderstandings and petty quarrels-Creation of comic situations through language-Contrast between characters' behaviour and language style-Humour through absurdity and irony

Question 33.

Discuss how Bholi evolves through the story. What are the qualities that contribute to her transformation from a timid girl to a confident young woman ? (Bholi)

[6 Marks]

Answer:

Bholi, initially a timid and neglected girl, undergoes a remarkable transformation throughout the story. Born with a speech defect and considered unattractive by her family, she is shy and lacks confidence. However, her teacher takes a special interest in her and encourages her to attend school, which becomes a turning point in her life. At school, Bholi gains knowledge, self-respect, and confidence, which helps her overcome social barriers. She is no longer the frightened girl afraid of the world but a self-assured young woman ready to stand up for herself.

Her transformation is also evident when she refuses to agree to an unequal marriage proposal, despite pressure. This shows her courage, self-respect, and awareness of her rights. The teacher's support and Bholi's own qualities, such as determination, courage, and growing self-confidence, contribute to her evolution. By the end, Bholi, or Sulekha as she is finally called, symbolizes empowerment and change.

> **Key Points: Bholi's early timidity due to speech defect and neglect - Teacher's encouragement and support - Attending school as a catalyst for change - Gaining knowledge and self-confidence - Refusing unequal marriage proposal - Qualities like courage, determination, and self-respect - Final transformation into a confident young woman**

Question 34.

Hari’s character evolves from being deceitful and opportunistic to remorseful and seeking redemption.

In the light of the above information, describe how his decision to return the money signifies a moral awakening in him and a newfound appreciation for Anil’s kindness and mentorship.

(The Thief's Story)

[6 Marks]

Answer:

Hari begins the story as a deceitful and opportunistic boy who steals money from Anil, his employer. Initially, he expects anger or punishment from Anil, yet Anil’s reaction surprises him—he is only saddened, not angry. This response hits Hari deeply, making him realize that the loss was not just about money, but the loss of trust. Anil’s kindness and trust despite the theft act as a catalyst for Hari’s moral awakening. Hari’s decision to return the stolen money symbolizes his remorse and desire to rectify his wrongdoings. It shows that he values Anil’s mentorship and kindness, which transformed his

perspective from selfishness to gratitude and responsibility. This change in Hari highlights the impact of patience and trust on personal growth. Ultimately, Hari's return of the money is a sincere effort to regain Anil's trust and a testimony to his changed character and newfound respect for honesty and integrity.

Key Points: Hari starts as deceitful and opportunistic-Hari expects anger or punishment from Anil-Anil shows sadness, not anger, indicating loss of trust-Hari experiences moral awakening due to Anil's kindness and trust-Hari feels remorse for stealing-Hari decides to return the money as a sign of redemption-Return of money shows newfound appreciation for Anil's mentorship-Highlights the transformative power of forgiveness and trust on character