CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2022

ENGLISH

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 47

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

i. This question paper contains **19 questions.** All questions are **compulsory.**

ii. This question paper is divided into **7 sections.**

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

iv. **Section B** – questions number **3 to 4** are case based questions

v. **Section C** – questions number **5 to 11** are short answer

vi. **Section D** – questions number **12 to 13** are grammar short

vii. **Section E** – questions number **14 to 16** are long answer

viii. **Section F** – questions number **17 to 18** are paragraph

ix. **Section G** – questions number **19 to 19** are letter

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

xi. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

Read the passage given below :

1. Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400

metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.

2. The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.

3. From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced".

4. He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956Melbourne Olympics. "I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but, hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared

   to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."

   5.Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life. "Running had thus become my God, my religion and my beloved." "My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach."

6. On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training. "I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me, asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory."

   Based on your reading answer any five questions from the six given below :

(1) What is Milka Singh known as ? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh is known as 'The Flying Sikh'. During his participation in the Melbourne Olympics, he realized that the competition was much stronger and more professional than he had expected. He understood that his talents, which had brought him success in India, were not enough on the international stage and that he needed to prepare himself better to compete with the best athletes in the world.

Key Points: Milkha Singh known as The Flying Sikh - Realized competition was very strong at Melbourne Olympics - Felt his talents were insufficient compared to international athletes - Understood the need for better preparation and hard work on the international level.

(2)

List any two of Milkha Singh’s achievements.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Two achievements of Milkha Singh are: 1. He won gold medals in the 400 metres race at both the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games. 2. He represented India in three consecutive Summer Olympics - 1956 Melbourne, 1960 Rome, and 1964 Tokyo.

Key Points: Won gold medals in 400 metres at Asian Games-Won gold medal in 400 metres at Commonwealth Games-Represented India in 1956, 1960, and 1964 Summer Olympics

(3)

What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh followed very strict rules and regulations including waking up at the crack of dawn every day, putting on his sports kit, and running two or three miles cross-country daily under the supervision of his coach. He devoted himself completely to sprinting and adhered to a disciplined training schedule.

Key Points: Waking up early every morning-Running two or three miles cross-country daily-Having a strict, self-imposed training regime-Following the guidance of his coach-Devoting himself entirely to sprinting

(4)

State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Two consequences of Milkha Singh's hard and strenuous practice were that he sometimes vomited blood and also dropped unconscious due to extreme physical exertion.

Key Points: vomited blood-dropped unconscious-very intense training and practice

(5)

What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the

world ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh was motivated to become the best athlete in the world due to his passion for running which he described as his God, religion, and beloved. After his poor performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, he realized the high level of international competition and became determined to improve. His strong desire to succeed pushed him to train rigorously despite physical hardships, constantly inspired by the vision of victory and the cheers of the spectators. This passion and determination fueled his efforts to achieve excellence in athletics.

Key Points: Passion for running-Rigid training and discipline-Disappointment in 1956 Olympics motivated improvement-Strong determination to be the best-Visualizing victory and crowd support as motivation

(6)

Explain the phrase ‘I would start again’ in the last sentence

[1 Marks]

Answer: The phrase 'I would start again' means that despite feeling physically exhausted and unwell from the intense training, Milkha Singh's strong determination and passion for running motivated him to continue his training and never give up on his goal of becoming the best athlete.

Key Points: Milkha Singh faced extreme physical challenges-Milkha Singh had strong determination and passion for running-'I would start again' shows his willingness to continue training despite difficulties-It reflects his never-give-up attitude and commitment to his goal

Question 2.

Read the following excerpt from a Case Study. J.K. Rowling — A Journey

The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling’s near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates.

Rowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne. “The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit.” Rowling said in an interview. “He got the measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so.

However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage or secure a pension.

A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was stuck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully formed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life.

Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English.

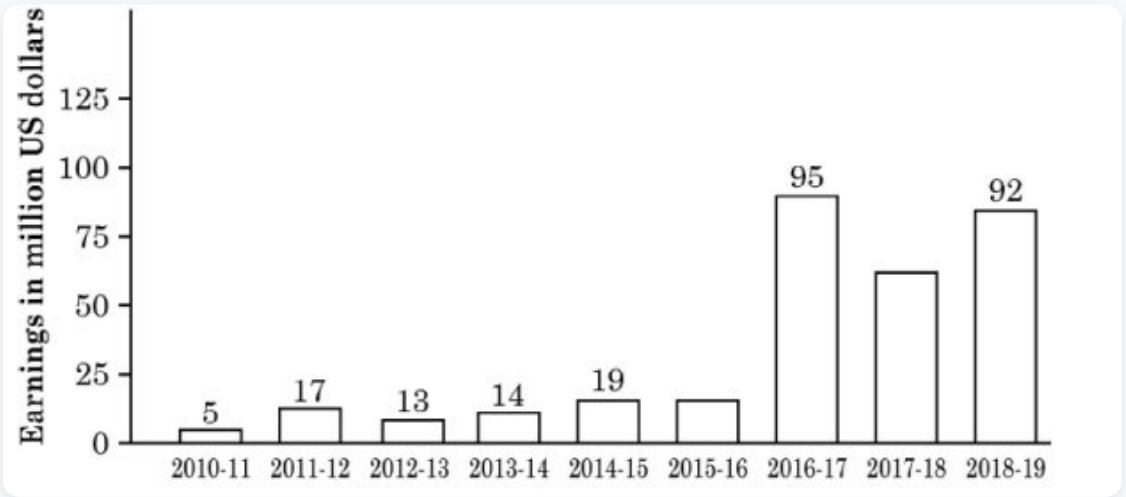
At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that plot was too complex. Refusing to compromise, she found a publisher.

In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had sky rocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of zeroes appeared on the author’s bank balance and her life was turned upside down. Day and night she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.

Rowling’s quality control has become legendary, as her obsession with accuracy. She’s thrilled with Stephen Fry's taped version of the books and outraged that an Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses. “Don’t they understand that the glasses are the clue to his vulnerability.”

Annual earnings of J.K. Rowling from 2010 to 2019.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer any five of the six questions given below.



(1) Explain J.K. Rowling’s ‘near magical rise to fame’.

[1 Marks]

Answer: J.K. Rowling's rise to fame was 'near magical' because although she faced many difficulties, she never gave up on her writing dreams. From a young age, she loved creating stories. Despite her parents' skepticism, she kept writing. The character of Harry Potter came to her fully formed while she was on a train, and she spent five years developing the plots of seven books. Although many publishers rejected Harry Potter at first, calling the plot too complex, Rowling refused to compromise and finally found a publisher. Her first book's success brought her fame and financial success, making her rise to the top of the literary world almost magical.

Key Points: J.K. Rowling loved writing from childhood - Persisted despite parents' lack of support - Created Harry Potter character on a train - Spent five years planning seven books - Faced rejection from publishers but didn't give up - Finally got published and achieved great success

(2)

Why was Rowling outraged with the Italian dust jacket ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Rowling was outraged with the Italian dust jacket because it showed Harry without his glasses, which she felt was a significant error. She believed that Harry’s glasses were a crucial symbol representing his vulnerability.

Key Points: Rowling noticed an error on the Italian dust jacket - Harry was shown without glasses - Harry’s glasses symbolize his vulnerability - Rowling considered this a serious mistake

(3)

Find a word in the last para that means the same as ‘insecure/helpless’.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The word from the last paragraph that means ‘insecure/helpless’ is ‘vulnerability’.

Key Points: The word should be from the last paragraph-The word should mean insecure or helpless-The word found is ‘vulnerability’-Rowling mentions that Harry's glasses are a clue to his vulnerability which means feeling insecure or helpless

(4)

What reason did the publishers give for rejecting Rowling’s book ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The publishers rejected Rowling’s book because they thought the plot was too complex.

Key Points: Publishers' rejection-PLOT TOO COMPLEX-The story not simple

(5)

What was the drawback of achieving fame ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The drawback of achieving fame for J.K. Rowling was that her privacy was lost. Journalists constantly knocked on her door, and her personal life was disturbed, making her life turn upside down.

Key Points: Loss of privacy - Constant attention from journalists - Life turned upside down

(6)

According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: It took J.K. Rowling about three years from the time her first book was published to become very successful, as by the time her third book was released, she had reached the top of the publishing world.

Key Points: Rowling's first book published in 1997 - Success increased notably by book three - Took about three years to achieve major success - By book three, her bank balance increased significantly

(7)

For the Visually impaired Candidates :

What has become legendary about Rowling

[1 Marks]

Answer: Rowling's quality control and her obsession with accuracy have become legendary.

Key Points: Rowling's quality control-Obsession with accuracy-Legendary status in writing

Section B

Question 3. Read the passage given below : (1) Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India’s fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements. (2) The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh’s fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years. (3) From beginnings that saw him orphaned and

displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as “the finest athlete India has ever produced”. (4) He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. “I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but hadn’t realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world.” (5) Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life. “Running had thus become my God, my religion and my beloved.” “My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach.” (6) On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training, “I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me, asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory.”

(1)

What is Milka Singh known as ? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh is known as The Flying Sikh, a famous Indian sprinter. During the Melbourne Olympics, he realized that his talents were not enough to compete with well-trained international athletes and he understood the true meaning of competition, which motivated him to work harder and improve himself. (Refer paragraph 1 and 4)

Key Points: Known as The Flying Sikh - Realized his talents were not enough against professional athletes - Understood true meaning of competition during Melbourne Olympics

(2) What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh was motivated to become the best athlete in the world by his strong determination and passion for running. Despite facing tough training and health challenges, he kept going because he imagined the joy of winning and hearing the cheers of the crowd. His love for running became like a religion to him, as mentioned in the passage.

Key Points: Strong determination - Passion for running - Encouragement from visions of victory

(3) What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow ?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh followed strict rules and regulations by waking up at dawn every day and running two to three miles cross-country under his coach's supervision. He treated running like a religion and pushed himself hard, even when it affected his health, to become the best athlete, as described in the passage (paragraph 5 and 6).

Key Points: Woke up early at dawn - Ran two to three miles every morning - Followed a strict routine under coach's guidance

(4) State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh's hard and strenuous practice led to two main consequences: he was often drained of all energy and sometimes vomited blood or fainted due to extreme exertion. Despite warnings from doctors and coaches, his determination remained strong, which helped him become a great athlete.
(Reference: Paragraph 6)

Key Points: Drained of energy - Vomited blood or fainted - Strong determination to excel

(5) Explain the phrase 'I would start again' in the last sentence.

[1 Marks]

Answer: The phrase 'I would start again' means that despite physical exhaustion and difficulties during training, Milkha Singh kept gaining courage and motivation by imagining winning moments, so he continued his hard practice without giving up, showing his strong determination (paragraph 6).

Key Points: Overcoming exhaustion - Motivated by visions of victory - Showing strong determination

(6) List any two of Milkha Singh's achievements.

[1 Marks]

Answer: Milkha Singh was the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games.
He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games and was awarded the Padma Shri for his achievements.

Key Points: Won gold in 400 metres at Asian Games - Won gold in 400 metres at Commonwealth Games - Awarded Padma Shri

Question 4. Read the following excerpt from a Case Study. J.K. Rowling – A Journey The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates. Rowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne. "The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit." Rowling said in an interview. "He got the measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so. However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage or secure a pension. A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was stuck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully formed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life. Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English. At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that plot was too complex. Refusing to compromise, she found a publisher. In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had sky rocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of

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(1) Explain J.K. Rowling’s ‘near magical rise to fame’.

[1 Marks]

Answer: J.K. Rowling’s near magical rise to fame started when she created Harry Potter in her mind while stuck on a train and spent five years writing seven books. Despite initial rejections, she did not give up and finally got a publisher. Her first royalty cheque came in 1997 and by the third book she became very famous and successful as mentioned in the case.

Key Points: Created Harry Potter while on train - Spent five years writing seven books - Faced initial rejection but refused to compromise - Gained fame after third book and first royalty cheque in 1997

(2) What was the drawback of achieving fame?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The drawback of achieving fame for Rowling was that her life was turned upside down with journalists knocking day and night on her flat's door, disturbing her privacy and peace as mentioned in the case passage.

Key Points: Fame caused loss of privacy - Journalists disturbed her life - Life was turned upside down

(3) What reason did the publishers give for rejecting Rowling's book?

[1 Marks]

Answer: The publishers rejected Rowling's book at first because they said the plot was too complex. This is mentioned in the case where it says 'At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that plot was too complex.' The publishers did not believe that a complicated story would be successful.

Key Points: Publishers rejected the book - Reason given was the plot was too complex - Rowling refused to compromise and found a publisher anyway

(4) Why was Rowling outraged with the Italian dust jacket?

[1 Marks]

Answer: Rowling was outraged with the Italian dust jacket because it showed Harry without his glasses, which she considers an important detail. The glasses are a clue to his vulnerability, and omitting them changed the character's representation, which upset Rowling as she is very particular about accuracy in her books.

Key Points: Rowling values accuracy - Harry's glasses symbolize vulnerability - Italian dust jacket omitted glasses causing outrage

(5) According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful?

[1 Marks]

Answer: According to the case, it took Rowling about 5 years to become very successful. She spent five years planning the seven books and started writing while in Portugal. By the time the third book was published, she had reached the top of the publishing world and became very famous.

Reference: "She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books" and "By book three, she had sky rocketed to the top of the publishing world."

Key Points: Rowling spent 5 years planning the books - Success came by the third book - She became very famous and successful after about 5 years

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Section C

Question 5.

What was the objective of Lomov's visit to Chubukov's house? (The Proposal)

[2 Marks]

Answer: The main objective of Lomov's visit to Chubukov's house was to propose marriage to Chubukov's daughter, Natalya. Lomov, a wealthy and somewhat nervous neighbour, had come with the intention of asking for Natalya's hand in marriage. Despite their quarrelsome nature and tendency to argue over trivial matters, Lomov was sincere in his purpose. The proposal, however, almost got lost amidst the frequent petty arguments between the characters. Lomov's visit highlights the social customs and personal dynamics of the characters, especially the awkwardness and tension involved in the marriage proposal.

Key Points: Lomov visits Chubukov's house to propose marriage-Lomov is a neighbour and a wealthy landowner-The proposal is meant for Natalya, Chubukov's daughter-The characters are quarrelsome, causing interruptions-The main objective remains the marriage proposal

Question 6. Anand was blamed for a number of things. Mention any two.

[2 Marks]

Answer: Anand was blamed for two main things. First, he was blamed for not telling the truth about the theft, which made others suspicious of him. Second, he was blamed for causing trouble and misunderstanding among the people around him, which affected his reputation.

These blame points show that Anand became a victim of misunderstanding and wrong assumptions by others.

> **Key Points: Blamed for not telling the truth - Blamed for causing misunderstanding among people**

Question 7.

Walt Whitman speaks of the human race with a tinge of sarcasm. Which are the two reasons that you agree with? (Animals)

[2 Marks]

Answer: Walt Whitman uses sarcasm to highlight the cruel and selfish behavior of humans towards animals. Firstly, he points out that humans often subject innocent animals to unnecessary suffering for their own willfulness and amusement, showing a lack of empathy and respect for other living beings. Secondly, Whitman sarcastically criticizes how humans claim superiority over animals while being responsible for their pain and exploitation. These reasons reveal the irony in human actions, as they consider themselves civilized yet act cruelly toward animals.

> **Key Points: Whitman's use of sarcasm to criticize human cruelty - Humans subject innocent animals to suffering due to selfishness - Humans claim superiority but exploit animals - Lack of empathy and respect towards animals - Highlighting irony in human behavior**

Question 8. How did Custard prove ‘the cowardly dragon’ tag to be untrue?

[2 Marks]

Answer: Custard, the dragon, was called 'cowardly' by Belinda and her friends because he seemed afraid and gentle. However, Custard proved this tag wrong when he bravely protected his friends. When an enemy appeared, Custard jumped up, snorting and clashing his tail fiercely just like irons in a dungeon. His sharp teeth and spikes showed his courage, and he chased the enemy away. Through this brave act, Custard showed that he was not a coward but a true protector of his friends.

> **Key Points: Custard was called cowardly because he appeared gentle and afraid-Custard had sharp teeth and spikes-He proved bravery by protecting his friends from danger-He snorted and clashed his tail to scare the enemy-He chased the intruder away-Showed he was not cowardly but brave**

Question 9.

What role did Ebright's mother play in his success? (The Making of a Scientist)

[2 Marks]

Answer: Ebright's mother played a crucial and supportive role in his success as a scientist. She nurtured his curiosity and encouraged his interest in science from an early age. When Ebright showed fascination for collecting butterflies, his mother supported this hobby, which became a gateway for his interest in scientific exploration. She also motivated him to explore his talents and assured him that failures, such as not winning at a science fair, were part of learning. This encouragement helped Ebright to continue experimenting and persevering despite setbacks, ultimately shaping his scientific career and achievements.

Key Points: Mother's encouragement- Support for early interests like butterfly collecting- Motivated him to overcome failure- Fostered perseverance and curiosity- Helped build confidence in scientific pursuits

Question 10. How was the hack driver recognised?

[2 Marks]

Answer: The hack driver was recognized through his familiarity and silence. When Dr. Margolin gave him a tip of a dollar, the driver accepted it without uttering a word, indicating that he was accustomed to such situations and possibly had a secretive or reserved nature. Moreover, his interaction with the intruder, who mentioned his specialty in jewel robbery and interest in the car, hints that the driver knew about the criminal activities associated with the intruder. Despite this, the hack driver did not reveal any information, which further helped in recognizing his character and role in the narrative.

Key Points: The driver's silent acceptance of the tip-The driver's interaction with the intruder-The intruder's mention of jewel robbery and the car-The driver's reserved nature indicating recognition

Question 11.

Why is coorg called the land of the rolling hills ? (Glimpses of India)

[2 Marks]

Answer: Coorg is called the land of the rolling hills because of its beautiful landscape full of lush green hills that gently roll across the region. The district has many hills covered with dense evergreen rainforests that cover nearly thirty percent of the area. These hills create a scenic view especially during the monsoon season when the whole region becomes misty and green. The coffee and spice plantations spread across these hills also add to its charm. The rolling hills give Coorg a unique and picturesque natural beauty that attracts visitors from all over.

Key Points: Coorg is hilly and green - Evergreen rainforests cover 30 percent of Coorg - Coffee and spice plantations on hills

Section D

Question 12.

The following paragraph has an error in each line with a blank. Write the correct and the incorrect word in the blanks provided. The first one has been done for you.

A first Indian woman physician eg 1) A The

Anandibai Joshi graduated at 1886. (2)_____ _____

About 125 years later, Indian women had start

to outnumber men in 3) _____ _____

admissions of medical colleges.) _____ _____

[3 Marks]

Answer: 1) Incorrect: A Correct: The 2) Incorrect: at Correct: in 3) Incorrect: start Correct: started 4) Incorrect: of Correct: in Explanation: - In the first sentence, 'A first Indian woman physician' is incorrect. Since 'first' is a specific ordinal number, the definite article 'The' should be used. - For the second sentence, the correct preposition to use with years is 'in' rather than 'at'. Hence, 'graduated in 1886' is correct. - In the third sentence, the verb form is wrong. 'had start' should be changed to the past participle form 'had started' to agree with the past perfect tense. - In the last phrase 'admissions of medical colleges', the correct preposition is 'in' as admissions happen in colleges, not of colleges. These corrections maintain grammatical accuracy, especially with article usage, prepositions, and verb tense, important aspects of noun phrase structure.

Key Points: Identify incorrect articles and replace with correct ones - Correct prepositions relating to time and place (e.g., 'in' rather than 'at' or 'of') - Use correct verb forms matching tense (past perfect in this case) - Understand noun phrase usage in context of the sentence

Question 13.

Read the conversation and complete the passage that follows :

Ritika : Can I borrow your Math book for a couple of days ?

Mohit : Yes certainly, I have already studied for the test tomorrow.

Ritika asked Mohit (1) _____ for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that (2) _____,

[3 Marks]

Answer: Ritika asked Mohit (1) if she could borrow his Math book for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that (2) he had already studied for the test the next day.

> **Key Points: Indirect speech - changing verbs to past tense - proper use of reporting verbs**

Section E

Question 14.

How does Buddha bring about a different perspective in Kisa Gotami's understanding of life? (The Sermon at Benaras)

[4 Marks]

Answer: (a) Initially, Kisa Gotami could not understand the universality of death and suffering because she was overwhelmed by her personal grief at losing her son.
(b) The Buddha asked her to find a mustard seed from a household where no one had died, but she could not find such a household. This helped her realize that death and suffering are common experiences that everyone faces.
(c) The Buddha changed her understanding by showing her that death is a natural part of life and that suffering is universal. This helped Kisa Gotami accept her loss and understand the impermanence of life.

> **Key Points: Kisa Gotami's personal grief - Buddha's lesson using mustard seed - Understanding universality of suffering and death**

Question 15.

As a reader do you sympathise with Matilda ? Give reasons from the text to support your answer. (The Necklace)

[4 Marks]

Answer: Yes, I sympathise with Matilda because she is portrayed as a character who dreams of a luxurious life but is trapped in poverty, which makes her unhappy.
Matilda's desire to belong to the wealthy class and her feeling of dissatisfaction with her life make her relatable to many.
The story shows that she is not intentionally deceitful but caught in circumstances beyond her control.
Her honesty and humility after losing the necklace, though leading to hard labor and poverty, show her strong character.

Her suffering for ten years due to the loss of the necklace evokes readers' sympathy as she sacrifices a lot to repay a debt she believes is hers.
The tragic irony at the end, when the necklace is found to be fake, makes readers feel sad for her injustice and misfortune.
Therefore, the story makes us feel compassion for Matilda's plight and understand the consequences of pride and dishonesty.

> **Key Points: Matilda's dream for luxury and dissatisfaction - Her honesty and humility after loss - The tragic irony at the end causing sympathy**

Question 16.

As Valli, make a diary entry about your experience of riding the bus alone for the first time. (Madan Rides the Bus)

[4 Marks]

Answer: Dear Diary,
Today was a very special day for me because I rode the bus alone for the first time. I had always wanted to ride a bus and see the world outside my village. I saved my money carefully and planned my trip. When I got on the bus, I felt a little scared but also very excited. The bus was big and noisy, and I sat by the window. I enjoyed seeing the trees, people, and shops pass by. I wanted to keep looking out of the window but on my way back, I felt shy and did not want to look outside because I thought others might see me alone and feel bad. It was a wonderful experience and I feel very proud that I could do it by myself. I hope I can enjoy many more rides and adventures soon.
Yours,
Valli

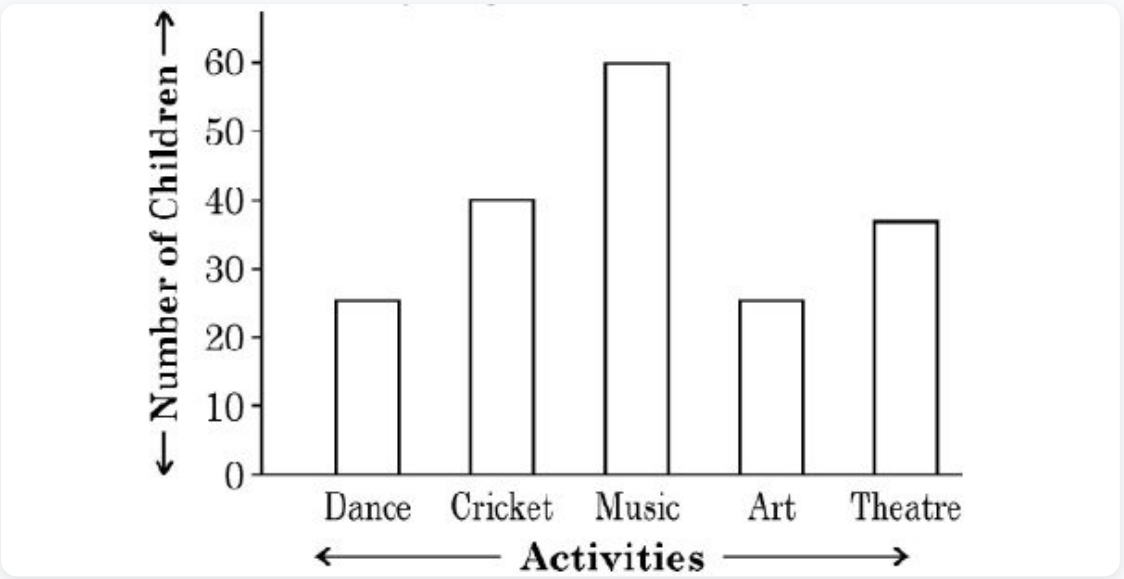
> **Key Points: Valli's excitement and nervousness about riding the bus alone - Valli saving money and planning the trip - Valli enjoying the views from the bus window but feeling shy on the way back**

Section F

Question 17.

A survey was conducted in the National Capital in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 years to 15 years. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analyzing the following information.

[5 Marks]



Answer: A survey was conducted in over twenty schools in the National Capital to find out the activities that interest children aged 13 to 15 years. The survey aimed to understand their preferences and hobbies. It was found that children showed keen interest in various activities such as sports, reading, digital games, and art. Many students also expressed enthusiasm for participating in educational projects and outdoor activities, which help in their overall development. The survey highlights the importance of providing diverse opportunities to children to nurture their talents and interests. Encouraging participation in different activities can help in building skills and ensuring holistic growth during these formative years.

> **Key Points: Survey conducted in 20+ schools-National Capital-Children age group 13 to 15 years-Different activities of interest-Variety of interests: sports, reading, digital games, art-Importance of nurturing talents and interests-Holistic growth and skill development**

Question 18.

You are Niharika, Incharge of the Neighbourhood Library for children. Write a letter to Maanatal Publishers placing an order for books 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha in about 120 words. Mention mode of payment, library discount and date of delivery.

[5 Marks]

Answer: Niharika
Incharge, Neighbourhood Library
123, Green Park
New Delhi - 110016
15 June 2024

To

Maanatal Publishers
456, Regal Building
Connaught Place
New Delhi - 110001

Subject: Order for books

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Niharika, the Incharge of the Neighbourhood Library for children. I would like to place an order for 2 sets each of the books Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha. Kindly provide a library discount on the total bill amount. The payment will be made through cheque after receiving the books. Please deliver the books by 30 June 2024 at our library address mentioned above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,
Niharika

> **Key Points: Order for 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha - Mention mode of payment as cheque - Request library discount - Specify delivery date as 30 June 2024 - Provide sender and receiver full addresses**

Section G

Question 19.

You are Niharika, Incharge of the Neighbourhood Library for children. Write a letter to Manautal Publishers placing an order for books 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha in about 120 words. Mention mode of payment, library discount and date of delivery.

[5 Marks]

Answer:

24 April 2024
Incharge, Neighbourhood Library
New Delhi

To,
The Manager,
Manautal Publishers,

12, Industrial Area,
New Delhi.

Subject: Order for Books

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Niharika, Incharge of the Neighbourhood Library for children. I would like to place an order for 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha books. Kindly send the books to our library address mentioned above.

Please let us know if a library discount is applicable. We will make the payment via cheque after receiving the invoice. Kindly deliver the books within 15 days from the date of this letter.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Niharika

Key Points: 1. Sender's name and designation (Niharika, Incharge of Neighbourhood Library)-2. Address and date-3. Recipient details (Manautal Publishers)-4. Purpose of letter: placing an order for 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha-5. Mentioning mode of payment (cheque)-6. Request for library discount-7. Request for delivery date within 15 days-8. Closing with thanks and sender's name