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CLASS-XII

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MODEL PAPER (RBSE) (5)

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General Instructions to the Examinees:

- 1. Candidates must write first their Roll Nos. on the question paper.
- 2. All the questions are compulsory.
- 3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.
- 4. For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- 5. This paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D. All sections are compulsory.

SECTION – A READING

1. Read the passage carefully and find the appropriate answers of the following questions. $[9\times1=9]$

The Indian pharma industry is flourishing overseas, touching almost every part of the world. With low cost, speed and high quality advantage India is gearing up to become the hub for contract research and manufacturing. Having a competitive edge is one thing and maintaining it is another. Canada provides tax benefits up to 46 percent for research carried out within the country. Others like Korea and China without a large pool of scientists make up by facilitating foreign research in every conceivable way. India does not do any of this and faces many hurdles - diseases that it has been inflicted with since independence like Malaria and TB. While Indian companies have only focuses on reverse engineering blockbuster drugs from MNCs, overseas scientist have displayed little interest in researching subcontinent – specific diseases as there are more profits and public interest in lifestyle drugs such as obesity which in turn fund their research. In the interest of Indian research industry a decision must be taken quickly on the implementation of data protection laws.

India is one of the few countries where data exclusivity proviso are not prevalent. Data protection is a contentious issue, hotly debated by the government and the industry. A pharma company wishing to market a drug is required to submit data to the drug controller to show that the drug is both effective and safe. The first (originator) company that makes the application for marketing approval has to submit its data relating to the clinical trials to the drug controller, who once satisfied that the drug is safe and effective will register it. Another drug company wishing to market the same drug only required to show a bioequivalence to the drug of the originator company. Thus as per the prevailing laws, the regulator in India can rely on an innovator's data to approve the competitor's product. While the system in general is responsible for maintaining the necessary secrecy, it is not accountable for the same – the intellectual property. Consequently research based pharma companies are being forced to undertake vital clinical trials abroad. Huge expenditures are incurred overseas, draining precious foreign exchange when this could be done at home at a fraction of the cost.

The product patent law protections required by the TRIPS agreement and brought about by the 2005 amendment to the Patent Act require India to protect undisclosed test data from



disclosure and unfair commercial use by competitor. Effective 2005, India companies can no longer copy patent protected foreign drugs. Some negate the necessity to make data exclusivity a law. They argue that, the advocates of making it a law, the MNCs, want the data to be protected absolutely for a period of 5 years. However, in case certain drugs are not available or unaffordable, should the government for the common good not be able to exercise powers to get another company to make such drugs?

- (i) According to the author, what is the disadvantage of holding clinical trials abroad?
- (ii) Which of the following measures has Korea taken to be competitive in the pharma industry?
- (iii) Which of the following is/are India's strengths in drug discovery and research?
 - (A) Relaxed patent laws
 - (B) Reverse engineering of foreign blockbuster drugs
 - (C) Incentives to foreign companies researching subcontinent diseases
 - (a) Only C
 - (b) Both A & C
 - (c) Only A
 - (d) All of these
 - (e) None of these
- (iv) Which companies can no longer copy patent protected foreign drugs?
- (v) What is it that protect the data?
- (vi) What is the objective of the TRIPS agreement?
- (vii) Why do the TRIPS protection is required?
- (viii) Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. "INCURRED"
- (ix) Find the most appropriate opposite word of the given word. "Affordble"
- 2. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer: [6×1=6]

 The spread of education in society is at the foundation of success in countries that are latecomers to development. In the guest for

development, primary education is absolutely essential because it creates the base. But higher education is just as important, for it provides the cutting edge. And universities are the life-blood of higher education. Islands of excellence in professional education, such as Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are valuable complements but cannot substitutes for universities which provide educational opportunities for people at large. There can be no doubt that higher education has made a significant contribution to economic development, social progress and political democracy in independent India. It is a source of dynamism for the country. It has provided a beginning for the creation of a knowledge society. But it would be a mistake to focus on its strengths alone. It has weaknesses that are a cause for serious concern.

There is, in fact, a quiet crisis in higher education in India that runs deep. It is not yet discernible simply because there are pockets of excellence, an enormous reservoir of talented young people and an intense competition in the admissions process. And, in some important spheres, we continue to reap the benefits of what was sown in higher education 50 years ago by the founding fathers of the Republic. The reality is that we have miles to go. The proportion of our population, in the age group 18-24, that enters the world of higher education is around 7 per cent, which is only one-half the average for Asia. The opportunities for higher education, in terms of the number of places in universities, are simply not enough in relation to our needs. What is more, the quality of higher education in most of our universities requires substantial improvement.

It is clear that the system of higher education in India faces serious challenges. It needs a systematic overhaul, so that we can educate much larger numbers without diluting academic standards. This is imperative because the transformation of economy and



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society in the 21st century would depend, in significant part, on the spread and the quality of education among our people, particularly in the sphere of higher education. It is only an inclusive society that can provide the foundations for a knowledge society.

The challenges that confront higher education in India are clear. It needs a massive expansion of opportunities for education, to 1500 universities nationwide, that would enable India to attain a gross enrolment ratio of at least 15 per cent by 2015. It is just as important to raise the average quality of higher education in every sphere. At the same time, it is essential to create institutions that are exemplars of excellence at par with the best in the world. In the pursuit of these objectives, providing people with access to higher education in a socially inclusive manner is imperative. The realisation of these objectives, combined with access, would not only develop the skills and capabilities we need for the economy but would also help transform India into a knowledge economy and society.

- (i) What kind of society can provide the foundation for a knowledge society?
 - (a) Inclusive society
 - (b) Special Society
 - (c) Operated society
 - (d) Expert Society
- (ii) The current state of affairs of higher education in India is______.
- (iii) which of the following is NOT a challenge that confronts higher education in India?
 - (a) Expanding opportunities for higher education
 - (b) Creating institutions and universities that are examples of excellence
 - (c) Substantial improvement in the quality of higher education in most of our universities
 - (d) Getting into World University Rankings
- (iv) What would higher education enable in India?

- (a) It would enable India to attain a gross enrolment ratio of at least 25 per cent by 2025.
- (b) It would enable India to discourage a gross enrolment ratio of at least 15 per cent by 2015.
- (c) It would enable India to attain a gross enrolment ratio of at least 15 per cent by 2015.
- (d) It would not enable India to attain a gross enrolment ratio of at least 15 per cent by 2015.
- (v) Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word "DISCERNIBLE".
 - (a) Noticeable
 - (b) Unavoidble
 - (c) Noticeless
 - (d) attainable
- (vi) Select the most appropriate Antonym of the given word. "CUTTING EDGE".

SECTION-B

3. Write an argument in about 80 words on the topic of "Commercialisation of Education". [4]

OR

As the Games Secretary of the Students' Council, you are to select a school cricket team to take part in the district-level tournament. Draft a notice for the school noticeboard inviting students for selection as players and informing them about the match.

4. Write a report in about 100 words on the incident of a train robbery that took place from Jaipur to Mumbai way. You are a reporter for the Hindustan times. [5]

OR

Translate the passage into Hindi:

Mobile Phone is a device that helps us to communicate with people without any connection of wire. It's the ultra-modern version of Radio. Radio came out with the idea of wireless speaking and sending a voice messages. There are three major versions Java, Android, and iOS for mobile. Java and



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Symbian are pretty much expired and now it's all about Android and iOS. Google owns the Android platform and there are millions of mobile apps or software available in the Play Store for Android devices. iOS is owned by Apple and their mobile is known as the iPhone. Most of the banks have started online services, with their own app; you can manage your bank account. It has been easy, secure, and accessible for everyone. A mobile phone is saving thousands of hours of time every day. So we can tell that the Mobile Phone is nothing but a blessing for mankind, this awesome creation has taken part in our life as a major important tool.

5. You are Vishal, the Tour in charge of The Lord Krishna school, Jodhpur. You are planning to organize a tour of a place of historical importance during the summer break. Write a letter to the KMPL Travel Agency, Jodhpur enquiring about the charges, facilities and all other necessary details. [6]

OR

Imagine that you are Harish, living in the hostel of your school in Kota. Write an official letter to the Collector of your district complaining against the use of loudspeakers during examination days.

SECTION - C

- 6. Join the following sentences using the connectives given in brackets. [2×1=2]
- (i) This is the only place. It can be visited today. (That)
- (ii) My family members were talking about Ram. Kailash was showing the photographs. (Whom)
- 7. Combine each set of sentences into one sentence as directed. [2×1=2]
- (i) I saw an elephant. The elephant was lying on the road. (Complex Sentence)
- (ii) I waited for Gopal. I waited till his arrival. (Complex Sentence)

8.	Fill in the blanks i	by choosing	words given
	in brackets:		[4×1=4]
(i)	We often listen		the
	radio at 10 am. (to	/ with)	
(ii)	She has no faith		religious
	matters. (in/ on)		
(iii)	Never	_ form the pa	ath of virtue.
	(turn aside/ turn about)		
(iv)	The function	next	time in the
	ground (Comes off/ comes at)		

SECTION-D

- 9. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: Since its invention a little over 130 years ago, the interview has become commonplace of journalism. Today, almost everybody who is literate will have read an interview at some point in their lives, while from the other point of view, several thousand celebrities have been interviewed over the years, some of them repeatedly. So it is hardly surprising that opinions of the interview — of its functions, methods, and merits — vary considerably. Some might make quite extravagant claims for it as being, in its highest form, a source of truth, and, in its practice, an art. Others, usually celebrities who see themselves as its victims, might despise the interview as an unwarranted intrusion into their lives, or feel that it somehow diminishes them, just as in some primitive cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic portrait of somebody then one is stealing that person's soul. V. S. Naipaul 'feels that some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves,' Lewis Carroll, the creator of Alice in Wonderland, was said to have had a just horror of the interviewer' and he never consented to be interviewed.
- (i) What has become commonplace of journalism?
- (ii) So it is hardly surprising that opinions of the _____ and its functions, methods, and merits vary considerably.
- (iii) Who feels the interview is a way of a wound?



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- (iv) ______ is the creator of Alice in Wonderland.
- (v) Find the word from the passage which means, 'Professional activity of writing for newspapers'.
- (vi) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'Disagreement'.
- 10. Answer the following question in about 80 words: [1×4=4]Why is Subbu described as a many-sided genius? Give a reasoned answer.

(Poet and Pancakes)

OR

Compare and contrast Sophie and Jansie highlighting their temperament and aspirations. (Going Places)

- 11. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each: [2×2=4]
- (i) Why does water create a feeling of hatred and terror in William Douglas?(Deep Water)
- (ii) What was the effect of synthetic indigo on the natural indigo crop? (Indigo)
- 12. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to context: [1×6=6]

Surely, Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example, with ships and sun and love tempting them to steal For lives that slyly turn in their

cramped holes from fog to endless night?
On their slag heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones
and spectacles of steel With mended glass, like
bottle bits on stones.

All of their time and space are foggy slum So, blot their maps with slums as big as doom.

OR

The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead, Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts

At having the landscape marred with the artless paint of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong

Offered for sale wild berries in wooden quarts, Or crook-necked golden squash with silver warts.

13. Answer the following question in about 80 words. [1×4=4]
What are the things that cause misery, sorrow, and sufferings to man?

(A Thing of Beauty)

OR

Under the apparent stillness, there is life. Justify this statement by giving an example from the poem 'Keeping Quiet'.

(Keeping Quiet)

- 14. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each: [2×2=4]
- (i) What do you think is the colour of 'sour cream? Why do you think the poet has used this expression to describe the classroom walls?

(An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum)

- (ii) What is the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by? Why is it significant that the poet uses the word 'ringed'? What are the different meanings of 'ringed' in the poem? (Aunt Jennifer's Tiger)
- 15. Answer the following question in about 80 words: [1×4=4]
 What is the bond that unites the two—the old Mr. Lamb and Derry, the small boy?
 How does the old man inspire the small boy? (On the Face of It)

OR

What clues did the answer sheet of Evans provide to the Governor?

(Evans Tries an O'Level)

- 16. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words. [2×2=4]
- (i) Who is Jo? How does she respond to her father's story-telling?

(Should Wizard Hit the Mommy)



(ii) How did Antarctica amaze the writer when she first saw it?

(Journey to the End of the Earth)

- 17. Choose the correct alternative: [6×1=6]
- (i) Why did The King not permit a British officer to click a picture with the dead tiger?
 - (a) to prove his might
 - (b) he was scared of the British
 - (c) because it was against the rules of his state
 - (d) None
- (ii) Which statement justifies Dr. Sadao's father?
 - (a) A serious
 - (b) A jolly good man
 - (c) Very strict
 - (d) A true patriot and traditional person
- (iii) Why didn't Mr. Lamb feel hurt by the children's comments?
 - (a) Because he thought that it suits him
 - (b) He loves children
 - (c) He likes them
 - (d) He wants them to play in his garden
- (iv) The lesson Journey to the End of the Earth revolve around_____
 - (a) children and their tour
 - (b) tourism
 - (c) It revolves around the world
 - (d)World's most preserved place, Antarctica
- (v) Derry decides to return to Mr. Lamb. Why?
 - (a) Because of his wish to live a free life
 - (b) He wanted apples
 - (c) He wanted to play in the garden
 - (d) None
- (vi) Annan's advice given to Bama was,
 " ."
 - (a) Education is the only way to break the chains of the caste system
 - (b) Begin raising her voice against them.
 - (c) Suffering is the only way.
 - (d) None

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- (i) Higher cost resulting in the drain of financial resources.
- (ii) It collaborates with foreign research firms.
- (iii) (e) None of these
- (iv) Effective 2005, India companies can no longer copy patent protected foreign drugs.
- (v) The MNCs, want the data to be protected absolutely.
- (vi) To ensure that competing do not benefit commercially from using each other's clinical data.
- (vii) The product patent law protections required by the TRIPS agreement and brought about by the 2005 amendment to the Patent Act require India to protect undisclosed test data from disclosure and unfair commercial use by competitor.
- (viii) Experienced
- (ix) Unaffordble

2.

- (i) (a) Inclusive society
- (ii) Not good enough, and there is a need of expansion of opportunities for higher education, besides creating institutions and universities that are models of excellence.
- (iii) (d) Getting into World University Rankings
- (iv) (c) It would enable India to attain a gross enrolment ratio of at least 15 per cent by 2015.
- (v) (a) Noticeable
- (vi) Conventional.

SECTION-B

3. Commercialisation of Education

For – Today's life has become quite challenging in which high education is playing the most vital role. A world-class education is possible today in our own country. High-class educational institutions are run by some money ladened people. In these institutes, high-class infrastructure and highly educated faculties are provided which is the basis of a good education. By spending a little, we can



get an education for which we otherwise have to go to foreign countries.

Against - Commercialisation of education has brought pandemonium situation to our education system. Education today has become the domain of the rich. High-class institutions charge so much for education that many talented but poor child has to remain without education. Earning more and more is the main motive of these traders of education.

OR

GOVT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (SIKAR)

NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 4,20XX

DISTRICT-LEVEL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

All the students are hereby informed that our school is sending its cricket team to take part in the district-level tournament that is being held in Sikar from September 21 to September 26. The willing players who want to be in the school team may send their names to the undersigned by September 7.

We will have school-level matches to select the team on September 15 and 16. Only the selected ones will represent our school. Contact the head office for more information.

Ashutosh Sharma (Games Secretary)

4. TRAIN ROBBERY JAIPUR – DELHI WAY

By Divya Gupta

Reporter – The Hindustan Times
Jaipur, March 15: A train journey from Jaipur to
Delhi turned into a nightmare for the
passengers on the "Intercity Express" which
was a very disappointing and daring robbery
between 4 to 5 p.m. The railway authority of
India is considering this as not just a simple
case of robbery. Because people got injured

and a child got kidnapped. It was very much scary as well as shocking for the passengers.

The 5-hour-long journey took a horrific turn for the passengers as 35 "masked" men, having weapons broke into the train.

The incident took place on the evening of September 25, 2022, roughly around 7:45 p.m, as the "Intercity Express" was passing through the 10 miles long underground tunnel".

A passenger, 'Dhruv Rai', stated that he was the first one to have noticed the train being covered by armed men. According to his statement, the train slowed down inside the tunnel and the criminals barged inside the train with sharp weapons. Their first assignment was to kill the Train driver, which managed, successfully. The other members, guarded with arms, threatened and looted the passengers and didn't even spare the train T. C. The Burglars used the signal jammers, which prevented the passengers to call for help, making it absolutely impossible for the travellers to protect themselves.

The entire disaster lasted around 45 minutes which caused 3 demises and around 15 lakhs of cash, gold chains, and phones that had been snatched from the innocent passengers. The police upon being informed by the Railway Control station reached the spot immediately, but it was too late as the thieves escaped successfully. It's quite a disturbing disappointing incident for passenger on the train. The railway protection authority managed some first aid arrangements for the wounded people.

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मोबाइल फोन एक ऐसा उपकरण है जो बिना किसी तार के लोगों के साथ संवाद करने में हमारी मदद करता है। यह रेडियो का अति आधुनिक संस्करण है। रेडियो वायरलेस स्पीकिंग और वॉयस मैसेज भेजने का विचार लेकर आया। मोबाइल के लिए जावा, एंड्रॉइड और आईओएस के तीन प्रमुख संस्करण हैं। जावा और सिम्बियन काफी हद तक समाप्त हो चुके हैं और अब यह एंड्रॉइड और आईओएस के बारे में है। Google Android प्लेटफ़ॉर्म का स्वामी है और Android उपकरणों के लिए Play Store में लाखों मोबाइल ऐप्स या सॉफ़्टवेयर उपलब्ध हैं। iOS का स्वामित्व Apple के पास है और उनके मोबाइल को





iPhone के नाम से जाना जाता है। अधिकांश बैंकों ने अपने स्वयं के ऐप के साथ ऑनलाइन सेवाएं शुरू कर दी हैं; आप अपने बैंक खाते का प्रबंधन कर सकते हैं। यह सभी के लिए आसान, सुरक्षित और सुलभ रहा है। एक मोबाइल फोन हर दिन हजारों घंटे समय बचा रहा है। तो हम कह सकते हैं कि मोबाइल फोन मानव जाति के लिए एक वरदान के अलावा और कुछ नहीं है, इस अद्भुत रचना ने हमारे जीवन में एक प्रमुख महत्वपूर्ण उपकरण के रूप में भाग लिया है।

5. The Lord Krishna School

Mahamandir Jodhpur (Raj.)

20 March 20XX

The Manager KMPL Travel Agency Jodhpur (Raj.)

Subject – Inquiry about the charges and facilities of a tour

Sir.

It is to inquire about your tour service as you have been a true tour service company which provides genuine tour facilities to your customers. The Lord Krishna School, Jodhpur is planning a three-day tour to a place of historical importance during the summer break. The students of class XI and XII are planning to visit Delhi. There are 180 students in all. Six teachers and three peons will also accompany us.

Kindly, furnish the following details regarding the charges and facilities you provide:

- ➤ How will you accommodate us?
- Number of rooms and their total charges
- Arrangement of breakfast, lunch, and dinner and the charges per head
- Arrangement of four luxury buses and their charges

We wish for the earliest response from your side.

Yours faithfully Vishal (Tour In-charge) OR

Arya Nagar Kotdi Road Kota 15 February 20XX

The District Collector High court Kota (Raj.)

Subject – To ban the use of loudspeakers Sir

Most honourary, it is a serious regret for all of us that in this modern era in which people and societies are heading towards literacy and a civil lifestyle whereas some of the anti-social elements are hampering the glory of literate societies and their people. Some irresponsible people are there who use loudspeakers for the whole day without thinking about others. They use them in the name of religions and festivals. These are all public disturbances and major causes of noise pollution. Noise pollution is known to cause headaches, irritation, and other health problems. We must also consider for sick people who want quiet time to rest and to sleep properly.

They disturb the sleep of the public. It interferes with the students studying for exams or doing their homework. The irresponsible use of loudspeakers will adversely affect their performance in exams and their future career.

The students cannot concentrate on their studies because some people in our locality use loudspeakers since morning till late at night. Students can neither study nor sleep well due to the unbearable volume of sound.

I hope the district administration will impose a total ban on the use of loudspeakers till the end of our examination.

Please look into the matter and do the needful.

Yours faithfully Harish



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SECTION - C

6.

- (i) This is the only place that can be visited today.
- (ii) My family members were talking about Ram whom Kailash was showing the photographs.

7.

- (i) I saw an elephant which was lying on the road.
- (ii) I waited for Gopal till he arrived.

8.

- (i) To
- (ii) In
- (iii) Turn aside
- (iv) Comes off

SECTION-D

9.

- (i) Interview
- (ii) Interview
- (iii) V.S. Naipaul feels that some people are wounded by interviews.
- (iv) Lewis Carroll
- (v) Journalism
- (vi) Consented
- 10. Kothamangalam Bubbu has been depicted as a many-sided genius as he belonged to a brahman community. He is not only really talented but also manages to create an aura of talent around themselves. Though officially on the rolls of the Story Department at Gemini Studios, he was always with the boss. Subbu directs all his energies and creativity to his boss' advantage.

He delves into the various spheres of film-making successfully giving the impression of being a brilliant story-writer, a talented actor, and a man who is always ready with many solutions for any problem. He makes the art of filmmaking appear rather easy for his boss. Thus, he was a multi-talented personality and became a favourite of his boss in the Gemini studio.

OR

Sophie and Jansie were classmates as well as friends. They both belonged to lower-middle-class families. But that is where their similarity ends. There is a striking contrast between

their characters. Sophie is a daydreamer and Jansie is practical. Sophie lives in a world of dreams and does not want to come out of this fairyland. She is an incurable escapist and dreams of having a boutique, and becoming an actress or a fashion designer. Jansie, on the other hand, is very grounded. Jansie has her feet firmly planted on the ground and knows they are both 'earmarked for the biscuit factory. She knows big things require big money and experience which they lack desperately. She advises Sophie to be sensible and not entertain wild dreams. Sophie and Janie's temperaments differ greatly. While Sophie shares her dreams only with one person, her brother Geoff, Jansie on the other hand is nosey. She takes an interest in learning new things about others and can spread stories in the whole neighborhood.

11.

- (i) Willam Douglas had to face water incidents twice when he was not enough mature. At the age of three or four, he was almost buried in the waves at California beach. Then at the age of eleven or twelve, he had a narrow escape from drowning in a swimming pool, thrown by an eighteen years old boy. Thus, these two incidents left a long-lasting hatred of water in William Douglas.
- (ii) The landlords in Champaran came to know that Germany had developed synthetic indigo. Now they lost interest in the natural indigo crop and planned to terminate the contract where they got indigo harvest as rent.
- 12. Reference These well-known eye-catching lines have been adopted from the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum", written by a very prominent Poet "Stephen Spender".

Context - Here in these lines, the poet wants to prove the meaninglessness and unsuitability of the pictures and the map hanging on the walls of the slum school's classroom.

Explanation – Here, Shakespeare is described as wicked as he holds the key to the charming



world of letters and unfortunately for these children, there is no way that they can enter that world. The map is a bad example for them as it does not hold any place for these slum children. They are cruel temptations for the slum children. These poor innocent children long to have an adventure (ships), a better life (sun), and love, as they are depicted on the classroom walls. These children's lives are confined to the narrow holes (dark slums) that they are living in and their lives secretly turn around in their pitiable state. They only have uncertainty (fog) and hopelessness (endless nights) with themselves. The poet has compared their emaciated wasted bodies to slag (waste) heaped together, their bones peep out of their flesh (because of malnourishment). These children wear steel spectacles with cracked glasses looking like repaired pieces of a glass bottle lying on stones (suggesting immense poverty). All their time and space are confined to the uncertain world of slums. These slums are living hells and they are a blot on the progress of the rich and civilized world.

OR

Reference – These well-known eye-catching lines have been adopted from the poem – "A Road Side Stand", written by a very prominent Poet – "Robert Frost" is an American poet of the twentieth century.

Context - Talking about the roadside stand put up by the poor farmer to sell their products and thereby earn some money in cash.

Explanation - Here, the poet describes the rich and polished traffic who live in high-class societies and cities and when these people pass through the countryside, they don't pay their attention to these countryside stands as their mind is totally occupied with their profession and city life. Further, he describes that even if for a moment they forget about their city life and have a good look at the landscape all they do is criticize and judge. They simply get mad about the presence of the shed there or the old rustic signs despite

- looking at the berries and the golden squash which is put up for sale.
- the major cause of suffering and pain for human beings. Malice and disappointment are "the biggest source of our unending sufferings and pains. John says that our unhealthy and evil ways also beget to a lot of troubles and suffering. Disappointments, jealousy, lack of human qualities, gloomy days, and evil ways are included in the list of cause of suffering and pain. These are the crucial points which become the fundamental aspects of our miserable and gloomy life.

OR

The poet takes the example of the earth to prove that there can be life under apparent stillness. The earth never gets inactive. We experience the change in the seasons which brings so many different things with it. In winter, things come to a standstill as the water bodies freeze; the trees shed their leaves, etc. But as soon as the spring season comes, it brings with it lovely flowers, and flowing rivers, and a new life is given to nature. So, the poet wants to convey that we should stay calm but that doesn't mean that it will bring total inactivity and stillness.

- 14.
- (i) The colour of the walls of 'sour cream' is offwhite. The poet has used this expression to suggest the ruined aspect. This faded and drained colour of the wall is the symbol of the pathetic condition of the lives of the helpless children as well as the school.
- (ii) The poem addresses the experience of marriage in the midst of constriction. The word 'ringed' is significant. It suggests that the vicious grip of her unhappy married life is still holding her tightly. The word 'ringed' has been used in two ways. First is the conventional use. Here the ring is a symbol of the sacred bond of marriage. The other is the figurative use of 'ringed'. It means encircled or surrounded.
- **15.** The bond that unites Mr. Lamb and Derry is the loneliness and alienation they experience



on account of their physical disabilities. But, unlike Derry, Mr. Lamb always maintains a positive attitude towards life and is a downright extrovert.

Mr. Lamb inspires Derry by telling him not to focus on the shortcomings of life and his handicap and instead he should try to enjoy the blessings of life. He tells him to be thankful to God for two arms, two legs, two eyes and ears, a tongue, and a brain, and advises him to be friendly with everyone around him. Derry's long conversation with Mr. Lamb helps him overcome his inferiority complex and poor self-esteem.

OR

Evans having absconded from the Oxford prison after the examination, McLeery showed a photocopied sheet to the Governor which had been cleverly superimposed on the last page of the German question paper. As the Governor saw it, he felt that it was careless to leave clues that showed what Evans was going to do after escaping. It's been a well-planned strategy for this escape under supreme observations. The Governor decoded it for Newbury and by putting together the sixfigure reference, the index, and center number 313/271, and with the help of the 'Ordinance Survey Map of Oxfordshire' he was able to locate Evans in the middle of Chipping Norton. The correction slip provided him with the name of the hotel, 'The Golden Lion' where Evans was staying. So Evans was beaten in his own game as he left clues that aided in his arrest. He made things easier as he left the question paper behind in the cell. The clues the Governor got from it were sufficient to help him locate Evans.

16.

(i) Jo is Jack's four-year-old daughter. She loves to listen to stories. Jack tells her stories that he creates himself. She even suggests the way the story should have been. She suggests that the wizard should have hit Roger Skunk's mother with his magic wand. Her expressions make it clear that, she takes stories to be true.

(ii) When the writer first saw Antarctica she was amazed by its vastness and immense white landscape. It was an endless blue horizon and the fact that it was isolated from the rest of the world created an added sense of wonder and mystery about the continent.

17.

- (i) (c) because it was against the rules of his state
- (ii) (d) A true patriot and traditional person
- (iii) (a) Because he thought that it suits him
- (iv) (d) World's most preserved place, Antarctica
- (v) (a) Because of his wish to live a free life
- (vi) (a) Education is the only way to break the chains of the caste system







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