

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: : 3 hours

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
 2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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Section A Reading

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

1. As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments, there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos, as multiple voices makes as many suggestions.
2. By the time, order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
3. Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
4. We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
5. It's a closely connected world out there, where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.
6. What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the quality time would do the trick.
 - i. According to the passage, who said, "so, where are we going for dinner now?"
 - a. narrator
 - b. one at the steering
 - c. one of the passengers
 - d. one of the guests
 - ii. Twenty years ago, according to the passage, decisions were _____.
 - a. unanimous, with no argument
 - b. made by the children
 - c. taken by the head of the family
 - d. not taken by elders
 - iii. The passage concludes that in modern times, children are _____ to take their own decision from a very early age.

- a. forbidden
- b. trained
- c. not given permission
- d. allowed

iv. Choose the antonym as given in para 6 of this passage.

Word	Antonym
Simple	_____

- v. Twenty years ago, the decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. How the decision are taken now a days?
- vi. What is the message conveyed by this passage? Write any two points.
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- vii. After arriving at a decision almost everyone is _____ in the family mentioned above.
 - a. happy
 - b. excited
 - c. hurt
 - d. elated
- viii. In modern times, the say each family member in decision making points towards _____ in the family.
 - a. grudges
 - b. perfect bonding
 - c. individual opinions
 - d. none of these
- ix. The writer used word "hurt" in para 2. What is the synonyms of **hurt** as used in this paragraph
- x. The word which means the same as **a style or method of cooking** in para 4 is _____.
 - a. gourmet
 - b. cuisine
 - c. gastric
 - d. science

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2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

1. The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are ‘money rich and time poor’ are increasingly looking for unique experiences - a phenomenon being called the emergence of the ‘experience economy’. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction.
2. A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
3. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

The rate of tourism in the North-East of India puzzles tourism officials

ii. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

From paragraph 1, we can infer that the _____ and _____ of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the ‘money rich and time poor’ tourists.

- i. distinctiveness
- ii. conventionality
- iii. diversity
- iv. uniformity
- v. modernity

- A. i & iii
- B. ii & iv
- C. ii & v
- D. i & iv

iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1:

aroma : cooking :: _____ : painting

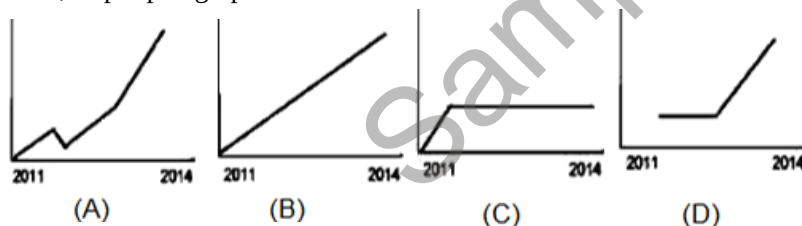
(Clue: Just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly _____ is/are integral to painting)

iv. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

Travellers advocating the ‘experience economy’ seek a holiday package with (Paragraph 1)

- A. grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.
- B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.
- C. places and cities to buy things from and opportunities spend money.
- D. cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.

v. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the North-East, from 2011-2014, as per paragraph 2.



- A. Option 1
- B. Option 2
- C. Option 3
- D. Option 4

vi. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed _____ results.

- A. expected
- B. encouraging
- C. inconsistent
- D. questionable

vii. Substitute the word ‘witnessed’ with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 2:

Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of...

viii. List any 2 examples of **tourist facilities** as referred to, in Paragraph 3.

ix. List one reason why the researchers recommend that the formulation of a tourism strategy in the North-Eastern States of India be sustainable.

x. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.

- A. (1) Full Speed Ahead!, (2) Ups and Downs, (3) Cause for Concern
- B. (1) Winds of Change, (2) Numbers Don't Lie, (3) Time for Action
- C. (1) Inspecting Trends, (2) Statistically Speaking, (3) Let's Investigate
- D. (1) Cause & Effect, (2) Dynamic Data, (3) Dependable Facts

Section B Grammar

3. According to the NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong, the aliens _____ a base on the Moon.

- a) is having
- b) have
- c) has
- d) are having

4. **Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.**

Doctor: How do you feel now?

Patient: Slightly better.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked how he felt then, to which, the patient affirmed _____.

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the conversation between Jim to Della.

_____ you prepare a cup of tea for me, please?

- a) Will
- b) Could
- c) Can
- d) Would

6. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

The roof and the backside of the bus was blown away by the blast that occurred on Thursday, but no one was injured.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	was	were
B	away	off
C	occurred	occur
D	but	yet

7. On my friend's farm, they _____ an alarm clock because the cockerel _____ at five o'clock every morning without fail.

- a) don't need / crows
- b) haven't needed / was crowing
- c) wont need / is crowing
- d) didn't need / will crow

8. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Need for _____ (promote) Healthy Eating Routines

Dear Madam

This is with reference to

9. **Report the dialogue between Jitu and Nitu, by completing the sentence:**

Jitu: My crash-course batch is full as only a month is left for the final exams.

Nitu: A drowning man will catch a straw.

Jitu said that his crash-course batch was full as only a month was left for the final exams, to which Nitu said that _____.

10. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

Maharashtra State Innovation Society

STARTUP WEEK 2021

A platform to create impact at large scale with Government

Startups across India is eligible to apply.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

11. Elvis went to a shop to mend his watch. The watchmaker asked a few questions related to the watch. Report his question.

Did you buy this Swiss watch at my place?

12. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.

You _____ eat to live, not live to eat.

- a) can
- b) might
- c) must
- d) should

13. "I am leaving the city tomorrow," the lecturer said.

He said that _____ leaving the city _____.

- a) he is, tomorrow
- b) he was, the following day
- c) he was, that day
- d) I was, previous day

14. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

Critics have time and again points out that our education system tends to judge widely different students on single-line parameters, which is unfair.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

Section B Writing

15. Write a descriptive paragraph on 'The Annual Day of Your School'/'The Prize Distribution' in about the following cues:

Input: preparations - on the Annual Day - arrangements - who was chief guest - welcome of guests - annual report by Principal - cultural prog. - prize distribution - speech by chief guest - a light refreshment - your feeling about function.

OR

Write a paragraph describing a journey, imaginary, or you have undertaken. You can follow the steps given below:

1. Prepare an itinerary.
2. You can make use of the following expressions, phrases and proverbs frequently used by the travellers.
(Jet lag, itchy feet, hit the road, time table, on the home stretch, call it a day, book in advance, travel over, travel through, travel light, any port in a storm, stopover, etc.)

16. Indian summers are really unbearable. One day the maximum temperature shot up to 47°C. It was the most miserable day of the year for you. Record the experience in your diary, write a diary entry.

Mohit wrote only a few lines and couldn't complete the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the given input, and basing it on the beginning Mahesh made, write a complete story.

A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip.....

Section C Literature

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

In 1900, at the age of 21, Albert Einstein was a university graduate and unemployed. He worked as a teaching assistant, gave private lessons and finally secured a job in 1902 as a technical expert in the patent office in Bern. While he was supposed to be assessing other people's inventions, Einstein was actually developing his own ideas in secret. He is said to have jokingly called his desk drawer at work the "Bureau of theoretical physics".

i. In which year did Albert Einstein secure a job in the patent office in Bern?

- a) 1947
- b) 1902
- c) 1912
- d) 1900

ii. Albert Einstein finally secured a job in the patent office in Bern as a _____.

- a) Technical expert
- b) Secretary
- c) Accountant
- d) Typist

iii. Write the synonym of **Bureau**.

- a) School
- b) Office
- c) Beaucrats
- d) Brand

iv. In which year did Albert complete his graduation?

- a) 1902
- b) 1905
- c) 1900
- d) 1922

v. How old was Albert Einstein when he became a university graduate?

- a) 16 years old
- b) 18 years old
- c) 24 years old
- d) 21 years old

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

EMPEROR Aurangzeb banned the playing of a musical instrument called pungli in the royal residence for it had a shrill unpleasant sound. Pungli became the generic name for reeded noisemakers. Few had thought that it would one day be revived. A barber of a family of professional musicians, who had access to the royal palace, decided to improve the tonal quality of the pungli. He chose a pipe with a natural hollow stem that was longer and broader than the pungli and made seven holes on the body of the pipe. When he played on it, closing, and opening some of these holes, soft and melodious sounds were produced. He played the instrument before royalty and everyone was impressed. The instrument so different

from the pungi had to be given a new name. As the story goes, since it was first played in the Shah's chambers and was played by a nai (barber), the instrument was named the 'shehnai'.

- i. What did Aurangzeb ban in his palace?
 - a) none of these
 - b) playing of Pungi
 - c) playing Tabla
 - d) playing Sitar
- ii. Why was playing Pungi in Aurangzeb's palace banned?
 - a) all of these
 - b) it had a sharp sound
 - c) it was unpleasant
 - d) it wasn't good
- iii. Who banned the playing of a musical instrument called Pungi in the royal residence for it had a shrill unpleasant sound?
 - a) Akbar
 - b) Humayun
 - c) Aurangzeb
 - d) Shershah
- iv. Who thought of improving the sound of the Pungi?
 - a) a musician
 - b) a singer
 - c) none of these
 - d) a barber
- v. From where did Shehnai get its name?
 - a) from barber (Nai in Hindi)-+ King (Shah in Hindi)
 - b) None of these
 - c) from a Barber
 - d) king gave its name

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18. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Once, when the good Saint Peter
Lived in the world below,
And walked about it, preaching,
Just as he did, you know,

- i. Who was Peter?
 - a) A saint
 - b) A beggar
 - c) A physician
 - d) A teacher
- ii. What did he do?
 - a) Driving
 - b) Stealing
 - c) Cooking
 - d) Preaching

iii. Where did Saint Peter live?

- a) Under the Earth
- b) In the woods
- c) In the skies
- d) In Heaven

iv. Find the word from the stanza similar in meaning to Virtuous.

- a) Good
- b) Preaching
- c) Walked
- d) Below

v. Name the poet of the given stanza.

- a) Phoebe Cary
- b) Robert Frost
- c) Stephen Spender
- d) William Shakespeare

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Let us remember, whenever we are told

To hate our brothers, it is ourselves

That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.

Remember, we who take arms against each other

i. Who instigates the ordinary people to hate?

- a) religion
- b) selfish people for their personal interests
- c) none of these
- d) God

ii. Who have been called our brothers?

- a) All men of the world.
- b) All women of the world.
- c) None of these
- d) All mortal things of the world.

iii. What do we do when we hate others according to the poet?

- a) We protect ourselves.
- b) We love ourselves.
- c) We hate ourselves.
- d) We save ourselves.

iv. What does **condemn** means?

- a) express complete disapproval
- b) criticise
- c) agreed
- d) rebuke

v. What does **betray** means?

- a) power
- b) arise
- c) to deceive

d) spoil

19. Answer any four of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

i. How does the poet describe the mornings on the lonely island?

ii. Why has the criminal been called an intruder all through the play ?

iii. Why does the author call Baudhnath stupa a haven of quietness?

iv. What did the county Inspector do to improve Margie's performance in geography?

v. Is she visible? If not, why not? Write your answer in the context of the Poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'.

20. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

i. Where and why was grandfather going the next day? Write your answer in the context of **The Adventures of Toto**.

ii. What reason did the guru give to the king for dying first? Write your answer in the context of **In the Kingdom of Fools**.

iii. Who was the only asset of Mahendra? How?

21. How did the little girl start understanding her father? Write your answer in the context of The Little Girl.

OR

Santosh decided to fight the system in her own quiet way, says the author. How did Santosh rebel but quietly?

22. Why had the leaf not fallen the next morning? Write your answer in the context of the The Last Leaf.

OR

The man who had rescued the child was compassionate and kind. Discuss. Write your answer in the context of **The Lost Child**.

Sample

Solution

Section A Reading

1.
 - i. (b) one at the steering
 - ii. (c) taken by the head of the family
 - iii. (d) allowed
 - iv. complicated
 - v. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
 - vi. Parents should:
 1. give children some space
 2. listen to each need of theirs
 3. let them solve their problems by helping them from the back
 - vii. (c) hurt
 - viii. (b) perfect bonding
 - ix. injured
 - x. (b) cuisine
2.
 - i. This is so because these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country, in spite of having lots to offer.
 - ii. A. i & iii
 - iii. hues and shades
 - iv. B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.
 - v. B. Option 2
 - vi. B. encouraging
 - vii. observed/ recorded/ showed/ displayed (Any other similar relevant)
 - viii. Accommodation- hotels, hostels, camps
Recreation- Parks, Gardens, Museums, Shopping areas
Essential- eating outlets, toilets, water points, kiosks for maps/currency exchange (if needed), certified travel guide availability
Transport- dedicated shuttle service, sight-seeing buses, cards or passes, car hiring stations
Digital upgrades- WiFi availability, websites, ticketing, forums
(Any other relevant)
 - ix.
 - i. To create socio-economic benefits for the local community
 - ii. To reduce the negative impacts caused on the destination/s
(Any other relevant)
 - x. B. (1) Winds of Change, (2) Numbers Don't Lie, (3) Time for Action

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Section B Grammar

3. (b) have
Explanation: have
4. that he felt slightly better

5. (b) Could

Explanation: Could

6. (A) was - were

7. (a) don't need / crows

Explanation: don't need / crows

8. promoting

9. a drowning man will catch a straw.

10.	error	correction
	is	are

11. The watchmaker asked (Elvis) if/whether he had bought that Swiss watch at his place.

12. (d) should

Explanation: should

13. (b) he was, the following day

Explanation: he was, the following day

14.	error	correction
	points	pointed

Section B Writing

15. The Prize Distribution or The Annual Day of Your School: The Annual function of our school was celebrated on the 21st September. Preparations started long before the due date. On the 21st September, the school gave a festive appearance with a big pandal, well arranged seats. It was tastefully decorated. Our Chief Guest, the Chief Minister of Delhi, arrived at exact 10 a.m. Our Principal and the other officers welcomed her. The band was played and the scouts saluted the guests. After 'Vande Matram', the lamp was lighted by the Chief Guest. 'Saraswati Vandana' followed. The Principal welcomed the guests with bouquets of flowers and with words. Then, he read the annual report. It reflected the achievements of the school. A short cultural programme was staged. The prizes were given away by the Chief Guest. Then, the Chief Guest addressed the students and the teachers. She congratulated them on their achievements and excellent results. After a vote of thanks, the guests were given a light refreshment. The function ended at 1 p.m. It was a grand function memorable for me because I had also got four prizes.

OR

This summer, we planned a vacation in Singapore. My father's cousin lives there. They had been calling us since long. It was a planned vacation so tickets were booked in advance. The responsibility was given to mom as she searched for the best deals through various internet sites. We spend many nights planning and finalising the itinerary and finally a time table was approved by all just a week before. Our flight was in the morning at 8 am so we hit the road at 7 am in the morning to reach the airport by 6 am. On the way mom kept on enquiring about the lights, fridge, AC and door were locked or not. I and my brother were sleeping in the backside of the car. At the airport we clicked few photographs, posted them on our social media platforms and enjoyed the likes. The flight was on time and we boarded our plane and travelled through the Indian Ocean to reach Singapore in about seven hours. Uncle and aunt both were there at the airport to receive us. We travel over the roads of Singapore among skyscrapers and beautiful landscape to uncle's home. It was late evening and we all were tired due to jet lag. We had our dinner and slept off early. Our itchy feet woke us up very early and we all sat down with our coffee cups to plan the day ahead of us. We thought of going for scuba diving. We reached at the centre and we thought of travelling light as most of the required accessories were available. The diving spot was at the far south horn of the bay where there were huge steep rock faces and underwater caves. Half an hour later, while I was swimming around 60 meters from the shore, a calamity struck. As I was swimming next to a lone rock, suddenly a huge wave came and crashed on me, taking me by surprise. It completely rolled my body around and I totally lost my sense of direction. I was short of breath and I was squirming around, splashing and trying to find where the air

was. I swam up fast, penetrated the surface, on the home stretch, I took a breath of air, and then, afraid of the next wave coming, looked around. Then like any port in a storm, my coach came looking for me with all sorts of help. This huge wave was like a stopover for me. We all came back as I had severe headache and dizziness. We continued with our plan for next few days and then finally we departed from Singapore to be back with memories forever.

16. Jhansi

20th July, 20XX

Friday, 8:00 pm

Dear Diary,

Indian summers can be really unbearable. And who can live in peace and comfort when the heat waves start blowing over the plains of north India. It was the 20th of July, 20XX, the most miserable day of my life. It was certainly the hottest day of the season. By noon the heat became unbearable. To avoid dehydration, we had already had several litres of cold water. I had to go to the market. I forgot to wear a cap. By the time I reached home, I was very miserable and started vomiting. To make things still worse, there was a breakdown of electric power during most part of the night. Without the working of fans and air-conditioners, we felt miserable. We spent a sleepless and miserable night.

Swaragini

OR

Honesty Pays in the Long Run A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip over the axe. It slipped away from his hands and fell down into the river. The poor man couldn't even swim. He thought that his axe was lost forever. He was very sad. Suddenly there was a flash of light. The god of the Forests appeared before him. The woodcutter explained what had happened. The god consoled him, "Don't you worry. I'll get back your axe for you. He dived into the river. After some time he came out with an axe. It was made of gold. **Is this yours?** he asked. The woodcutter only said **No!** After a few minutes, he came out of the river with another axe. It was made of silver. "No, no, sir, this is not mine, said the woodcutter. He dived again and came out with the third axe. The woodcutter cried loudly looking at the axe. Yes, it's mine - the woodcutter's axe with an iron blade." The god of Forests was impressed with the woodcutter's honesty. "**Keep all three of these axes as a present from me.**" The god uttered these words and disappeared. The woodcutter felt glad that he found his axe and a reward too. He finished his work and went home. He then told his wife and children the whole story what happened. It remained as the best example for their children to learn that honesty pays in the long run.

Section C Literature

17. i. (b) 1902

Explanation: 1902

ii. (a) Technical expert

Explanation: Technical expert

iii. (d) Brand

Explanation: Brand

iv. (c) 1900

Explanation: 1900

v. (d) 21 years old

Explanation: 21 years old

OR

i. (b) playing of Pungi

Explanation: playing of Pungi

ii. (a) all of these

Explanation: all of these

iii. (c) Aurangzeb

Explanation: Aurangzeb

iv. (d) a barber

Explanation: a barber

v. (a) from barber (Nai in Hindi)-+ King (Shah in Hindi)

Explanation: from barber (Nai in Hindi)-+ King (Shah in Hindi)

18. i. (a) A saint

Explanation: A saint

ii. (d) Preaching

Explanation: Preaching

iii. (a) Under the Earth

Explanation: Under the Earth

iv. (a) Good

Explanation: Good

v. (a) Phoebe Cary

Explanation: Phoebe Cary

OR

i. (b) selfish people for their personal interests

Explanation: selfish people for their personal interests

ii. (a) All men of the world.

Explanation: All men of the world.

iii. (c) We hate ourselves.

Explanation: We hate ourselves.

iv. (b) criticise

Explanation: criticise

v. (c) to deceive

Explanation: to deceive

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19. Answer any four of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

i. The poet describes the mornings on the lonely island to be very peaceful and quiet. The atmosphere of the morning is hazy with fog or mist. Out of the hazy heavens, peace comes on the land falling softly and noiselessly. The poet says that he will have complete peace of mind at Innisfree land. The poet will enjoy the sweet weather of the morning time.

ii. An intruder is a person who forces his way uninvited and unwelcomed like a criminal. He is called an intruder throughout the play as after forcing his way into Gerrard's cottage, he is trying to grab Gerrard's identity as well. Moreover, he refuses to tell Gerrard anything about himself, even his name.

iii. The author finds the Boudhanath Stupa in sharp contrast with the Hindu temple. It has a sense of stillness and peacefulness. It is not crowded. People don't make a hue and cry there. The hawkers don't disturb the peaceful atmosphere of the temple. So, the author calls it a haven of quietness.

iv. Margie and her mother were disappointed by her performance in Geography as Margie was not doing good in the test of Geography which had been given by Mechanical teacher. Therefore, County Inspector was called and on

inspecting he found that the Geography sector was geared a little too quick which he slowed down to the average ten-year level.

v. No, she is not visible because she is no more. She cannot be perceived with eyes. She has been buried in the earth and rotates along with the Earth. One day she will get assimilated with the trees, rocks and stones that are a part of the earth.

20. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

i. Grandfather was going to Saharanpur the next day. He was going there to collect his pension.

ii. The guru told the king that whoever died first on that stake would be reborn as the king in his next birth and whoever died next would be reborn as the minister. That is why, the guru wanted to die first.

iii. The only asset of Mahendra was his cook, Ishwaran. He was quite attached to him. He never made any complaint.

Besides cooking, he (Ishwaran) washed his clothes, cleaned his house. He was well known for his culinary skills.

Also, he had unconditional love for Mahendra. He travelled everywhere with him.

21. Kezia was a little girl. She was very afraid of her father. He spoke very loudly in the house. He looked like a giant to her. So she always avoids him. One day she tore up an important speech written by her father. He became very angry and beat her with a stick. Kezia started weeping. She wondered why God had made fathers. One day Kezia's mother was ill. She was taken to the hospital. Kezia was alone in the house. She had a bad dream at night. She cried with fear. Her father took her to his own bed. She laid beside him. She felt secure and protected as she snuggled up to him. Then her view of her father underwent a change for the better when she realised that her father was not a cruel giant but a large-hearted, hard-working man who got extremely tired by the end of the day and hence, could not play with her.

OR

Santosh was a very rational, progressive, and sensible girl, who wished to shape her life herself. Though it was not easy for a girl to fight the rigid system of those times. She waited patiently for the right moment to take up the issues with the orthodox, irrational and hackneyed traditions that obstructed her aspirations and her goals. Santosh left home for Delhi because her parents had begun to pressurise her to get married in keeping with the tradition. She told them politely that she would earn money for her fees by working part-time. She quietly made it clear that she was determined to overcome all obstacles. Santosh saved money and enrolled herself in a course at Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. She had thought of talking to her family about this during her holidays. Santosh got an opportunity to scale Mt. Everest in 1992, just four years after she had joined the Uttarkashi's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

22. The last leaf, around which the story revolves had not fallen next morning because it was not actually the original leaf of ivy creeper but was the masterpiece painting of Behrman. Behrman, a sixty-year-old artist painted a leaf on the wall in order to save the life of Johnsy. Johnsy fell seriously ill in November, she kept lying in bed just gazing out of the window. She was suffering from pneumonia. Her condition was critical. There was no improvement even after regular treatment. She had established a bond of her life with the ivy leaves. She had a misconception that her life would end with the fall the last leaf. Behrman was informed about it by Sue. The night was very stormy and was raining heavily. He knew that the leaf would fall that night. So, he painted the leaf on the wall putting his life in danger. Thus, the last leaf had not fallen the next morning, giving new hope to Johnsy to live.

OR

The man who had rescued the child could not ignore the painful cries of the boy who was screaming and crying for his parents. He picked up the child in his arms and saved him from getting walked over by the people. He risked his safety to make sure that the child was safe. He forgot his purpose of visiting the shrine and did his best to comfort the scared and anxious child. He very kindly inquired about his parents. Even when the boy did not reply he did not lose his patience. Instead, he tried to make him feel better by offering him things that children generally love and desire to have. The strange man also tried to distract the child so that he could help him find his parents. He handled the boy with love and care which reflected his love, compassion, and kindness.