

ASSIGNMENT
CLASS- X
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

READING

1. Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow

Worried govt suspends onion exports till Jan 15 as rates double in retail markets
The government on Monday was forced to suspend onion exports till January 15 as retail prices of the vegetable skyrocketed to as much as Rs 70-90 a kg in the Capital. It is feared that the rates may soar to Rs 100 per kg in the near future. A supply crunch and a lack of farsightedness on part of the government has forced Delhiites and the rest of the nation to pay through the nose for a bagful of onions.

Prices of the vegetable have been steadily shooting up in the past few weeks. Onion prices — which were already high at Rs 30-40 a kg — have now doubled to `80-90 a kg in retail markets in the Capital in the past four days. This was mainly because exports were allowed to continue despite a decline in the supply caused by unseasonal rains in the country's onion-growing regions of Maharashtra, Gujarat and the southern states. Trade sources said onions were being exported to Dubai, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The Centre is acutely aware of the fact that soaring onion prices had brought down one government in the past when consumers gave vent to their anger at the polling booths. So on Monday, it took hasty steps to rein in the rocketing rates. It asked regulating agency Nafed to stop giving fresh clearances to onion exporters.

1. The main reason for the soaring price of onion is

- A. Decreased production
- b. onions exported
- c. black marketing
- d. Government policy

2. The word skyrocket means

- A. increase rapidly
- B. missile
- C. decrease rapidly

D. increase proportionately

3. How does consumers vent out their anger

a. by not buying onions

b. using less onions

c. at polling

d. taking out protest marches

4. To which countries were onions being exported?

a. Pakistan. Bangladesh and Britain

b. Dubai, Srilanka and Bangladesh

c. Southern states

d. Dubai and Srilanka

5. What steps are taken by government to combat the issue?

a. arrested black marketers

b. imported Onions

c. export stopped

d. held public meetings

2. **Danny, the Champion of the World**

Inside the caravan, I stood on a chair and lit the oil lamp in the ceiling. I had some weekend homework to do and this was as good a time as any to do it. I laid my books on the table and sat down. But I found it impossible to keep my mind on my work.

The clock showed half past seven. This was the twilight time. He would be there now. I pictured him in his old navy blue sweater and peaked cap, walking soft-footed up the track towards the wood. He told me he wore the sweater because navy-blue hardly showed up in the dark, black was even better, he said. The peaked cap was important too, he explained, because the peak casts a shadow over one's face. Just about now he would be wriggling through the hedge and entering the wood. Inside the wood, I could see him treading carefully over the leafy ground, stopping, listening, going on again and again and all the time searching and searching for the keeper who would be standing somewhere, as still as a post, behind a big tree with a gun under his arm. Keepers hardly move at all when they are in a wood watching for poachers, he had told me. They stand dead still right up against the trunk of a tree and its not easy to spot a motionless man in that position at twilight.

I closed my books. It was no good trying to work. I decided to go to bed instead. I left the lamp burning. Soon I fell asleep.

When I opened my eyes again, the oil-lamp was still glowing and the clock on the wall showed ten minutes past two.

I was out of my bunk and looked into the bunk above mine. It was empty. He promised he would be home by ten thirty at the latest and he never broke promises.

At that moment, a frightful sense of doom came over me. Something really had happened to him this time. I felt quite certain of it.

- Roald Dahl

1. Who do you think is the narrator?
2. Pick out a sentence from paragraph - 1 that indicates his smallness.
3. What do you think 'he' was trying to do in the woods?
4. Was 'he' trying to evade the keepers? How can you tell?
5. From the paragraph - 2, pick out words or phrases that suggest motion.

WRITING (10 Marks)

3. Your friend is studying at Sanawar and since last five months you are not in touch with him. He is not replying to your letters and phone calls, so you decide to write an e-mail to him. Use the hints below (5)

- no news
- busy schedule
- drop me a few lines
- worried about welfare

4. Read the following profile and write a short biosketch of Bruce Lee

- born in San Francisco in 27 November 1940 the son of a famous Chinese opera singer
- became a child star in the growing Eastern film industry.
- The birth of Mankind- first film
- his last film which was uncompleted at the time of his death in 20 July 1973 - Game of Death.
- Kung Fu, progressing to his own style of Jeet Kune Do.
- At 19 Bruce left Hong Kong -degree in philosophy at the University of Washington in America
- Martial Arts school flourished, The Green Hornet series – huge success in Hong Kong
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GRAMMAR (10 Marks)

5 Underline the wrong word in each line and write the correct word in the space provided:

A spider spin a web out _____
 of silk that came from inside their body _____
 The silk comes out as very thin liquid _____

threads. As soon as a thread touch the air, _____
 it hardened. Some of the thread were sticky _____
 and some are not. The spider attached _____
 the threads to a tree or house in a
 particular pattern.
 One kind in web you may have seen _____
 is called an orb web.
 It look something like a wheel _____
 Insects get caught in the sticky thread _____
 of the "wheel". The spider then kills
 the insects and ate them _____

6. Complete the para by choosing an suitable option

HOW TO GAIN WEIGHT

(a)_____ weight is very simple. You eat, eat, and eat. First, you should choose high calorie food; highly (b)_____ junk foods are ice-cream (Ben & Jerry's is the best), chocolate and whatever you (c)_____ except low calorie food. Next, eat more than 6 times a day. If you are thirsty, drink beer or carbonated drinks. Of course (d)_____ sports! If you (e) _____, use a car. While (f)_____ home, lie down on your bed or (g)_____ a nap. When it is time to sleep, check your weight. Be sure, you should do these things day in day out. In three months, you (h)_____ fat. Everybody will call you CHUBBY.

- a. 1. Gaining 2. Gained 3. Having gain 4. Gain
- b) 1. Recommend 2. Recommends 3. Recommending 4. Recommended
- c) 1. Want 2. Wants 3. Wanting 4. Wanted
- d) 1. Does not do 2. Do not do 3. Do not does 4. Did not do
- e) 1. Went somewhere 2. Go somewhere 3. Had gone somewhere 4. Has gone somewhere
- f) 1. You did stay 2. You are stayed 3. You are staying 4. You staying
- g) 1. Takes 2. Take 3. Taking 4. Are taking
- h) 1. Will be 2. Would be 3. Have to be 4. Has to be

7. Complete the following News paper Headlines by choosing an appropriate option

1. INDIA WINS TWENTY20 MATCH

India today _____ Twenty20 cricket match here in Green Park stadium

- a. has won
- b. had won
- c. have won
- d won

2. ASI TEAM IN CHANDIGARH

A 10 member team of ASI _____ Chandigarh on Sunday after the court's order

- a. arrived
- b has arrive
- c had arrived
- d. have arrived

3. FAKE DOCUMENTS RACKET BUSTED

A racket in printing and selling of fake documents _____ by police and two persons are arrested in this connection.

- a. was busted
- b will be busted
- c. were busted
- d had busted

4. 80 RENDERED HOMELESS IN VILLAGE FIRE.

Mumbai 24 June . Property worth Rs 20 crore _____ to ashes and eighty people _____ in a devastating fire which broke out in a slum area last evening .

- a. was reduced , were rendered
- b were reduced , was rendered
- c . had reduced, had been rendered
- d was reduced , had been rendered

8. Rewrite to make meaningful sentences

- a). 1. is also/Bharal/the blue sheep/called the/ yet another/game animal/and is/
- 2. this Himalayan/Na or Napo/locally known as/ sheep/and stockily built/is handsome/
- 3. with a dark streak/the rams have/down the/a handsome black chest/throat/
- 4. outwards/they carry/and downwards/large horns which curve/

9. Read the following conversation and write in reported speech

Man: Are you returning form the village?

Trader: Yes. I returned yesterday.

Man: What news do you bring of my family?

Trader: Your son has begun to walk now. He is an active young child.

LITERATURE-

Q9. Read the Extract carefully and answer the questions that follow

(a) For your part,
To you our swords have leaden points, Mark Antony:
Our arms, in strength of malice, and our hearts
Of brothers' temper, do receive you in
With all kind love, good thoughts and reverence.

- a) Who is speaking these lines and to whom?
- b) How do the murderers of Caesar receive Mark Antony?
- c) How do the conspirators think mark Antony will be helpful in friendship?

(b) He lifted his head from his drinking, as cattle do,
And looked at me vaguely, as drinking cattle do,
And flickered his two-forked tongue from his lips, and mused a moment,
And stooped and drank a little more,
Being earth-brown, earth-golden from the burning bowels of the earth
On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna smoking.

- a) What does poet want to suggest by comparing snake with cattle?
- b) What does last line convey?
- c) '...and mused a moment' The snake seems to be

10. Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words

- 1. Why is Decius Brutus more successful than Calpurnia in persuading Caesar to go to the senate house?
- 2. After reading Julius Caesar what conclusions do you draw about the Roman mob of the day?
- 3. What does poet mean by 'voice of education'? (Snake)
- 4. Why does poet feel honoured in poem 'Snake'?
- 5. What does narrator mean when he says 'Sebastian Shultz was the game'?
- 6. What reactions 'miracle recovery' bring into play?

11. Answer any one of the following in 120 words

As Michael write a diary entry describing your meeting with Sebastian Shultz?

OR

The ability to make things happen by words alone is the most powerful type of authority.
Comment in reference to Julius Caesar