

CBSE TEST PAPER-01
Class - 10 English Communicative
(The Diary of a Young Girl)

General Instruction:

- Question No. A carry Ten marks.
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A. Answer the following questions in 200-250 words each.

1. Why were the Franks forced to hide? How did Anne and other members manage themselves? What sort of relationship did she have with them?

OR

2. How did Anne get her diary? What did it tell us about her childhood?

OR

3. Why was Dussel in turmoil? How did the situation end? What did Anne think about Mr. Dussel?

OR

4. What are the views of Anne that she had mentioned in her diary about the grownups in the Annexe?

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[Answers]

A. Answers

1. The Franks had moved to the Netherlands to escape prosecution in Germany. At that time the people were feeling the impact of Hitler's anti-Jewish laws. In 1938, after the massacre, two maternal uncles of Anne had escaped. The war had started and the Jews were surrendering as well as suffering. When the Germans invaded the Netherlands in 1940, they were forced into hiding. Anne had mentioned her father saying that life would be hard in hiding. Anne couldn't understand why he was bringing the topic up. Mr. Frank said that it had been one year since they had been preparing for going into hiding. He didn't want the Germans to take away their belongings and put them in prison or send them to concentration camps. It was a Sunday afternoon. Anne was reading in the sun when Margot came rushing to her.

She informed her that the SS had called up their father. The mere thought of the call-up notice scared them greatly. Getting a call-up from the SS meant concentration camps and lonely prison cells. They were very uncomfortable. When the two sisters were alone in the room, Margot explained to Anne that the call up notice was not meant for their father, but it was for Margot. This made Anne cry. The Franks decided they won't let go of their daughter and finally they went into hiding.

They lived with two families, the Van Daans, and Mr. Dussel, into a small secret Annex above Otto Frank's office. They had stockpiled food and supplies. The employees from Otto's firm helped them. There were a regular supply of food, medicine and information about the outside world. Anne had the feelings of isolation and loneliness. She had a tumultuous relationship with the adults in the Annex. She thought that her mother was lacking love and affection. She adored her father. She was frequently scolded and criticized by Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan and Mr. Dussel. Anne found her sister, Margot, smart, pretty and agreeable. However, she never felt herself close to her. She developed a close friendship with Peter van Daan, the teenage boy in the Annex.

OR

2. Anne Frank began her diary with the hope of being able to reveal everything to it. She felt that she had never confided in anyone. She told how she had acquired the diary on her thirteenth birthday. Anne woke up at six in the morning and waited until seven to open her presents. One of the presents was the new diary given by her father. Anne provided a brief overview of her childhood in the beginning of her diary. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1929. She had loving parents and a sixteen years old sister Margot. She had a good home and a string of good friends. She told about some boys who could never understand her. Her father, Otto Frank married at the age of thirty six while her mother was twenty five. Her family moved to Holland in 1933. They were Jewish. Her father worked in a Dutch chemical company. Anna went to a Montessori nursery school and then went on to the Jewish Lyceum. She wrote about her specific affection for ice cream. She wrote about the trembling of the whole class on the day of school result. She also mentioned about the punishment she got for being a talkative girl in the class. She was not worried about any subject except Math. Anne added that after she wrote a few funny essays on her punishment, the teacher began joking along with her. Anne noted that it was hot and realized what luxury it was to ride in a street car, since Jews could not use them anymore. She told her diary that a boy, Hello Silberberg, approached her and that they had started to see each other more often.

OR

3. Mr. Albert Dussel was a peculiar person. Though at first Anne was very happy at sharing a room with him, she later found him very difficult to deal with. She had to bear his personal hygiene habits. Moreover, he had a dominating personality and kept on arguing with Anne.

He just thought of his own comfort, the best food etc, but took no notice of the other people's needs. Mr Dussel was rigid and failed to understand children.

Dussel was in turmoil. Nobody knew the exact reason. It all began when Dussel maintained a suspicious silence and said nothing when he was upstairs. He didn't exchange so much as a word with either Mr. or Mrs. Van Daan. They all noticed it. This went on for a few days. Mother warned him about Mrs. Van Daan, who could make life miserable for him. Dussel said Mr. van Daan had started the silent treatment and he had no intention of breaking it. November 16, was the first anniversary of his living in the Annex. All expected that Mr. Dussel would treat them on the occasion. But he didn't even

utter a word. Mother tried to play the role of a peace maker. But the situation finally ended in a draw. Anne says that Dussel has definitely got a screw loose. They often laugh to themselves because he has no memory, no fixed opinions and no common sense. He amused them more than once by trying to pass on the news he's just heard. Furthermore, he answers every reproach or accusation with a load of fine promises. He never kept his promises.

OR

4. The views in Anne's diary are all written by her only after experiencing them. According to Anne she was not happy with the attitude of the grownups. She called them idiotic and stupid. Whenever she used to approach them to know anything about the matter or to be a part of the discussion they simply used to put her off in one way or the other by asking her to keep herself out of the conversation. She never got a satisfactory response from them. Her feelings were suppressed. She was not on good terms with her mother. Anne felt that her mother was lacking motherly feelings and was not capable of understanding her children at all. Sometimes she found Mrs. Van Daan better than her mother. She developed the feeling that grownups didn't allow their children to form any opinion. She wished that when the children were young, they shouldn't be prevented from saying what they think. The grownups should give due value and respect to the opinions of their young ones. It appears that the adults in the Secret Annexe have forgotten to pay attention to the children's feelings. Even Peter feels that he is distanced from his parents. Margot also cannot share her feelings with the adults. Anne feels that many things have been kept hidden from her, which is not the right way to bring up a child. She is in constant arguments with her mother and finds herself drifting away from her father as well. In the Annexe, Elli, Margot, Peter and Anne needed great love and affection but none could understand them.