

Grammar and Writing

GRAMMAR

Gap FILLING

Type-I

Q 1. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Last evening, I (a) to a chemist shop to buy medicines. There (b) a lot of rush. I (c) In a corner when an old man (d) me. He (e) me for some time. Looking at him closely, I could recollect that he (f) me English in school, years ago.

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| (a) | (i) going | (ii) went |
| | (iii) gone | (iv) will be going |
| (b) | (i) is | (ii) were |
| | (iii) was | (iv) are |
| (c) | (i) was waiting | (ii) is waiting |
| | (iii) are waiting | (iv) were waiting |
| (d) | (i) approaching | |
| | (ii) approached | |
| | (iii) has approached | |
| | (iv) has been approached | |
| (e) | (i) watches | |
| | (ii) watched | |
| | (iii) has been watching | |
| | (iv) had been watching | |
| (f) | (i) teaches | (ii) was teaching |
| | (iii) had taught | (iv) were teaching |

Answers

- (a) (ii) went
(b) (iii) was
(c) (i) was waiting
(d) (ii) approached
(e) (iv) had been watching
(f) (iii) had taught

Q 2. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Plastic (a) extensively used in many parts of the world. It (b) alarming to note that it (c) one of the major causes of pollution.

A complete ban on plastic bags (d) Many feel that the ban (e) with immediate effect. It can be a major step that (f) the environment to a great extent.

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| (a) | (i) been | (ii) is being |
| | (iii) are being | (iv) were being |
| (b) | (i) is | (ii) am |
| | (iii) was | (iv) were |
| (c) | (i) are | (ii) were |
| | (iii) is | (iv) was |
| (d) | (i) requires | |
| | (ii) is required | |
| | (iii) are required | |
| | (iv) has been required | |
| (e) | (i) shall impose | |
| | (ii) will impose | |
| | (iii) shall be imposing | |
| | (iv) should be imposed | |
| (f) | (i) will save | |
| | (ii) will be saving | |
| | (iii) will have saved | |
| | (iv) will have been saving | |

Answers

- (a) (ii) is being
(b) (i) is
(c) (iii) is
(d) (ii) is required
(e) (iv) should be imposed
(f) (i) will save

Q 3. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Sitting down for long periods can (a) the chances of mobility problems later in life according to some scientists. Sitting and watching television for prolonged periods can (b) threefold more chances of developing a walking difficulty in later

life. The research (c) on a group of healthy people between the ages of 50 and 71 for ten years. Sitting for hours with low levels of activity (d) to be very harmful. Participants who (e) television for 4 to 5 hours every day, their risk of mobility disability (f) higher than those who did not.

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| (a) (i) increase | (ii) Increasing |
| (iii) have increased | (iv) increases |
| (b) (i) causes | (ii) cause |
| (iii) causing | (iv) have caused |
| (c) (i) conducts | (ii) is conducting |
| (iii) was conducted | (iv) had conducted |
| (d) (i) find | (ii) was found |
| (iii) had found | (iv) was finding |
| (e) (i) watching | (ii) watches |
| (iii) watched | (iv) was watching |
| (f) (i) is | (ii) was |
| (iii) are | (iv) were |

Answers

- (a) (i) increase
 (b) (ii) cause
 (c) (iii) was conducted
 (d) (ii) was found
 (e) (iii) watched
 (f) (ii) was

Q 4. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Good body posture is important. If we do not sit properly, we (a) strain our backs. Bad posture (b) be avoided. Further, a good posture enhances the image of a person and it (c) also cure a mild backache. A physiotherapist usually insists that one (d) also exercise regularly for complete cure of backache. Some people have been cured and they (e) to consciously avoid bad posture lest the problem (f) recur.

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| (a) (i) might | (ii) dare |
| (iii) need | (iv) should |
| (b) (i) ought | (ii) need |
| (iii) should | (iv) will |
| (c) (i) shall | (ii) can |
| (iii) ought | (iv) must |
| (d) (i) dare | (ii) need |
| (iii) could | (iv) must |
| (e) (i) dare | (ii) ought |
| (iii) shall | (iv) will |
| (f) (i) will | (ii) could |
| (iii) should | (iv) need |

Answers

- (a) (i) might
 (b) (iii) should
 (c) (ii) can
 (d) (iv) must
 (e) (ii) ought
 (f) (iii) should

Q 5. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

We (a) not travel alone in a deserted place late at night. We (b) inform our parents about our plans to go out much in advance. This (c) help us to be safe even if we are alone. In case you (d) to go for some urgent work, carry a mobile and keep the family members informed.

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| (a) (i) shall | (ii) should |
| (iii) might | (iv) can |
| (b) (i) ought | (ii) should |
| (iii) would | (iv) will |
| (c) (i) need | (ii) dare |
| (iii) must | (iv) can |
| (d) (i) need | (ii) dare |
| (iii) must | (iv) has |

Answers

- (a) (ii) should
 (b) (ii) should
 (c) (iv) can
 (d) (i) need

Q 6. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

(a) opinion poll was taken on (b) use of internet. (c) users were asked to name (d) Seven Wonders of (e) World. There were mixed reactions. (f) Taj Mahal remained in the list as a popular choice.

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| (a) (i) A | (ii) An |
| (iii) This | (iv) The |
| (b) (i) the | (ii) a |
| (iii) an | (iv) that |
| (c) (i) A | (ii) An |
| (iii) Those | (iv) The |
| (d) (i) the | (ii) a |
| (iii) an | (iv) then |
| (e) (i) an | (ii) a |
| (iii) the | (iv) that |
| (f) (i) A | (ii) The |
| (iii) This | (iv) An |

Answers

- (a) (ii) An
- (b) (i) the
- (c) (iv) The
- (d) (i) the
- (e) (iii) the
- (f) (ii) The

Q 7. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

I saw (a) lady in (b)
 overcoat that was black in colour.
 She appeared to be new to (c) city.
 When she asked me for directions, I obliged. (d)
 relatives lived in (e)
 west part of (f) city.

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| (a) (i) an | (ii) a |
| (iii) the | (iv) whom |
| (b) (i) that | (ii) a |
| (iii) an | (iv) which |
| (c) (i) the | (ii) a |
| (iii) that | (iv) an |
| (d) (i) The | (ii) Her |
| (iii) His | (iv) Your |
| (e) (i) an | (ii) a |
| (iii) the | (iv) than |
| (f) (i) the | (ii) an |
| (iii) a | (iv) that |

Answers

- (a) (ii) a
- (b) (iii) an
- (c) (i) the
- (d) (ii) Her
- (e) (iii) the
- (f) (i) the

Q 8. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Our class (a) for a picnic next Friday.
 We (b) by bus. The teachers (c)
 all preparations before we leave.
 The headmistress (d) us later on.
 We (e) for two hours before we
 reach Millennium Park at 2 pm. We are sure that it
 (f) an exciting short trip.

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| (a) (i) will go | (ii) going |
| (iii) gone | (iv) have gone |
| (b) (i) travel | (ii) travelling |
| (iii) will travel | (iv) have travelled |
| (c) (i) will make | (ii) have made |
| (iii) will have made | (iv) had made |
| (d) (i) join | (ii) will have joined |
| (iii) will join | (iv) will be joining |
| (e) (i) shall have travelled | (ii) will travel |
| (iii) travelling | (iv) are travelling |
| (f) (i) are | (ii) were |
| (iii) is | (iv) will be |

Answers

- (a) (i) will go
- (b) (iii) will travel
- (c) (iii) will have made
- (d) (iii) will join
- (e) (i) shall have travelled
- (f) (iv) will be

Q 9. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Raveena (a) a party on Sunday. She
 (b) many friends. She has planned
 everything well. She (c) to market at
 6 pm today to buy items for the party. Her brother
 and mother (d) the living room by the
 time she comes back. She (e) for two
 hours by 8 pm when she returns. So, everything
 (f) ready on Saturday.

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| (a) (i) throws | (ii) threw |
| (iii) will throw | (iv) will have thrown |
| (b) (i) will invite | |
| (ii) inviting | |
| (iii) invited | |
| (iv) will have been invited | |
| (c) (i) goes | (ii) is going |
| (iii) has gone | (iv) will have gone |
| (d) (i) decorating | (ii) has decorated |
| (iii) will be decorating | (iv) will have decorated |
| (e) (i) will have been shopping | |
| (ii) will be shopping | |
| (iii) are shopping | |
| (iv) were shopping | |
| (f) (i) are | (ii) is |
| (iii) will be | (iv) may be |

Answers

- (a) (iii) will throw
- (b) (i) will invite
- (c) (ii) is going
- (d) (iv) will have decorated
- (e) (i) will have been shopping
- (f) (iii) will be

Q 10. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Sachin Tendulkar is likely to visit our school next
 Saturday. He (a) the new sports
 complex. We (b) a cultural programme
 to welcome him on that day. I (c) the
 welcome speech on that occasion. The participants
 (d) for the play and classical dance for
 two weeks by Saturday. The school authorities (e)
 all the arrangements by next Friday. It
 (f) a great occasion for all of us.

- (a) (i) inaugurating
(ii) will inaugurate
(iii) is inaugurating
(iv) will have inaugurated
- (b) (i) shall present (ii) presenting
(iii) is presenting (iv) were presenting
- (c) (i) gives (ii) gave
(iii) will have given (iv) will give
- (d) (i) will rehearse
(ii) will have been rehearsing
(iii) rehearses
(iv) rehearse
- (e) (i) will make (ii) are making
(iii) will have made (iv) is making
- (f) (i) are (ii) will be
(iii) may be (iv) will have been

Answers

- (a) (ii) will inaugurate
(b) (i) shall present
(c) (iv) will give
(d) (ii) will have been rehearsing
(e) (iii) will have made
(f) (ii) will be

Q 11. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

The construction of a flyover on NH 24 (a)
..... to be a blessing for the commuters in
future. It is expected that the work (b)
by 2023. The construction workers (c)
day and night to meet the deadline. They (d).....
..... for more than a year by the time it
is completed. Several cameras (e) at
different points on the flyover. Important directions
(f) on screens.

- (a) (i) proves (ii) will prove
(iii) will have proved (iv) will be proving
- (b) (i) will be completed (ii) is completing
(iii) will complete (iv) will be completing
- (c) (i) are working (ii) is working
(iii) will be working (iv) will have worked
- (d) (i) will have been working
(ii) are working
(iii) is working
(iv) have worked
- (e) (i) will install
(ii) will be installed
(iii) are installed
(iv) will have been installing
- (f) (i) will display
(ii) will be displaying
(iii) will be displayed
(iv) will have been displayed

Answers

- (a) (ii) will prove
(b) (i) will be completed
(c) (i) are working
(d) (i) will have been working
(e) (ii) will be installed
(f) (iii) will be displayed

Q 12. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

These days air pollution (a) a major
threat to health. It (b) a major
environmental issue leading to several health
problems. It often (c) to respiratory
and lung diseases. Air pollutants from various
sources usually (d) the number of
new cases of asthma, lung cancer, etc., even in rural
areas. Today, a large section of the population (e)
..... in urban areas. They (f)
to higher levels of air pollutants.

- (a) (i) pose (ii) poses
(iii) are posing (iv) have posed
- (b) (i) is (ii) are
(iii) have been (iv) were
- (c) (i) lead (ii) leading
(iii) has led (iv) leads
- (d) (i) increase (ii) increasing
(iii) increases (iv) were increased
- (e) (i) lives (ii) live
(iii) has lived (iv) had lived
- (f) (i) exposed (ii) is exposed
(iii) are exposed (iv) is exposing

Answers

- (a) (ii) poses
(b) (i) is
(c) (iv) leads
(d) (i) increase
(e) (i) lives
(f) (iii) are exposed

Q 13. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

My friends (a) the Science Museum
next Tuesday. They (b) a lot about
inventions and discoveries. Moreover, they (c)
..... more knowledge about scientists too.
I (d) with them as I have other plans.
However, I (e) more about plants and
trees as I (f) to visit the Botanical
Garden with my family.

- (a) (i) visit (ii) visits
(iii) will visit (iv) is visiting
- (b) (i) will learn
(ii) shall learning
(iii) will have learnt
(iv) will have been learning

- (c) (i) acquires
(ii) will acquire
(iii) will have acquired
(iv) will have been acquiring
- (d) (i) will go (ii) will be going
(iii) will have gone (iv) will not go
- (e) (i) will learn (ii) will have learnt
(iii) learn (iv) learnt
- (f) (i) plan (ii) have planned
(iii) has been planned (iv) will have planned

Answers

- (a) (iii) will visit
(b) (i) will learn
(c) (ii) will acquire
(d) (iv) will not go
(e) (i) will learn
(f) (ii) have planned

Q 14. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

There (a) a music concert at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium this evening. A huge crowd (b) at the stadium already to attend the concert. Several bands (c) there. I (d) it from 6 pm to 9 pm only as I (e) tickets to go to Mumbai by flight. Therefore, I (f) to rush to the airport from there.

- (a) (i) was (ii) is
(iii) am (iv) were
- (b) (i) has gathered (ii) have gathered
(iii) is gathered (iv) gathers
- (c) (i) plays (ii) is playing
(iii) will play (iv) had played
- (d) (i) attend (ii) is attending
(iii) will attend (iv) will have attended
- (e) (i) have booked (ii) has booked
(iii) is booking (iv) were booking
- (f) (i) will (ii) was
(iii) are (iv) will have

Answers

- (a) (ii) is
(b) (i) has gathered
(c) (iii) will play
(d) (iii) will attend
(e) (i) have booked
(f) (iv) will have

Q 15. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Last year, I (a) to Delhi with my parents. It (b) a big city with historical monuments. We (c) the Red Fort, the Qutub Minar and the Raj Ghat on the first day. We (d) around Connaught Place and Janpath

the next day. My family (e) to visit such places. We also (f) many gifts for our friends and relatives back home.

- (a) (i) gone (ii) go
(iii) went (iv) will be going
- (b) (i) is (ii) will be
(iii) are (iv) were
- (c) (i) visit (ii) will visit
(iii) is visiting (iv) visited
- (d) (i) roams (ii) roaming
(iii) roamed (iv) are roaming
- (e) (i) like (ii) likes
(iii) liking (iv) will like
- (f) (i) bought (ii) buy
(iii) buys (iv) is buying

Answers

- (a) (iii) went
(b) (i) is
(c) (iv) visited
(d) (iii) roamed
(e) (ii) likes
(f) (i) bought

Q 16. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

The Caspian Sea (a) only a metre away from dipping down to the historic low water levels that (b) in the 1970s. Scientists (c) that the earth's largest inland water body (d) slowly evaporating for the past 20 years due to increase in temperatures (e) to climate change. Water levels in the Caspian Sea (f) nearly 7 cms per year from 1996 to 2015 according to researchers.

- (a) (i) are (ii) is
(iii) was (iv) have been
- (b) (i) saw (ii) see
(iii) were seen (iv) had seen
- (c) (i) have found (ii) find
(iii) finding (iv) have been finding
- (d) (i) have been (ii) being
(iii) had not been (iv) has been
- (e) (i) links (ii) linking
(iii) linked (iv) had linked
- (f) (i) dropped (ii) dropping
(iii) has been dropped (iv) have been dropped

Answers

- (a) (ii) is
(b) (iii) were seen
(c) (i) have found
(d) (iv) has been
(e) (iii) linked
(f) (i) dropped

Q 17. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

A flash flood (a) rapid flooding of low-lying areas and (b) to be the most dangerous kind of flood because it (c) the destructive power of flood with great speed and unpredictability. Usually, flash floods (d) by heavy rain with a severe thunderstorm, hurricane, tropical storm or water from melted ice or snow which (e) over ice sheets or snowfields. Nobody (f) when they might occur.

- (a) (i) are (ii) has been
(iii) is (iv) were
(b) (i) is considered
(ii) are being considered
(iii) had been considered
(iv) considers
(c) (i) combine
(ii) combines
(iii) has been combined
(iv) had combined
(d) (i) cause (ii) causes
(iii) had been caused (iv) are caused
(e) (i) flows (ii) to flow
(iii) flowed (iv) have been flowing
(f) (i) know (ii) knew
(iii) knows (iv) had known

Answers

- (a) (iii) is
(b) (i) is considered
(c) (ii) combines
(d) (iv) are caused
(e) (i) flows
(f) (iii) knows

Q 18. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

I (a) an old lady at the park yesterday. She (b) a yoga practitioner who (c) yoga classes every morning. I (d) She (e) very fit and energetic. She also (f) the benefits of doing yoga regularly.

- (a) (i) meet (ii) met
(iii) has met (iv) have been meeting
(b) (i) is (ii) were
(iii) had been (iv) am
(c) (i) take (ii) took
(iii) takes (iv) has taken
(d) (i) impresses (ii) impressed
(iii) has impressed (iv) was impressed
(e) (i) looking (ii) looked
(iii) has been looking (iv) had been looking
(f) (i) explained
(ii) is explaining
(iii) has been explained
(iv) had explained

Answers

- (a) (ii) met
(b) (i) is
(c) (iii) takes
(d) (iv) was impressed
(e) (ii) looked
(f) (i) explained

Q 19. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Sagar (a) to Udaipur in January next year. He (b) this for the past three months. His family (c) him later. They also (d) to settle there permanently. Udaipur (e) many lakes. It (f) the 'City of Lakes'.

- (a) (i) has shifted (ii) will shift
(iii) shifts (iv) had shifted
(b) (i) has been planning
(ii) has planned
(iii) have been planning
(iv) had planned
(c) (i) joins (ii) joined
(iii) will join (iv) had joined
(d) (i) plan (ii) plans
(iii) was planning (iv) have planning
(e) (i) had (ii) have
(iii) are (iv) has
(f) (i) calls (ii) has called
(iii) is called (iv) was called

Answers

- (a) (ii) will shift
(b) (i) has been planning
(c) (iii) will join
(d) (i) plan
(e) (iv) has
(f) (iii) is called

Q 20. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Many tribes (a) themselves with some animal or bird, like a lion or an eagle or with a certain place like a mountain or a river. This (b) a usual practice years ago. They also (c) feathers, objects of wood or iron, etc., or something to represent what they (d) Nowadays, many such items (e) the fashion world. Tribal art and handicrafts (f) popular even today.

- (a) (i) associates
(ii) associating
(iii) associated
(iv) have been associated
(b) (i) was (ii) is
(iii) are (iv) were

- (c) (i) wear (ii) wore
(iii) wears (iv) was wearing
(d) (i) believe (ii) believes
(iii) have believed (iv) believed
(e) (i) fascinate (ii) fascinated
(iii) had fascinated (iv) fascination
(f) (i) is (ii) am
(iii) are (iv) were

Answers

- (a) (iii) associated
(b) (i) was
(c) (ii) wore
(d) (iv) believed
(e) (i) fascinate
(f) (iii) are

Type-II

Q 1. Fill in the blank given below with the correct option:
Aspirin is so important in cardiac care that patients who for some reasons tolerate aspirin are advised to undergo angioplasty.

- (i) could not (ii) cannot
(iii) will not (iv) should not

Q 2. Fill in the blank given below with the correct option:
In 1911, the British their capital from Calcutta to Delhi.

- (i) was shifted (ii) has shifted
(iii) shift (iv) shifted

Q 3. Complete the following blank with the help of the given option:

Gauri was only eight years old, but a mountain of family responsibilities had already on her head, as both her parents were dead.

- (i) descend (ii) descended
(iii) descending (iv) descends

Q 4. Complete the following blank with the help of the given option:

He screamed so loudly that the pigeons pecking at the scattered grains in the courtyard off in a flurry and did not return till evening.

- (i) take (ii) took
(iii) has take (iv) taking

Q 5. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate option:

The really tricky thing about a 'witty' column is that between Mark Twain, Oscar Wilde and Dorothy Parker, everything worth saying has already been said.

- (i) write (ii) written
(iii) writes (iv) writing

Q 6. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate option:

The FBI field office is a four storey brick fortress the southern shore of lake Pontchartrain.

- (i) on (ii) over (iii) in (iv) of

Q 7. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate option:

Very often the cause of accidents is the failure of the brake system, which means the owner of the vehicle does not bother to keep machine in good condition.

- (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) this

Q 8. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate option:

Jesus Christ was accused misleading the masses despite the fact that he was leading them from darkness towards light.

- (i) with (ii) in
(iii) over (iv) of

Q 9. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

Later, when asked about his decision, he said, "..... first rule of sailing is, when you see someone in trouble, you help him."

- (i) a (ii) the
(iii) an (iv) that

Q 10. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

People all over world have different eating habits.

- (i) the (ii) an
(iii) a (iv) that

Q 11. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

Last month the Annual Meet of our academy celebrated.

- (i) was (ii) had
(iii) is (iv) shall be

Q 12. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

Discipline acts as a pillar to a student's life.

- (i) built (ii) builds
(iii) build (iv) building

Q 13. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

Five commuters were badly injured while one person on the spot.

- (i) was died (ii) had died
(iii) died (iv) is died

Q 14. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

You to submit the required documents.

- (i) must (ii) are required
(iii) shall (iv) should

Q 15. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

Our life today surrounded by all kinds of gadgets that have made our life very comfortable.

- (i) was (ii) had been
(iii) is (iv) would have

- Q 16.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:
For doing transaction through ATM, you to find an ATM of any bank.
(i) shall (ii) required
(iii) should (iv) need
- Q 17.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:
The committee arrived at a unanimous decision.
(i) has (ii) were
(iii) can (iv) could
- Q 18.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:
..... he in England to see the coronation?
(i) Was (ii) Were
(iii) Will (iv) Would
- Q 19.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:
My great disappointment my repeated failures.
(i) are (ii) is
(iii) will (iv) were
- Q 20.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:
We to talk to her.
(i) must (ii) should
(iii) need (iv) can

1. (ii) cannot
2. (iv) shifted
3. (ii) descended
4. (ii) took
5. (iv) wrtling
6. (i) on
7. (ii) the
8. (iv) of
9. (ii) the
10. (i) the
11. (i) was
12. (iii) build
13. (iii) died
14. (ii) are required
15. (iii) is
16. (iv) need
17. (i) has
18. (i) Was
19. (ii) is
20. (iii) need

Type-III

- Q 1.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
Not only the strikers, but also the leaders (were/was/is) arrested.
- Q 2.** Choose the best word from the options given in brackets to complete the following sentence:
Not only I, but also all my sons (am/is/are) ready to go.
- Q 3.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
She (reaches/reach/reached) her office by 9 am daily.
- Q 4.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
Rahul and his friends (is/was/were) also invited to the party.
- Q 5.** Choose the best word from the options given in brackets to complete the following sentence:
This dress suits her style. She (may/will/can) definitely like it!
- Q 6.** Choose the best word from the options given in brackets to complete the following sentence:
You (should/could/may) not litter the classroom.
- Q 7.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
Thousands of species of plants and animals are fast (disappear/disappearing/disappears) from the face of our earth.
- Q 8.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
Our only guide (was/were/am) our teacher.
- Q 9.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
..... (What/Whose/Which) turn is to wash the dishes?
- Q 10.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
I think the (two/four/third) man in the lineup is the thief.
- Q 11.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
The tree is shedding (its/her/his) leaves.
- Q 12.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
This winter is a lot milder than (this/those/that) winter.
- Q 13.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
Who eats (those/this/that) candles?
- Q 14.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
There are (third/first/four) intelligent boys in this team.
- Q 15.** Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:
The lawyer (appealing/appealed/appeal) to the judge.

Answers

1. were
2. are
3. reaches
4. were
5. will
6. should
7. disappearing

8. was
9. Whose
10. third
11. its
12. that
13. those
14. four
15. appealed

Type-IV

Q 1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

Either of the two dresses will (look) good.

Ans. look

Q 2. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

My mother usually (get) up early in the morning.

Ans. gets

Q 3. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

The children are (play) in the field now.

Ans. playing

Q 4. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

It has been (rain) since morning.

Ans. raining

Q 5. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

He (leave) his house seven days ago.

Ans. left

Q 6. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

I was (write) a letter when he came to my house.

Ans. writing

Q 7. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

The cook will be (cook) food at this time tomorrow.

Ans. cooking

Q 8. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

You will have (get) ready before we visit your house.

Ans. got

Q 9. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

By next Monday, he will have been (stay) at my uncle's house for three weeks.

Ans. staying

Q 10. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

This road (lead) to the post office.

Ans. leads

Q 11. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

Gambling has (ruin) many careers.

Ans. ruined

Q 12. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

When I saw him, he ('be' form) playing chess.

Ans. was

Q 13. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

The film had (start) before I reached the cinema hall.

Ans. started

Q 14. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

The candidate has been (speak) for ten minutes.

Ans. speaking

Q 15. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in brackets:

By the next month, we shall have (complete) the project.

Ans. completed

Editing

Type-I

Directions (Q. Nos. 1 to 20): The following passages have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it with the correction in the spaces given.

		Error	Correction
Q 1.	I visit a suburban village	(a) visit	visited
	last year. I am amazed to see	(b) am	was
	that people keep the surroundings	(c) keep	kept
	clean. They are throwing the trash	(d) are	were
	in dustbins. There is no garbage	(e) is	was
	dumped anywhere. I learn a	(f) learn	learnt
	lot during that trip. I still remembered it.	(g) remembered	remember
		Error	Correction
Q 2.	Sudhir had always wanting	(a) wanting	wanted
	a blue bicycle. When he is gifted	(b) is	was
	one on his last birthday, he was thrill.	(c) thrill	thrilled
	He smiling and	(d) smiling	smiled
	jumping with joy.	(e) jumping	jumped
	Then he thanking	(f) thanking	thanked
	his parents who was looking at him.	(g) was	were
		Error	Correction
Q 3.	Coral reefs is diverse underwater	(a) is	are
	ecosystems hold together by calcium	(b) hold	held
	carbonate structures. They were	(c) They	These
	secreted by corals. Colonies of animals built	(d) built	build
	coral reefs. These animals is found in marine water.	(e) is	are
	An individual coral is knew as a polyp.	(f) knew	known
	It are a very small and simple organism.	(g) are	is
	Coral reefs looks beautiful	(h) looks	look
	and is admired.	(i) is	are
		Error	Correction
Q 4.	Ritu had writing a letter	(a) writing	written
	to the editor of 'The Hindu' before she sleep	(b) sleep	slept
	yesterday. She had deciding to draw attention to	(c) deciding	decided
	increased in chain-snatching in her locality. Residents	(d) increased	increase
	had been complained about it for a long time.	(e) complained	complaining
	However, two more incidents had occur	(f) occur	occurred
	in the recent past. So, everyone were	(g) were	was
	alarmed. The residents has approached	(h) has	had
	the police too, but to no avail. So, many sign	(i) sign	signed
	the complaint letter in support.		

Q 5. People living in urban areas has lost touch in nature. Away from nature, their peace and tranquillity, one is lost in the concrete jungles. It is good to travels to a place when the magnificent beauty of nature can be admired and also enjoyed. An trip to such a place is a great stress buster too.	<table> <tr> <th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> <tr> <td>(a) has</td><td>have</td></tr> <tr> <td>(b) in</td><td>with</td></tr> <tr> <td>(c) their</td><td>its</td></tr> <tr> <td>(d) jungles</td><td>jungle</td></tr> <tr> <td>(e) travels</td><td>travel</td></tr> <tr> <td>(f) when</td><td>where</td></tr> <tr> <td>(g) An</td><td>A</td></tr> </table>	Error	Correction	(a) has	have	(b) in	with	(c) their	its	(d) jungles	jungle	(e) travels	travel	(f) when	where	(g) An	A		
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Q 7. Medicinal plants has been used since prehistoric times. Medicinal plant like Aloe, Neem, Tulsi, etc., can cure many ailment. These is considered as home remedies in many parts of a country. Many people used Tulsi to make medicines and in other purposes.	<table> <tr> <th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> <tr> <td>(a) has</td><td>have</td></tr> <tr> <td>(b) plant</td><td>plants</td></tr> <tr> <td>(c) ailment</td><td>ailments</td></tr> <tr> <td>(d) is</td><td>are</td></tr> <tr> <td>(e) a</td><td>the</td></tr> <tr> <td>(f) used</td><td>use</td></tr> <tr> <td>(g) in</td><td>for</td></tr> </table>	Error	Correction	(a) has	have	(b) plant	plants	(c) ailment	ailments	(d) is	are	(e) a	the	(f) used	use	(g) in	for		
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Q 8. India is very fortunate that it have many rivers. Their famous rivers are the Sutlej, the Ganga, the Yamuna and the Narmada. Some of the rivers, like the Ganga, originate from the Himalayas and flow throughout the year. It provides water of both drinking and irrigational purposes. Some river in India are considered very sacred and are worshipped across a country.	<table> <tr> <th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> <tr> <td>(a) have</td><td>has</td></tr> <tr> <td>(b) Their</td><td>Its</td></tr> <tr> <td>(c) the</td><td>these</td></tr> <tr> <td>(d) originate</td><td>originates</td></tr> <tr> <td>(e) flow</td><td>flows</td></tr> <tr> <td>(f) of</td><td>for</td></tr> <tr> <td>(g) river</td><td>rivers</td></tr> <tr> <td>(h) a</td><td>the</td></tr> </table>	Error	Correction	(a) have	has	(b) Their	Its	(c) the	these	(d) originate	originates	(e) flow	flows	(f) of	for	(g) river	rivers	(h) a	the
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Q 9. I was very late for school for the morning, and I was terribly afraid off being scolded, especially as Monsieur Hamel is told us that he would examine us on participles, and I have not know the first thing about them. For a moment I think of staying away from school and wandering from the fields. It was such a warm, lovely day. I hear the blackbirds whistling of the edge of the woods and in the Rippert field.	<table> <tr> <th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> <tr> <td>(a) for</td><td>in</td></tr> <tr> <td>(b) off</td><td>of</td></tr> <tr> <td>(c) is</td><td>had</td></tr> <tr> <td>(d) have</td><td>did</td></tr> <tr> <td>(e) think</td><td>thought</td></tr> <tr> <td>(f) from</td><td>to</td></tr> <tr> <td>(g) hear</td><td>heard</td></tr> <tr> <td>(h) of</td><td>at</td></tr> </table>	Error	Correction	(a) for	in	(b) off	of	(c) is	had	(d) have	did	(e) think	thought	(f) from	to	(g) hear	heard	(h) of	at
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Q 10.	One morning, the King call his minister and told them that I wanted to measure the length and the breadth from the earth. He also feel the need to have the clouds and the stars on the sky counted. One of the ministers says that the task he has given was impossible to accomplish.	(a) call (b) minister (c) I (d) from (e) feel (f) on (g) says (h) has	called ministers he of felt in sald had
Q 11.	In April 12, 1961, Major Yuri Gagarin become the first man ever to venture into space. He did not knew for certain before hand that he is to be chosen. The Russian had three possible candidates ready. But Gagarin was the first in the list. the choice was definitely not made until an early morning of April 12.	(a) In (b) become (c) knew (d) Is (e) Russian (f) But (g) in (h) an	On became know was Russians Though on the
Q 12.	Children love picnics and outings of their parents though they are equally happier doing things with them around the house. A parent may make his/her child feels special by following some simple rituals. Bedtime stories, the game of cards or simply talking and laugh together give children a sense of well-being. They hardly ever forgot these moments throughout these lives.	(a) of (b) happier (c) around (d) feels (e) the (f) laugh (g) forgot (h) these	with happy in feel a laughing forget their
Q 13.	My day begins on five o'clock in the morning. It has been so since the last forty years except for the two years which I was very ill. I wake up at the sound of an alarm clock bought at 1952. From then unless today, it has never let me down. My routine turn topsy-turvy when I cannot sleep by at least 8 hours without any disturbance.	(a) on (b) since (c) which (d) at (e) at (f) unless (g) turn (h) by	at for when to in till turns for
Q 14.	The next morning, the passengers was seated in the dining hall, having breakfast. The loudspeaker splutter noisily and then the captain's voice come loud and clear. 'Friends, we have just received a message there a storm is brewing in the Indian Ocean. I request all of mine to keep calm. Do not panic. Those who is inclined to seasickness may please stay in their cabins. Thanks you.'	(a) was (b) splutter (c) come (d) there (e) mine (f) is (g) Thanks	were spluttered came that you are Thank

Q 15.	I quickly put off my slippers, picked up my favourite doll Beeta, and rushed to the verandah. It is a beautiful day. The morning air was much refreshing. 'Ah, how lovely!' I said aloud, and take a deep breath. While I gulped down the milk, I hear Papa's voice. I run across the verandah, with Beeta tucked over my arm.		Error	Correction
		(a)	off	on
		(b)	is	was
		(c)	much	very
		(d)	take	took
		(e)	hear	heard
		(f)	run	ran
		(g)	over	under
Q 16.	His loud voice break my trance. I gaped at him wide-eyed. He fixed her gaze on me, expecting to be obeyed instantly. I was shocked in being scolded so loudly by her. Papa, a very soft-spoken person, who was unknown for not raising his voice, had shouted in angry at his darling daughter.		Error	Correction
		(a)	break	broke
		(b)	her	his
		(c)	in	at
		(d)	her	him
		(e)	unknown	known
		(f)	angry	anger
			Error	Correction
Q 17.	Neil Armstrong was the commander for Apollo 11. He was the first to walk over the moon. What many people do not knew is that, unlike most of their fellow astronauts, he was the civilian and not part of the military.		Error	Correction
		(a)	for	of
		(b)	over	on
		(c)	knew	know
		(d)	their	his
		(e)	the	a
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Q 18.	My cat Jagger be the toughest animal I know. He has survived much close calls. Three years ago, he were caught inside a car's engine. His right ear was torn off when he lost sight in one eye. We were surprised that he lived from the accident. Within weeks she was back to normal. Then last year again we were worry that we would lose Jagger. Lumps that grew on his back was operated upon by the vet. Now, we knows Jagger has nine lives.		Error	Correction
		(a)	be	is
		(b)	much	many
		(c)	were	was
		(d)	when	and
		(e)	from	after
		(f)	she	he
		(g)	worry	worried
		(h)	was	were
		(i)	knows	know
Q 19.	One morning I finished one business at the bank and was returning in pick up my motorbike which I had left in the parking lot outside. Suddenly he realised that I had lost the bike key. Upset, I searched about it in the bank. A bank employee tried to help me find it and in vain.		Error	Correction
		(a)	one	some
		(b)	in	to
		(c)	he	I
		(d)	about	for
		(e)	and	but
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Q 20.	A little girl was talking to his teacher for whales. The teacher said it was impossible to a whale to swallow the human because, even though it was the very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl says, 'Jonah was swallow by a whale.' The teacher reiterated, 'A whale couldn't swallow a human; it's impossible.'		Error	Correction
		(a)	his	her
		(b)	for	about
		(c)	to	for
		(d)	the	a
		(e)	the	a
		(f)	says	said
		(g)	swallow	swallowed
		(h)	couldn't	can't

Type II

Q 1. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Students are generally immature in his mental faculties.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. his—their

Q 2. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

My father became Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu on 1962.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. on—in

Q 3. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Our school cricket team are well-trained.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. are—is

Q 4. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Trying to keeping a thought in our mind can produce the very state we are trying to avoid.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. keeping—keep

Q 5. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The gorilla is the stronger of the apes.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. stronger—strongest

Q 6. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Vigilance is the guard of all the faculties and powers on the mind.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. on—of

Q 7. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

We all know that silk are derived from the cocoons of mulberry silkworms.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. are—is

Q 8. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The teachings of Jainism are focus on the purification of the soul and not towards the realisation of physical and material rewards.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. focus—focused

Q 9. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Half of the class were empty.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. were—was

Q 10. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Twenty years are the minimum age to fill this form.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. are—is

Q 11. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Last night I had discover that Tom couldn't cook much besides fried rice and beans.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. had discover—discovered

Q 12. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Is money the more important thing in life?

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. more—most

Q 13. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

My elder brother always wears an golden bangle around the wrist.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. an—a

Q 14. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

If I was you I would help her.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. was—were

Q 15. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The teacher has teach this chapter.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. teach—taught

Q 16. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Can you lifted that heavy box?

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. lifted—lift

Q 17. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Madhubani painting is one in the many traditional Indian art forms.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. in—of

Q 18. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The banana contains an number of vitamins and minerals.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. an—a

Q 19. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The mango was a juicy and fruit, available in summer season.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. was— is

Q 20. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The singer and musician have arrived.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. have—has

Q 21. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Everyone in the family has been question about the theft.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. question—questioned

Q 22. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The semester mode is not the only changing that Delhi University will witness this year.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. changing—change

Q 23. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Language is a wonderful gift glve to man.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. glve—given

Q 24. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

A doctor had the habit of talk to the trees by the roadside when he walked in the evening.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. talk—talking

Q 25. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

A priest was walking down the street one day when he noticed a small boy stand near a well.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Ans. stand—standing

Type III

Q 1. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Trying to achieve your goals without an action plan is like trying for drive across the country without a map.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	achieve	achieving
(b)	is	are
(c)	for	to
(d)	without	within

Q 2. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

On reaching his room he entirely broke down, and become a prey to the most violent agitation.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	entirely	entire
(b)	broke	breaking
(c)	become	became
(d)	to	for

Q 3. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

While climbing up a mountain a group of young boys saw the bear walking towards them.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	up	down
(b)	of	in
(c)	the	a
(d)	walking	walk

Q 4. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Blodiversity is a general term that describe diversity among plant and animal species in a given environment.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	is	are
(b)	describe	describes
(c)	in	on
(d)	given	give

Q 5. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

The whole class cheers loudly when Anubhav scored the winning goal.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	cheers	cheered
(b)	when	by
(c)	scored	scoring
(d)	winning	winner

Q 6. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Finally, one day Sonal ran out in patience.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	Finally	Final
(b)	day	days
(c)	ran	running
(d)	in	of

Q 7. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

People should think twice before they adopt the pet.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	think	thought
(b)	they	he
(c)	adopt	adopted
(d)	the	a

Q 8. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

A one-eyed man was travel by bus one day.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	A	An
(b)	was	were
(c)	travel	travelling
(d)	by	over

Q 9. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

A Gir National Park, also known as Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, is situated in the state of Gujarat.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	A	The
(b)	known	know
(c)	is	are
(d)	in	on

Q 10. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Only a desire could push you forward to act and accomplish your goal.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	a	an
(b)	could	can
(c)	act	acting
(d)	your	our

Q 11. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

To get motivated, you need to identifying what you want.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	get	got
(b)	motivated	motivate
(c)	identifying	identify
(d)	want	wanted

Q 12. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

On July 4, 1971, a tiny gorilla will born at the San Francisco Zoo In California, named Koko.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	a	an
(b)	will	was
(c)	in	with
(d)	named	name

Q 13. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Tina had going to market when she slipped on a banana peel and fell.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	had	was
(b)	going	go
(c)	slipped	slip
(d)	fell	fall

Q 14. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

A country's standard of living depends first and foremost on its capacity to produces wealth.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	A	An
(b)	depends	depend
(c)	its	their
(d)	produces	produce

Q 15. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

All the teachers or the students were asked to assemble in the school ground for a special assembly.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	or	and
(b)	were	was
(c)	assemble	assembled
(d)	for	with

Answers

	Option No.	Error	Correction
1.	(c)	for	to
2.	(c)	become	became
3.	(c)	the	a
4.	(b)	describe	describes

	Option No.	Error	Correction
5.	(a)	cheers	cheered
6.	(d)	in	of
7.	(d)	the	a
8.	(c)	travel	travelling
9.	(a)	A	The

	Option No.	Error	Correction
10.	(b)	could	can
11.	(c)	Identifying	Identify
12.	(b)	will	was

	Option No.	Error	Correction
13.	(a)	had	was
14.	(d)	produces	produce
15.	(a)	or	and

Transformation

Type I

Q 1. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Jatin : Will you come with me to watch a film tonight?

David : I would have, but I need to finish my English homework.

Jatin : Then I shall ask Ravi.

David : Ravi has gone to Delhi. He will return tomorrow.

Jatin asked David if he would (a) David replied that he would have but (b) Jatin then said (c)

David told him that Ravi (d)

- Ans.** (a) come with him to watch a film that Night
(b) he needed to finish his English homework
(c) that he would ask Ravi
(d) had gone to Delhi and would return the next day.

Q 2. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Doctor : Have you got the tests done?

Karna : No, I have not.

Doctor : Get them done today itself.

Karna : Yes, sure.

The doctor asked Karna (a) Karna replied that (b) The doctor asked (c) Karna assured him that he (d)

- Ans.** (a) if he had got the tests done
(b) he had not
(c) him to get the tests done on the same day
(d) would surely get them done the same day.

Q 3. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Rahul : Where are you going?

John : I am going to the post office now.

Rahul : Please post the letter that I have written to my grandfather.

John : I will certainly post it.

Rahul asked John (a) John replied that (b) Rahul requested him (c) grandfather. John said (d)

- Ans.** (a) where he was going
(b) he was going to the post office then

(c) to post the letter that he had written to his grandfather

(d) that he would certainly post it.

Q 4. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words:

Wife : I have to go to the market today.

Husband : What do you want to buy?

Wife : I want to buy a gift for my friend.

Husband : When will you go?

The wife told her husband that (a) The husband asked the wife (b) The wife replied that (c) The husband enquired (d)

- Ans.** (a) she had to go to the market that day
(b) what she wanted to buy
(c) she wanted to buy a gift for her friend
(d) when she would go.

Q 5. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Sharat : Can I use your pen?

Ritu : Yes, you can.

Sharat : I have to write a leave application.

Ritu : All Right, I will help you.

Sharat asked Ritu (a) Ritu replied that (b) Sharat told her that (c) Ritu then (d)

- Ans.** (a) if he could use her pen
(b) he could
(c) he had to write a leave application
(d) said that she would help him.

Q 6. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Rajiv : Why are you in a hurry?

Sharat : I have to catch a train.

Rajiv : Where are you going?

Sharat : I am going to Jaipur to attend a wedding.

Rajiv asked Sharat (a) Sharat told him (b) Rajiv enquired (c) Sharat informed him that (d)

- Ans.** (a) why he was in a hurry
(b) that he had to catch a train
(c) where he was going
(d) he was going to Jaipur to attend a wedding.

Q 7. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Father : Where is your class going for an excursion trip?

Shweta : We are going to Shimla.

Father : Good. You should carry some woollens.

Shweta : Yes. You are right.

Father asked Shweta (a) Shweta replied politely (b) Father approved of it. He also suggested (c) Shweta agreed and (d)

- Ans.** (a) where her class was going for an excursion trip.
(b) that they were going to Shimla
(c) that she should carry some woollens.
(d) said that he was right.

Q 8. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in appropriate words.

Shikha : Hello Anita. How are you?

Anita : I am fine but my pet dog is not well.

Shikha : What happened to him?

Anita : Oh! He has not been eating anything for two days.

Shikha : You should take him to a veterinary doctor.

Anita : Yes, I will do so.

Shikha greeted Anita and asked her how she was.

Anita replied (a) Shikha enquired (b)

..... Anita sadly explained (c)

Shikha suggested that she should take him to a veterinary doctor. Anita agreed and (d)

- Ans.** (a) that she was fine but her pet dog was not well
(b) what had happened to him
(c) that he had not been eating anything for two days
(d) said that she would do so

Q 9. Study the conversation between two friends given below and complete the paragraph that follows by filling in the blanks suitably:

Anil : Why is there such a big crowd on that street?

Ravi : A new shop selling sports goods is opening today.

Anil : Is a film star doing the opening ceremony?

Ravi : I heard that Sachin Tendulkar is inaugurating it.

Anil asked Ravi (a) Ravi replied that a new shop (b) Anil enquired (c) Ravi replied that he had heard that (d)

- Ans.** (a) why there was such a big crowd on that street
(b) selling sports goods was opening that day
(c) whether a film star was doing the opening ceremony
(d) Sachin Tendulkar was inaugurating it.

Q 10. Read the following conversation and then report what was said by completing any four of the blanks in the following passage:

Boy : Mom, I want to buy some new colours for myself.

Mother : You don't keep your things properly. Last month only, I bought you two new packs of colours.

Boy : Mom, I have used them all. You know I love drawing and colouring.

Mother : You can buy one colour box for yourself and after going home I would love to see what all you have drawn and coloured.

A boy said to his mother that (a) The mother angrily replied that he did not keep his things properly and that (b) To this, the boy replied that he had used them all and further told his mother that (c) The mother told the boy that (d) and that after going home (e)

- Ans.** (a) he wanted to buy some new colours for himself
(b) she had bought him two new packs of colours the previous month only
(c) she knew he loved drawing and colouring
(d) he could buy one colour box for himself
(e) she would love to see what all he had drawn and coloured.

Q 11. Read the following conversation and then report what was said by completing the following passage:

Sameer : Neha, why do you keep on wasting time in useless pursuits?

Neha : It's not a useless job, I am trying to make a demon with this waste material.

Sameer : What is the need to do all this, when you have so many important things to do?

Neha : I am making a demon to scare you because you disturb me a lot.

Sameer asked Neha (a) Neha told Sameer that it was not a useless job and that (b) Sameer asked (c) To which Neha replied (d)

- Ans.** (a) why she kept on wasting time in useless pursuits
(b) she was trying to make a demon with that waste material
(c) what the need was to do all that when she had so many important things to do
(d) that she was making a demon to scare him because he disturbed her a lot

Q 12. Read the following conversation and then report what was said by completing the following passage:

Mother : Tomorrow is Diwali, so I am going to the market to buy a few things.

Daughter : Shall I come along, mother?

Mother : No, Shreya I want you to do some cleaning.

Daughter : Fine mom, I will stay at home and do the cleaning.

The mother said to her daughter that (a) The daughter asked (b) To this the mother replied (c) The daughter (d)

Ans. (a) It was Diwali the next day, so she was going to the market to buy a few things

- (b) if she should come along with her
- (c) in the negative and said she wanted her to do some cleaning
- (d) agreed to it and said that she would stay at home and do the cleaning.

Type II

Q 1. Read the conversation between a principal and a student. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Principal : Why were you absent last week?

Student : I was absent because I was not well.

The principal asked the student why he had been absent the previous week. The student replied.....

Ans. that he had been absent because he had not been well.

Q 2. Read the conversation between a mother and her son. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Mother : You seem tired. Take some rest.

Suraj : I can't even think of relaxing. I have lots of homework to do.

Mother said to Suraj that he seemed tired and advised him to take some rest. Suraj replied that.....

Ans. he could not even think of relaxing as he had lots of homework to do.

Q 3. Read the conversation between Vani and Harika. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Vani : Harika, are you going to join the Dramatics Club with me?

Harika : No, I am going to join the Adventure Club.

Vani asked Harika if she was going to join the Dramatics Club with her. Harika replied in negative and said that

Ans. she was going to join the Adventure Club.

Q 4. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Mother : Rita, finish your food.

Rita : I don't want to have this food. You never give me a pizza or burger.

Mother told Rita to finish her food. Rita replied that she did not want to have that food and told her mother that

Ans. she never gave her pizza or burger.

Q 5. Read the conversation between a patient and a receptionist. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Patient : I want an appointment with the doctor for this evening.

Receptionist: I'm sorry, I can't give you an appointment before the 20th.

The patient told the receptionist that he wanted an appointment with the doctor for that evening. The receptionist replied that she was sorry but

Ans. she could not give him an appointment before the 20th.

Q 6. Read the conversation between a teacher and a student. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Neha : I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.

Namita : Yes, after a long time we will meet our friends and teachers.

Neha told Namita that she was really looking forward to the class picnic the next day. Namita agreed that after a long time.....

Ans. they would meet their friends and teachers.

Q 7. Read the conversation between two students. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

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

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

Ritika asked Mohit if she could borrow his Maths book for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that

Ans. he had already studied for the test the next day.

Q 8. Read the conversation between two boys. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Anup : Where can we meet tomorrow?

Atul : I may not be able to meet you tomorrow.

Anup asked Atul where they could meet the next day. Atul replied that

Ans. he might not be able to meet him the next day.

Q 9. Read the conversation between a shopkeeper and his customer. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Mrs Jadav : Can I have a small bottle of cranberry jam?

Shopkeeper: Sorry, I have only big bottles of cranberry jam.

Mrs Jadav asked the shopkeeper if she could have a small bottle of cranberry jam. The shopkeeper apologised and said that

Ans. he had only big bottles of cranberry jam.

Q 10. Read the conversation between Sujit and Raj. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Sujit : Who is your chief guest at the Annual Day function?

Raj : Our chief guest is the honourable President himself.

Sujit asked Raj who their chief guest at the Annual Day function was. Raj replied that

Ans. their chief guest was the honourable President himself.

Q 11. Read the conversation between a customer and a shopkeeper. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Customer : Can I have a bottle of Juice?

Shopkeeper: Sorry, I only have milk bottles.

The customer asked the shopkeeper if he could have a bottle of juice. The shopkeeper apologised and said that

Ans. he only had milk bottles.

Q 12. Read the conversation between a father and his daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Father : What are you studying now?

Trisha : I'm revising for the science test tomorrow.

Father asked Trisha Trisha replied that she was revising for the science test the following day.

Ans. what she was studying then.

Type III

Q 1. Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Ali and Omar:

Ali : Omar, why don't you leave this place? I can drop you on my way back home.

Omar : I have no home.

Ali asked Omar why he didn't leave that place and offered to drop him on his way back home. Omar replied that

- (a) he have no home
- (b) he has no home
- (c) he had no home
- (d) he had not have home

Ans. (c) he had no home.

Q 2. Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Neeti and Monika:

Neeti : Have you seen the latest film in Shopprix Mall?

Monika : Yes, I have. The actress has done a marvellous job in it.

Neeti asked Monika if she had seen the latest film in Shopprix Mall. Monika affirmed and said

- (a) that the actress has done a marvellous job in it
- (b) that the actress had done a marvellous job in it
- (c) that the actress has been doing a marvellous job in it
- (d) that the actress could have done a marvellous job in it

Ans. (b) that the actress had done a marvellous job in it.

Q 3. Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between two students:

Julie : When is the fancy-dress competition in your school?

Mona : It is after two weeks.

Julie asked Mona when the fancy dress competition in her school was. To that Mona replied that

- (a) it will be after two weeks
- (b) it would be after two weeks
- (c) it was after two weeks
- (d) it had been after two weeks

Ans. (c) it was after two weeks.

Q 4. Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Ajay and his wife:

Ajay : I have invited my friends for dinner.

Wife : I'll invite my friends too.

Ajay told his wife that he had invited his friends for dinner. The wife added that

- (a) she could invite her friends too
- (b) she will invite her friends too
- (c) she can invite her friends too
- (d) she would invite her friends too

Ans. (d) she would invite her friends too.

Q 5. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of a dialogue between two girls:

Riya : I want to improve my command of the English language.

Megha : For that you need to do a lot of reading in English.

Riya said that of the English language. Megha said that for that she needed to do a lot of reading in English.

- (a) she wants to improve her command
- (b) I wanted to improve my command
- (c) she wanted to improve her command
- (d) she wanted to improving her command

Ans. (c) she wanted to improve her command

Q 6. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of a dialogue between a father and his son:

Father : How was your interview?

Son : I have performed well. There were nearly a hundred candidates.

The father asked his son The son replied that he had performed well and that there had been nearly a hundred candidates.

- (a) how was his interview
- (b) how his interview had been
- (c) how your interview had been
- (d) how his interview has been

Ans. (b) how his interview had been.

Q 7. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of a dialogue between Raju and Arun:

Raju : Do you know that Varun was hit by a two-wheeler yesterday?

Arun : Oh no! Is he badly hurt?

Raju asked Arun by a two-wheeler the previous day. Arun was shocked and wanted to know if he was badly hurt.

- (a) if he knew that Varun had been hit
- (b) does he knew that Varun has been hit
- (c) if he know that Varun had been hit
- (d) if he knew that Varun was hit

Ans. (a) If he knew that Varun had been hit

Q 8. Read the dialogue between a dog and a donkey:

Donkey : Why don't you bark to awaken our master?

Dog : Mind your own business.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

The donkey asked the dog The dog replied that he should mind his own business.

- (a) why you didn't barked to awaken your master
- (b) why you didn't bark to awaken our master
- (c) why he didn't bark to awaken their master
- (d) why didn't he bark to awaken their master

Ans. (c) why he didn't bark to awaken their master

Q 9. Read the dialogue between Rajat and his friend Sanyam:

Rajat : Do you want to play with us?

Sanyam : Yes, but I have been too late.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Rajat asked Sanyam Sanyam replied in positive and said that he had been too late.

- (a) if he want to play with them
- (b) if he wanted to play with them
- (c) if you want to play with them
- (d) If he wanted to played with them

Ans. (b) If he wanted to play with them.

Q 10. Read the dialogue between Ankur and Sambhav about their future:

Ankur : What is your career plan?

Sambhav : I want to be a doctor.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Ankur asked Sambhav Sambhav replied that he wanted to be a doctor.

- (a) what your career plan is
- (b) what was his career plan
- (c) what is your career plan
- (d) what his career plan was

Ans. (d) what his career plan was.

Q 11. Read the dialogue between Neetu and Geetu:

Neetu : What were you reading about?

Geetu : I was reading about the importance of planting trees.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Neetu asked Geetu Geetu replied that she had been reading about the importance of planting trees.

- (a) what you were reading about
- (b) what she had been reading about
- (c) what had she been reading about
- (d) what she were read about

Ans. (b) what she had been reading about.

Q 12. Read the dialogue between Sara and Nisha:

Sara : Who taught you English?

Nisha : Mrs Monika taught me English. She has a good knowledge of her subject.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Sara asked Nisha Nisha replied that Mrs Monika had taught her English and that she had a good knowledge of her subject.

- (a) who taught English her
- (b) who taught her English
- (c) who had taught her English
- (d) who English taught her

Ans. (c) who had taught her English.

Type IV

Q 1. Rohit and Neha had a conversation about the summer internship programme. Report Rohit's question.

Why did you choose to participate in this internship programme?

Ans. Rohit asked Neha why she had chosen to participate in that internship programme.

Q 2. Manu and Naman had a conversation about the cricket match. Report Manu's question.

Did you watch the cricket match yesterday?

Ans. Manu asked Naman if he had watched the cricket match the previous day.

Q 3. Ankur shared some information about his visit to his grandfather with Ashok. Report Ashok's question.

Is your grandfather feeling better now?

Ans. Ashok asked Ankur if his grandfather was feeling better then.

Q 4. Sarthak shared some information with his mother about the school trip. Report his mother's question.

What did you learn from the museum visit?

Ans. Mother asked Sarthak what he had learnt from the museum visit.

Q 5. Anne goes to the confectioner to order something. Report Anne's speech.

I want to order a big pineapple cake for my birthday.

Ans. Anne told the confectioner that she wanted to order a big pineapple cake for her birthday.

Q 6. Rajeev and the shopkeeper had a conversation. Report Rajeev's question.

Do you have almonds and raisins?

Ans. Rajeev asked the shopkeeper if he had almonds and raisins.

Q 7. Kanak and Raghav had a conversation. Report Kanak's question.

Can I borrow your Hindi book for a couple of days?

Ans. Kanak asked Raghav if she could borrow his Hindi book for a couple of days.

Q 8. Kavita shared some information with Mahesh about her participation in a competition that is going to be held in Mumbai. Report Mahesh's question.

When will you go to Mumbai?

Ans. Mahesh asked Kavita when she would go to Mumbai.

Q 9. Sonu asked Amit about his schedule. Report Sonu's question.

Did you go to meet her?

Ans. Sonu asked Amit if he had gone to meet her.

Q 10. Marie had a conversation with Neha about her new umbrella. Report Marie's question.

Did you see my new umbrella?

Ans. Marie asked Neha if she had seen her new umbrella.

Q 11. Priya shared some information about her visit to the mall with Reena. Report Reena's question.

What did you buy from the mall?

Ans. Reena asked Priya what she had bought from the mall.

Q 12. Shreya's teacher spoke a statement before Shreya. Report Shreya's question.

What do you mean by this statement?

Ans. Shreya asked her teacher what she meant by that statement.



Practice Exercise

Q 1. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options:

Good body posture is important. If we do not sit properly, we (a) strain our backs. Bad posture (b) be avoided. Further, a good posture enhances the image of a person and it (c) also cure a mild backache. A physiotherapist usually insists that one (d) also exercise regularly for complete cure of backache. Some people have been cured and they (e) to consciously avoid bad posture lest the problem (f) recur.

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| (a) | (i) might | (ii) dare |
| | (iii) need | (iv) should |
| (b) | (i) ought | (ii) need |
| | (iii) should | (iv) will |
| (c) | (i) shall | (ii) can |
| | (iii) ought | (iv) must |
| (d) | (i) dare | (ii) need |
| | (iii) could | (iv) must |
| (e) | (i) dare | (ii) ought |
| | (iii) shall | (iv) will |
| (f) | (i) will | (ii) could |
| | (iii) should | (iv) need |

Q 2. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

Due to Globalisation, it looks as if entire world has grown up as one nation.

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| (i) an | (ii) a |
| (iii) which | (iv) the |

Q 3. Choose the correct option from the brackets and fill in the blank:

In the company, the Chairman and the Director always (help/helps/helping) the employees.

Q 4. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in bracket:

Communication has (become) very effective and instant due to smart phones.

Q 5.	Error	Correction
A country's standard of life	(a)	
depends first or foremost	(b)	
to its capacity to	(c)	
produces wealth.	(d)	
Wealth	(e)	
imply the things that money	(f)	
can buy who includes goods and services.		

Q 6. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:
 Once when I was crossing the road, I see a small boy who looked quite lost.
 Use the given format for you response:

Error	Correction
.....	

Q 7. Read the conversation between a customer and a shopkeeper. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.
 Customer : Can I have a cake?
 Shopkeeper : Yes, I have a variety of cakes.
 The customer asked the shopkeeper if he could have a cake. The shopkeeper replied in affirmative and said that

Q 8. Read the dialogue between Poonam and Divya about the coming exams.
 Poonam : How are you getting on with your studies?
 Divya : My preparation is going on as planned.
 Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:
 Poonam asked Divya Divya replied that her preparation was going on as planned.

- (a) how she was getting on with her studies
- (b) how you are getting on with your studies
- (c) how was she getting on with her studies
- (d) how she is getting on with her studies

Q 9. Ravi and Rekha had a conversation. Report Rekha's question.

Is your brother going to London tomorrow?

Q 10. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence.

Neither of the players were prepared for the race.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	of	among
(b)	were	was
(c)	for	to
(d)	prepared	prepare

Writing Skills

Descriptive PARAGRAPH

1. Write a paragraph on the harmful effects of online shopping. You can include the following points in your article:

- wastage of time and money
- money frauds in online transactions
- fake products delivered
- unsatisfactory customer relationship.

Ans. **Harmful Effects of Online Shopping**

Online shopping! Don't we all love it! After all, it's far more convenient to sit at home and shop at the click of a mouse than go to the market, visit shop after shop to get your choice and also brave the scorching sun.

However, online shopping can be dangerous if one isn't careful. One can only see the picture of the product but not touch or feel it before one decides to buy it. Because of this, there are chances that fake and sub-standard products are delivered. Moreover, sharing your personal and bank details online, when carrying out such transactions, can be risky. A number of money frauds have been reported in online transactions. Also since face-to-face interaction is lacking in such transactions, therefore it leads to unsatisfactory customer relationship.

So, a word of caution. Be careful while shopping online and shop from only established online portals. Otherwise it would result in wastage of time and money.

2. Write a paragraph on 'Child Labour : A Curse'. You can use the following cues:

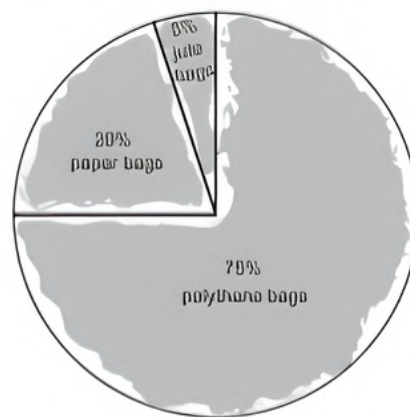
- it hampers the physical, mental, intellectual, development etc.
- children forced to work
- perilous conditions
- the role of Non-Government Organisations

Ans. **Child Labour: A Curse**

Child labour is gross violation of human rights and it hampers the physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of poor children who are forced to work, whereas they should actually be given the opportunities to learn and play. They work as domestic servants, are employed in hotels, workshops, service stations, construction sites, rickshaw-pullers, etc. They even work in perilous conditions in factories manufacturing hazardous goods such as crackers. Indian judicial system has provided laws for the protection of the rights of children. Our Constitution also states that, "No child below the age of fourteen years shall be employed to work in any factory or

mine or employed in any hazardous employment". However, these are yet to be implemented in true spirit. The role of Non-Governmental Organisations such as 'Bachpan' is noteworthy in this regard. Child labour should be completely uprooted from the society. It is a national socio-economic problem, which requires instant redressal.

3. Write a paragraph about the rampant use of poly bags and its effects on the environment. Also discuss how it can be prevented.



Ans. **Ban on Polythene Bags: A Must**

People using polythene bags in homes, shops, eating joints and in other places is a common sight. According to a survey conducted, about seventy-five per cent of people use polythene bags to carry and keep things, twenty per cent use paper bags, whereas only five per cent use cloth or jute bags. These findings show an alarming trend. Poly bags cause irreparable harm to the environment. They cause food contamination, and when thrown away, they clog drains. They are non-biodegradable and non-porous. They remain in the soil and water bodies for years. They also contaminate the underground water. Cows and dogs often die due to swallowing these bags.

Hence, plastic bags should be substituted by more environmentally-friendly products like recycled paper bags or cloth and jute bags. Even shopkeepers should stop using polythene bags. A complete ban and heavy fine on use of polythene bags is urgently needed to save the environment.

4. Write a paragraph on how people have lost their civic sense in India. You can elaborate on the following points:

- based on social and moral values
- general disregard for civic sense
- disregard for law—a primary cause of people lacking civic sense.

Ans. People Have Lost their Civic Sense

Civic sense is based on social and moral values. A lot of people assume that civic sense is only about keeping the roads, streets and public property clean and safe. But civic sense is more than that. Law-abiding behaviour, respect for fellowmen, maintaining good behaviour in public places, respect for public property, etc., all manifest civic sense. In India, there is a general disregard for civic sense.

Writing on compound walls, on buses, trains and monuments, rash driving, smoking in public and throwing garbage on the streets, etc., all these actions indicate a lack of civic sense among the citizens of the country.

Lack of education and disregard for law are the primary reasons for lack of civic sense. The government should spread awareness as to how a good civic sense can lead to peace in society and help to maintain hygienic surroundings. Proper values should be instilled in students, so that they grow up to become responsible citizens.

5. Write a paragraph with the help of the visual cue.



Ans. Animal Poaching: A Curse

Illegal hunting, killing or capturing of wild animals is referred to as poaching. In India, animals such as fox, rhinoceros, elephants, tigers, etc., are killed for their fur, skin, tusks, horns, etc.

The government had declared poaching to be illegal in India by passing the Wild Life Protection Act in 1972. But in spite of this Act, the number of poaching incidents have increased in our country. A recent book titled "State of India's Environment 2017: In Figures", suggests that there has been a 52 per cent increase in poaching and wild life crimes between 2014 to 2016. In 2016, 50 tigers were poached, which is the highest in the decade. Peacocks, blackbuck, blue bull, chinkara, fox, rhinoceros, etc., are also highly threatened.

Alarmed by these figures, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) is taking steps to control the situation. In order to curb the illegal trade of wildlife and that of endangered species, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has been established. The State Governments have been asked to strengthen the field formations and increase patrolling in and around the Protected Areas. As responsible citizens we should also be vigilant towards protection of wildlife and report poaching cases which come to our notice.

6. India traditionally believes in high values of family. But changes have occurred with times and had led to the emergence of nuclear families. Write a paragraph on the effects, both good and bad, that have resulted from due to these changes.

Ans. Family Values and Changing Times

Family, as an institution, is the very basis of Indian culture. It is based on the values of compassion, sympathy, love, affection, etc. Traditionally, India supports the joint family system, in which an extended family comprising of grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters and cousins lived under one roof and eat food cooked in the same kitchen. This system was a blessing for the children and elders of the family. But, with the advent of nuclear families, these values have vanished. A nuclear family comprises of only husband-wife and their children. The children grow up in seclusion and do not experience the love of their grandparents and their extended families. The elders are also forced to live alone in their twilight years. This has resulted in growing self-centredness and the breakdown of family values.

We should try to hold on to our values and withhold the joint-family system.

7. Write a paragraph describing the importance of library. You can use the following cues:

- an essential part of a school
- inspires students to know things
- can read different journals and magazines
- important for the mental and intellectual growth

Ans. Importance of Library

The school library is an essential part of a school. Every school should have a good library. The school library has a great importance. Library inspires students to know about art, literature, environment, etc., by giving them an opportunity to travel through the world of good books. In a school, library is a place where students gather to explore, imagine and acquire knowledge in a friendly environment. The books can be borrowed for a few days. Students can also read different journals and magazines in the reading room of the library.

The books on varied subjects available in a school library are very important for the mental and intellectual growth of the students. These books increase their thirst for knowledge and curiosity. Also, the poor students who can't afford to buy such books can borrow them from a library. A school library thus plays a very significant role in the scholastic development of a student.

8. You went to Himachal Pradesh during your vacations. Give a description of the State and your experiences. In your description, you may describe the following:

- the location and weather
- the opportunities for the adventure seekers
- the natural scenery
- how the trip ended up being a memorable one

Ans. Himachal Pradesh: A Traveller's Paradise

Himachal Pradesh is located in North India, in the western Himalayas. Its name has been derived from Sanskrit and literally means 'the land of snow'. The weather here is generally pleasant. Recently I got an opportunity to visit this state and was truly enchanted by its beauty. The state is truly a heaven for adventure lovers like me as it offers a number of adventurous activities, such as ice-skating in Shimla, paragliding in Bir Billing and Solang Valley, rafting in Kullu and skiing in Manali. Also its rich heritage of flora and fauna are a major attraction for the tourists. After the winter season, the hillsides and orchards bloom with wild flowers, gladiolus, carnations, marigolds, roses, tulips and lilies. The State is home to 463 bird, 77 mammalian, 44 reptile and 80 fish species. I also visited the Great Himalayan National Park, which is a UNESCO world heritage site. I really enjoyed my trip. It was one of the most memorable trip of my life.

9. Recently, your school celebrated 'Van Mahotsav' week. The main theme was 'Grow More Trees' to save environment. Many programmes were organised. Describe the event.

You may take the help of the following:

- The importance of trees
- The activities performed by students
- Any special guest who attended the event

Ans. Van Mahotsav

Last week our school organised 'Van Mahotsav' week. Its main objective was to highlight the importance of forests and trees and to motivate the students to 'Grow More Trees'. The week long celebration started with the plantation of two hundred gulmohar, neem and banyan trees. The next day, the students organised an exhibition.

The theme was 'Green World—Happy World'. Students exhibited their skills in various projects and posters urging people to grow more trees. The next day, all the students and teachers took out a rally holding posters and placards in their hands. Some of them read 'Save the World; Grow More Trees; and Save Forests'. On the fourth day, a debate was organised on the use of plastic. On the fifth day, a play was staged on the Chipko Andolan. The 'Van Mahotsav Week' ended with a symposium. The main speaker was the famous environmentalist, Sh Sunder Lal Bahuguna. He urged the students to come forward in making this world green again. The celebration was a great success.

10. Given below are some notes on Bandhavgarh, a wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh. Taking ideas from these notes, write a descriptive paragraph about the sanctuary.

- Location: 197 kilometre north-east of Jabalpur, Vindhyanchal Mountain range
- Named after: An ancient fort in area
- Area: 1,536 sq. kilometre

- Best time to visit: February–June (Closed: July – October)

- Well-known for: Highest tiger density

- Special attraction: Tiger Safari on elephants or jeeps

Ans. Bandhavgarh: A Haven for Tigers

Bandhavgarh, a wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh, is located 197 kilometres north-east of Jabalpur, near the Vindhyanchal Mountain range. It has been named after an ancient fort located in the area. It covers an area of 1,536 sq. kilometre. The best time to visit this sanctuary is from February till June. It remains closed for the visitors from July till October. This park has a large biodiversity. The density of the tiger population at Bandhavgarh is one of the highest known in India. It also has a large breeding population of leopards and various species of deer. The sanctuary sees flocks of tourists arrive during the season to enjoy Tiger Safari on elephants and jeeps.

11. You are facing a lot of traffic while commuting to school. Express your feelings in the form of a descriptive paragraph.

In your description you can take the help of the following:

- The reason of traffic in the city
- The difficulties faced while commuting
- The measurements to be taken to reduce traffic

Ans. Traffic in My City

I live in Pune and the traffic in my city is getting worse day by day. I find it very difficult to go to school and come back. The buses are crowded and there are frequent traffic jams. The major reason is that now almost all the middle class families own a car or a bike. When all these vehicles come on road there is congestion. My school is just ten kilometres away from my house, but still I take almost forty five minutes to reach there. The traffic police are doing their best to control the rush but at times they fail miserably. They alone can't be blamed for this. Reckless driving by people also causes traffic jams and at times the traffic signals fail to do their job. I think the police and the people should work together to find a solution to this problem. It will be better if we could use more of public transport rather than personal vehicles for travelling. It is high time that we acted upon these issues.

12. Using the information given in the following notes, write a descriptive paragraph on the continent Antarctica.

- Location: The Antarctic region; fifth-largest in size; encapsulates the South Pole
- Area: 5.4 million sq. miles; nearly twice the size of Australia
- Thick ice-sheet: At least 1 mile; covers about 98% area
- Cold desert: Temperatures up to –89 degree Celsius

- No permanent residents: 1000 to 5000 people reside throughout the year at the research stations

Ans. **Antarctica: A Cold Desert**

Antarctica is the world's fifth largest continent, measuring approximately 5.4 million square miles. It is nearly twice the size of Australia. It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean and lies almost entirely within the Antarctic Circle. 98 per cent of the land area there is permanently covered with thick ice-sheet. Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. It is a cold desert with temperatures ranging between -80 degree Celsius and -90 degree Celsius. There is no native population but throughout the year scientists man the weather and research stations around the continent. Nearly 1000-5000 people reside in the research stations. Antarctica lack diverse plant and animal life. The marine species which are found on or in the seas surrounding Antarctica include only seals, orcas and whales.

13. Your school recently observed Grandparents' Day. Write a descriptive paragraph about the celebrations. In your description you can include the following:
- Mention the name, purpose, date, time and venue of the event
 - Describe some highlights of the programme—songs, dances, skits, activities, etc.
 - Say how much grandparents liked it

Ans. **Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents' play an important role in the lives of every child. The love and pampering that grandkids get from their grandparents leave a lasting impression on their lives. Their bed-time stories are integral part of everyone's growing up years. They are also wise and experienced and their knowledge is invaluable and their love unconditional. To acknowledge their love and to honour them, our school celebrated Grandparents' Day on 10th September. There were activities like story-telling, art and craft, musical chairs and poem recitation. Each classroom witnessed a mix of activities for the grandparents and children. The grandparents felt overjoyed to be a part of this celebration. They thanked the school for reviving the moral values in the society.

14. Write a descriptive paragraph about a blood donation camp that was held in your school/area recently. In your description you can talk about the following:
- Where it was held and who inaugurated it
 - Why it was organised
 - Who all attended it

Ans. **Blood Donation Camp**

A blood donation camp was organised in our school last Saturday. It was held in the playground. All the necessary preparations such as arrangement of beds, sanitation, etc., were made. A team of doctors and nurses from the nearby hospital had been contacted to organise the camp. The SDO of the city was the

Chief Guest of the camp. He inaugurated the camp by cutting the ribbon and was the first one to donate blood. Many students and teachers of our school participated in the camp. I also donated blood. The donors were given fruits and cookies. The Chief Guest told the audience that the donated blood would be used for saving the lives of the injured and the ill. The camp continued till 3:00 p.m. It was certainly a memorable day for me. I, along with other students, decided to donate blood in future also.

15. Your school recently celebrated 'Republic Day'. Write a descriptive paragraph about the celebrations. In your description you can make use of the following:
- Mention the name, purpose, date, time and venue of the event
 - Describe some highlights of the programme—speech, cultural activities, food, etc.
 - Talk about the chief guest, if any

Ans. **Republic Day Celebrations**

Republic Day is a day of national pride and honour for all Indians. It is celebrated on 26th January every year because on this day the Constitution of India came into effect. This year it was celebrated in our school with great reverence. The programme began with a prayer followed by flag hoisting by the Guest of Honour, Retired Major Batra. Major Batra had played a key role in the 1971 Pakistan war and had been awarded various gallantry awards. After the flag was hoisted, the National Anthem was sung and this was followed by a cultural programme. The cultural programme included a skit on freedom fighters and a dance to honour Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi. Finally, Vande Mataram was sung by the junior section. In the end, the Chief Guest spoke eloquently about our diverse nation and the importance of the Constitution. He urged the students to work for the unity and prosperity of the nation. This celebration was a memorable one and is forever etched on my memory.

16. Write an interesting description of a relative of yours who is a soldier. You may like to include the following points in your description:
- An interesting introduction to the person
 - His/Her name, age and other personal details
 - Your relationship with him/her
 - Some peculiar habits/qualities of the person
 - Reasons why you like/dislike the person

Ans. **Soldiers: Our Saviours**

A soldier is the pride of the nation. He defends the honour of his country with his life and blood. I feel very proud to say that my cousin brother is in the Indian Army. He is only 23 years old, and has already been awarded many medals. His profession brings out the best qualities in him like chivalry, discipline, team spirit and loyalty. Whenever he is in town, he maintains a very orderly life. He always motivates me to exercise and run in the morning to keep the body fit and healthy. I like the way he leads his life, and aspire to become a well-decorated soldier just like him.

Diary ENTRY

Q 1. You are Aradhya. Write a diary entry, describing your visit to an old-age home and how you felt in the company of those old homeless people.

Ans. Friday, 14 October 20XX

7:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today was a really wonderful day for me as I paid a visit to an old-age home.

I always wanted to do something good for others. My father was aware of my enthusiasm and suggested that I visit an old-age home. I felt ecstatic by his great idea. So, today I visited an old-age home with my father. As we entered the home, we were greeted by a lady, Anne, who was the caretaker of the place. She took us to meet the inmates living there. Their faces lit up on seeing us.

We gave them warm clothes and a treat of samosas and jalebis. It was Friday and they wanted us to join them for their weekly film. It was an old Bollywood film. We enjoyed a lot watching the film, enjoying jokes, having snacks, sharing views and laughing.

The grandpas and grandmas living there gave us a lot of good wishes. I felt so good that tears started rolling down my cheeks.

It was the best day of my life.

Aradhya

Q 2. Today you visited your ancestral village and watched the farmers harvesting wheat crop in the fields and women fetching water from wells. Write a diary entry describing your experience at the village.

Ans. Saturday, 12 September 20XX

8:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today was a fun day. Dad decided to take us to visit his paternal aunt who lives in our ancestral village. At first, both my brother and I were reluctant to go and spend the day in a village with people we had never met!

But as soon as we left the city and entered the countryside, I was thrilled to see the green expanse of fields. I tried to identify the vegetables and other crops that were growing. I could see the farmers harvesting the wheat crop. When we reached the village, we saw women drawing out water from the wells. Our relatives treated us to the most delicious food cooked in earthen pots. There was fresh sugarcane juice as well! I enjoyed my village trip immensely.

XYZ

Q 3. You are Anirban. You recently visited your grandparents' house. Write a diary entry expressing your happiness and joy.

Ans. Friday, 26 February 20XX

7:45 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Yesterday was a very special day for me because I visited my grandparents. I was immensely excited to see them after my last visit six months back.

I, along with my dad, started early but traffic congestion took us twice the normal time to reach our grandparents' house. Grandmother had cooked many tasty dishes for us. We talked, watched TV, enquired about their health, had long discussions on different topics and had fun flipping over the pages of many old albums. Post lunch as I lay down on the cot in the big courtyard, I felt tired, my eyelids got heavier and heavier, and finally, I was fast asleep.

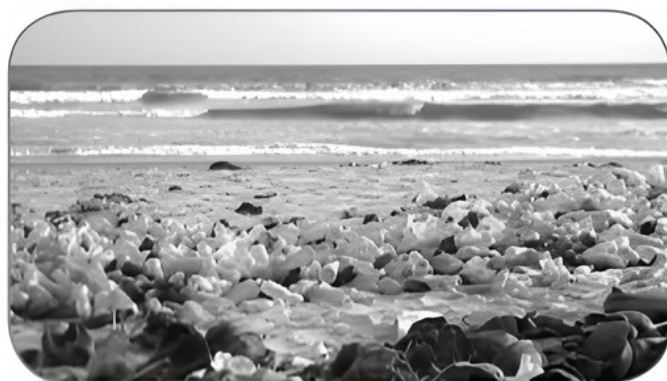
When I woke up, it was already time for the evening tea. Grandma had prepared laddoos for us. Those were yummy to the core !!!!

Gradually, it started getting darker and it was time to go home. Grandma packed some laddoos for my mom and sister. Grandpa packed some home-grown veggies and fruits for us to take home.

It was a wonderful day spent with my grandparents. I am looking forward to my next visit.

Anirban

Q 4. You recently went to the sea beach with your family and noticed the garbage littered on the beach. Write a diary entry about the outing which you thoroughly enjoyed but which also left you in despair after you saw the amount of plastic trash dumped on the beach. You can take the help of the picture given below:



Ans. Sunday, 4 July 20XX

9 p.m.

Dear Diary,

This Sunday turned out to be truly special. We got up early in the morning and went to the sea beach. I made sandcastles while and Naina collected sea-shells. Papa and Mama also enjoyed a lot. We swam in the sea. The waves rose high and we jumped when they came close. There were boats far away. The

beach was full of people who were enjoying the lovely view. We also ate some buns and cookies that Mama had baked. But I felt sad to see that the sea beach was dumped with plastic trash. There were empty cans, boxes, polythene packets, and rotting food thrown by visitors and tourists. Truly, our tourist places need to be kept clean. Only then we can enjoy to the fullest.

Goodnight!

XYZ

- Q 5. Some students of junior class were being bullied by the senior students. You intervened and made the senior students realise their mistakes. Write the incident in your diary. You are Divij.**

Ans. Tuesday, 20 September 20XX

8:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today an incident occurred in the school which disturbed me tremendously. My maths teacher had sent me to get some chalks from the school office. While I was crossing the wash room, I saw some students bullying and threatening two boys of Class V. The young boys wanted to go to their class but the senior students were not letting them go and pushing them inside the wash rooms. The little ones were crying and were very scared. They were pleading with them to let them go. But the seniors were unperturbed. I was very angry on seeing their behaviour. I stepped in and asked them to stop their rude behaviour and enquired in which class they studied. On being questioned in such a manner, they fled from the scene. Then I escorted the little ones to their class and narrated the incident to their class teacher. She immediately informed the Principal who took me to all the senior classes and asked me to identify the culprits. The boys were finally found in class IX C. They got a good scolding and were suspended for a week. Their parents were also informed about their misdemeanour. As for myself, a hug from the kids made my day.

Divij

- Q 6. You happened to visit the Science City, Gandhinagar, as part of an educational excursion from your school. Describe your experience in the form of a diary entry. You are Shakti.**

Ans. Monday, 4 April 20XX

9 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today, as an educational trip from school, we visited the Science City in Gandhinagar. The Science City has been developed to promote scientific thinking and awareness. It is an educational-cum-entertainment centre. The main attractions at the Science Centre include an IMAX-3D Theatre, Hall of Science, Thrill Rider/Simulator, Musical Dancing Fountain, Energy Education Park, etc. I really enjoyed the 3D movie show and the Dancing Fountain.

The Hall of Science is a place with many exhibits and working models. We were encouraged to operate various models and mechanical devices on display so that we could understand how things work. Thank God, the place did not have a 'do not touch' board! It was indeed an exciting trip. I look forward to visiting it again.

Shakti

- Q 7. You are Amit/Amita. You recently read a novel that has been declared a bestseller. Write a diary entry, discussing why you liked/did not like it. You should include a brief account of the storyline, while discussing your impression of the novel.**

Ans. Tuesday, 25 September 20XX

9:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

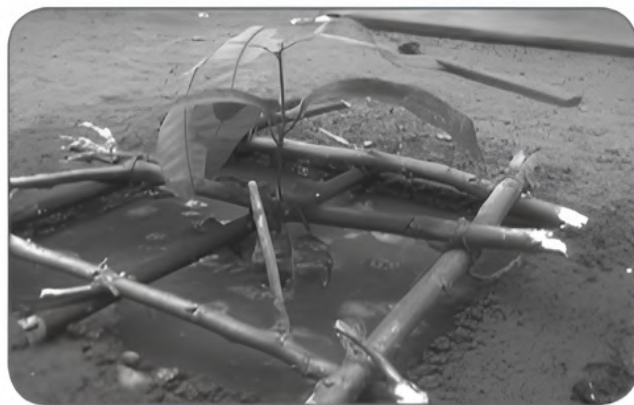
I finally managed to read 'The Fault in Our Stars' by John Green. I had already seen the film but wanted to read the book on which it is based. Reading is always more fulfilling, don't you think?

Reading a book about cancer patients isn't most people's first choice, but the author's style of writing is injected with humour, and the book has been written in a style that's accessible and fresh and tender. His words make you feel connected to the story line and honest characters make you love them. The only downside was that I cried even more while reading the book than I did while watching the movie! I nearly ran out through a box of tissues!

Till next time!

Amit

- Q 8. Imagine you threw a party for your friends on your birthday and apart from the celebration and merrymaking, you planted a sapling with them on that day, like every year. Write a diary entry, about the party and your experience of planting a sapling. Give details of all that happened and how everyone felt. You can take the help of the picture given below.**



Ans. Thursday, 19 June 20XX

10:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today is a very special day for me as it is my birthday! I had invited many friends and we had a great time

together. The party started at 4 p.m. We played Statue, and Dumb Charade before enjoying pasta, samosas, fruit juice, cake and pakoras which my mother had lovingly prepared. Everyone sang and clapped when I cut the cake. Papa, Rohit and Mita smeared my face with cake icing. It was real fun!

Later, In the evening, we planted a mango sapling in the garden. My friends helped me in digging the soil, planting the sapling into it and watering it. Rachna had named it 'Aami'. We plant a sapling on each friend's birthday and like to watch it grow. I got many gifts, the best being the binoculars. Now, I can go bird-watching with my friends at weekends and enjoy the rich and varied bird life of my place. I feel very lucky and blessed to have such a good family and friends.

XYZ

- Q 9. Malini Nair is 12 years old and has a six-year-old brother, Mayank. After his several requests, Malini agreed to take her brother to her friend's birthday party. To her embarrassment, Mayank misbehaved a lot at the party. He spilled the cold drink on the carpet and tried to unwrap the gifts kept on the table. As Malini, write a diary entry, recalling the events at the birthday party.**

Ans. Monday, 2 August 20XX

10:15 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today was one of the worst days of my life. Never have I been as embarrassed as I was today. I never wanted to take Mayank with me. But he threw a tantrum and my parents never seem to say no to him. It was my friend's party and instead of enjoying myself with my friends, I was left to babysit him. And he didn't even try to behave nicely. First, he spilled a glass of orange squash on Gupta aunty's new carpet. If that wasn't bad enough, he then started opening the gifts that people had brought for Rahul. After that, I couldn't stay at the party and walked back home. Mayank didn't even realise what he'd done, and even my mother didn't say anything to him. All my classmates were there at the party and they all saw my brother making a fool of himself. How will I ever face them all again?

I'm so distraught!

Malini

- Q 10. You visited the Rail Museum in Delhi along with some of your friends. You saw some of the most ancient rail engines. Describe your visit in a diary entry.**

Ans. Wednesday, 15 June 20XX

8:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today was really a fun-filled and knowledgeable day for me as I visited the National Rail Museum

along with my friends. The Museum sprawls on ten acres and houses both indoor and outdoor exhibits. I saw many interesting engines such as Steam Loco, Electric Loco, Diesel Loco, Saloon, Rail Car, Wagon, Crane, Fire Less Engine, and Fire Engine. I also rode on the toy train. It was run by 2 '6" locomotive with an oversized chimney. It was built by the British firm Dick Kerr and Co. in 1910. The museum also houses the working model of the first steam rail engine built by Robert Stephenson. Models of Rajdhani Express, Double Decker Coaches, Signalling System and Nilgiri Mountain Railways are also on display. I really enjoyed the visit very much.

XYZ

- Q 11. You are Manoj/Manjula. You met your favourite celebrity at a shopping mall today and you are feeling on top of the world. You want to share your joy with someone and decide to tell your diary about your experience. Write a diary entry sharing your feelings.**

Ans. Saturday, 23 March 20XX

6:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I know that I'm writing a bit earlier than usual, but I couldn't wait to share this with you. I was at the Pacific Mall with mom, when we ran into Sania Mirza! She was shopping for clothes at Zara. At first, I couldn't believe that it was her, but after a few minutes of stealing glances at her, I was convinced that it was none other than Sania Mirza. Mom encouraged me to go and speak to her, but I was very nervous. Then I gathered my courage and went to speak to her. She was very courteous and happily agreed to get a selfie clicked with me. I am very happy. I got a chance to meet my idol and tell her what an inspiration she is for girls like me. All my friends are going to be so envious. Today was the best day of my life!

Manjula

- Q 12. As you were coming back home from school, you witnessed a truck hitting a Maruti car. The driver of the car was seriously injured. The truck driver ran away leaving the truck on the road. You came back home in a distraught condition. Write your thoughts in your diary on rash driving.**

Ans. Thursday, 21 July 20XX

6:00 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today was a day whose memory will haunt me forever. As we were returning home from school, it started to drizzle. I told Harish to drive cautiously. I could see a Maruti car ahead of me, driven by a gentleman in his late 40s, who was probably more tired than me. Suddenly, a truck, moving at a very high speed, came from behind and in an attempt to overtake, rammed into his car. Harish immediately braked, got out of the car and rushed towards the scene of accident. In the meantime, the truck driver had fled leaving the truck

in the middle of the road. The car driver had a bruise over his forehead, and there was blood flowing from a laceration in his right arm. Harish helped the man remove the seat belt, asked him to sit in our car, and took him to a nearby hospital.

By the time I reached home, I was utterly exhausted and shaken. I quietly retired to my room.

Oh, how I hate rash drivers!

XYZ

- Q 13. You have been selected for the lead role in a play to be staged on your school's Annual Day Function. Write a diary entry expressing your joy on being selected and the preparations you have made for such an important event in your life.**

Ans. Friday, 10 October 20XX

7:45 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today has been one of the happiest days of my life! I had never ever taken part in any school play despite my earnest desire to do so. I always thought that I was too short to be selected. Nevertheless, I would forever be acting in class and entertaining my classmates with my performances. Imagine my surprise and delight when I was selected to play the lead role in the play to be staged on Annual Day Function. I jumped and yelled in joy and my friends were happy for me too.

My parents were also happy to learn about my selection. Mom is already planning how to prepare me for the role.

Thank you God.

XYZ

- Q 14. You went on a tour to Kodaikanal. You visited some of the best locations and clicked a number of pictures. You came back and pasted those pictures in your diary. Look at the pictures and write an interesting account of your trip as a diary entry.**



Guna Caves



Kurlinji Andavar Temple



Silver Cascade Falls

Ans. Saturday, 4 May 20XX

8 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today I returned from my vacation at Kodaikanal and what a memorable vacation it was. Kodaikanal is a beautiful hill station in Tamil Nadu and is referred to as the 'Princess of Hill Stations'. There are many tourist attractions here but I was really fascinated by Guna Caves, Kurlinji Andavar Temple and Silver Cascade Falls. The Guna Caves, also referred to as 'Devil's Kitchen' are deep bat-infested chambers between three gigantic boulders that are called Pillar Rocks. We were not allowed to go inside these caves and saw them from a distance. The Silver Cascade Falls is a 55 metre waterfall formed from the outflow of the Kodaikanal Lake. This impressive waterfall is a popular stop for first-time visitors.

The Kurlinji Andavar Temple is a beautiful piece of architecture. The temple is devoted to Lord Murugan. I was surprised to learn that it was built by a European lady in 1936 who later converted to Hinduism and came to be known as Leelavathi. I would love to revisit this beautiful hill station sometime in future also.

XYZ

Q 15. During the summer vacation, you (Virat) and your friend enrolled in 'The School for Flying'. While training, you had an interesting and unforgettable experience. Share your experience in the form a diary entry expressing what you have learnt till now. You can use the hints given below:

Aviation adventure; fun and knowledge

Imparts flying instructions with advanced planes and modern technologies like GPS

Practical experience in challenging weather to clients.

Develops good judgement, decision-making and proficiency skills

Ans. Friday, 15 May 20XX

9:00 p.m.

Dear Diary,

As you know I have recently joined 'The School for Flying' with my friend Naman. It has been an enjoyable as well as learning experience so far. I feel it is the ultimate stop for people with keen interest in exploring different aspects associated with flying. I found all the aviation activities and tasks interesting. The school imparts good flight instruction values by conducting safe, professional flights in well-equipped, well-maintained aeroplanes in a club-like environment. I felt as if I am in a miniature airport with an active and friendly atmosphere. I was excited to see the use of advanced aeroplanes and modern technologies like GPS to impart flying instructions. The school has a reality-based training approach. In some high level tasks, the pilots are even made to fly in challenging weather scenarios.

This training will help me and my friend develop good judgement, decision-making and proficiency skills. I feel that all of us should utilise our summer vacations in broadening our knowledge and skills in such activities.

Virat

Q 16. Impressed by your performance on your school's Annual Sports Day, the Chief Guest (the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports) decides to offer you a sports scholarship. Write a diary entry about your performance and the scholarship offered.

*Knowing strengths and weaknesses key to success
confidence self-support-overcome limitations reflect on your qualities*

Ans. Wednesday, 10 November 20XX

10:00 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today was a red letter day in my life. I was called to the Principal's office and informed that I have been awarded a National Sports Scholarship by the Government of India worth ₹ 6000/- for improving my performance in long distance running events.

A cherished dream of mine has come true! It was all due to the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, attending our school's Annual Sports Day last month as the Chief Guest. I had won both the 5000 metres and 10000 metres races for seniors that day. The honourable minister distributed the prizes and complimented me on breaking the school records in both events. Then my school Principal suggested to the honourable minister that I should be awarded a scholarship so that I can hone my long distance running skills. When I came home and told Mamma and Papa about the scholarship, they were overjoyed. I am really feeling on top of the world!

XYZ

Q 17. You are Devika. You participated in a play at the National School of Drama. It was recorded and will be telecast next week. Make a diary entry using the following clues sharing your experience.

Great actors - experienced and senior - learnt a lot - waiting for the show to be telecast in TV - excited - learnt controlled actions - playful practice

Ans. Wednesday, 12 April 20XX

10:00 a.m.

Dear Diary,

I am very happy to share this wonderful experience with you. I had been practising day in and day out for the play I participated in. Today was the final show. By the grace of God, everything went really well.

I felt content when everyone praised our acting. I am very lucky to have learnt controlled acting from such great and senior actors. Although I was quite nervous working with such experienced artists, they made me feel comfortable. The rehearsals were sheer fun as well as a great learning experience. My happiness knew no bounds when we came to know that it will be telecast on the National Television. I feel so proud about it. I don't have words to express my joy, but in short it was an amazing journey. I am very excited about the telecast and am eagerly waiting for it to be shown on TV. I already feel like a superstar. I hope everyone likes it.

Devika

Q 18. You are Jyoti, a girl of the new generation and owing to the generation gap, your grandmother is different from other people in various aspects. Make a diary entry expressing your feelings and state how your grandmother is so different. You may take help from the clues given below:

Your grandmother is non modern - conservative thoughts - but still takes good care of all - you love her in spite of her thinking

Ans. Saturday, 8 May 20XX

9:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Last week, we came to our ancestral home in the village. It is a beautiful place. It is a bungalow with 10 rooms and has gardens at its front and back. I was delighted to meet my grandmom and hugged her. She was also very happy to see me and showered many blessings on me. She has taken a lot of pains to maintain this house. Life would have been dull if she had not been with us. She is a lady of firm determination and a loving soul. She is very particular about proper behaviour and concentrates on our hygiene and education. She even checks our shoes to see if they are polished properly or not. Father tells us that she has sacrificed a lot for keeping us all properly looked after.

She is different from others as she has a conservative nature. She doesn't allow us to wear modern clothes or keep our hair open. But again, she is so lovely that we don't mind it at all and do as she wishes. Love you.
Dadil

Jyoti

Q 19. You got the topic 'The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle' for your English project. You used Charles Berlitz's bestseller 'The Bermuda Triangle' as a reference book for your submission. Share your experience and personal opinion with your diary and the clues given below. You are Tanya.

Popularised belief - ships prone to disappearance - the theory you think is right - your take on the book

Ans. Wednesday, 11 November 20XX

9:45 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I am very happy today. Finally, after two weeks of suspense, our teacher gave back our evaluated English projects. I was one of the few students in the class who got an A+ for 'The Bermuda Triangle' project. However, all credit for the success of my project goes to Dad. On noticing my interest, he bought for me the famous book named 'The Bermuda Triangle' written by Charles Berlitz in 1974. It was an interesting book from the first page to the last.

After reading it, I feel people are just spreading rumours about sea monsters and aliens. I feel the disappearance of aeroplanes and ships is due to a strong magnetic field present in the area. I hope scientists will solve this mystery soon and then people will get all their answers. I am very tired now. See you tomorrow.

Tanya

Q 20. You are Manav/Manasvi of class IX. Today, you saw some students littering the corridors and field of your school. You were very disappointed at that sight. Make a diary entry about how you felt.

Ans. Tuesday, 31 March 20XX

8:15 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I am very sad today. During the recess time, I saw a group of students littering in the school premises. They littered the corridors with plastic bags, foils, wrappers etc. It was a very disappointing sight. I told them repeatedly not to litter and use the dustbin instead, but they did not listen to me.

Not just this, even the playing field behind the classrooms was not spared by them. It looked like a garbage dump. I don't understand how anyone can be so ignorant about his actions and its consequences. I feel bad that our environment has to suffer because of our bad habits. I wish I could do something about it. I plan to drop a letter in the suggestion box for appointment of prefects to keep a check and ensure a clean environment at school. I hope things get better due to my suggestions.

Manasvi

Q 21. You have had a student from Switzerland staying with you as part of Student Exchange Programme. She had just gone back to her country.

Write a diary entry about her stay with you and how you got to know more about her culture.

Ans. Saturday, 19 August 20XX

9:00 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I have already started missing Selena. We had a wonderful time together. There were tears in her eyes when we were parting at the airport. We had actually become very good friends in just seven days. We spent a wonderful time together in exchanging information, ideas and experiences. We compared our lives in school also, learning many new things. She told me about the schooling system in Switzerland. It was so different and much advanced as compared to our system. She also made me aware about the cultures and traditions of her country. Everybody in my family was quite impressed with the way she talked. When I showed her the photos of my childhood, she was overjoyed to see the old houses and compounds. She also shared her old memories with me. I hope she returns to her country safely.

I will remember the time spent with her. I wish her the best for her future.

That's all for today. See you tomorrow.

XYZ

- Q 22.** You are Saman studying in class IX. You participated in an event 'Plant a tree for green surroundings'. Write a diary entry sharing your experience. Use the visual clues given below:



Ans. Thursday, 1 July 20XX

8:30 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I am happy to tell you that our school had organised an event promoting plantation of trees. I was so happy to be a part of it. It was really great to see students come up with ideas on saving our environment.

I was absolutely thrilled to know that planting a tree is so much fun. Our principal had ordered a large number of saplings for the event from a nearby plant nursery. Every student and teacher was supposed to plant one sapling as part of the event. I felt like a parent to the sapling each I planted. I was amazed to learn that tree plantation helps us in so many ways. I was also excited to share all this with you and my other friends. I am very happy to have contributed whatever small bit I could for a greener city.

Saman

- Q 23.** You are Bani, a student of class IX. Despite your young age, you were given a chance to be a RJ of a popular radio station in your city.

Write a diary entry sharing your experience.

Ans. Friday, 29 December 20XX

8:30 p.m.

Hello Diary,

I am so elated to tell you that I was given a chance to be a Radio Jockey for a day. It was a great experience. When I woke up in the morning, I was excited and nervous at the same time. Upon reaching the office of the local FM radio station, I was welcomed with warmth. I was curious to make use of the advanced music system, microphone and earphones. The moment we went on air, I was filled with confidence. I was so cheerful that everyone applauded my happy-go-lucky attitude. We played songs, cracked jokes and interacted with the listeners. It was so much fun. My friends and family stay tuned all day long, as they did not want to miss anything. I was on top of the world. I wish the day had not ended so soon!

Bani

- Q 24.** You are Aryan of Class IX. You were the MOC for the Annual Day function in your school. Write a diary entry sharing your feelings.

Ans. Thursday, 11 September 20XX

10:00 p.m.

Dear Diary,

I am really happy as today, we had the annual day function at school today and I was the MOC for the function. I was nervous in the morning as it was the first time that I was about to conduct a function.

However, my teacher helped me to overcome my nervousness. Fortunately, everything went really well. I began confidently and maintained my poise throughout. Everyone was pleased with the way I delivered the welcome speech and vote of thanks. I was very excited to listen to the words of praise that our Chief Guest, the City Mayor, gave us. As always, everyone was impressed by his speech.

It was a wonderful day at school. I am very tired now. See you tomorrow!

Aryan

STORY WRITING

- Q 1.** One sunny morning, I woke up and I wasn't in my comfortable bed. I was in my rabbit's hutch! I was small with soft brown fur all over my body....

Ans. If I were a Rabbit

One sunny morning, I woke up and I wasn't in my comfortable bed. I was in my rabbit's hutch! I was small with soft brown fur all over my body. Oh no, I had turned into a rabbit!

I wanted a glass of milk and warm toast. Wait a minute! If I'm a rabbit, I won't get milk and warm toast. I will get dirty water, floppy scraps and wet grass. Yuck! Just then, my little sister Shreya came and tipped a bag of

scraps on the floor, took some seeds from the seed box, and dropped them in the red plastic seed bowl. She then picked some wet grass and threw them next to the scraps. Then, she filled the dirty water bottle and said 'Enjoy!' She walked back inside the house and left me be all on my own!

I thought the hard seeds looked like cereal, but did they taste like cereal? So I tried them. Surprisingly, I liked the taste. Then, I scampered over to the dirty water and had a little sip, only because the water looked so dirty with green floaty bits in it.

Then, I hopped up the ramp, snuggled down in the hay and went to sleep. When I woke up, I slipped down the

ramp and ran for a while. Finally, I scampered sleepily up the ramp and found a comfortable position in the soft, warm hay. I fell into a deep sleep. When I woke up, I was in my own bed. Yay, I'm not a rabbit any more.

Q 2. Varun's father had purchased a boat last year. Varun and his friends decided to enjoy a boat ride. Tanya, Varun and Aarav got into the small boat. They were on their way to an island where they....

Ans. Adventure at Sea

Varun's father had purchased a boat last year. Varun and his friends decided to enjoy a boat ride. Tanya, Varun and Aarav got into the small boat. They were on their way to an island where they heard that they could enjoy great outdoor activities.

This boat or dinghy had a small engine, which Varun's father had fixed. The engine took some coaxing before it actually got started but Tanya and Aarav were patient. They were much more excited about the fun they would have when they reached the island. Before they knew it, all of them were out at lake riding on the waves. They were enjoying the boat ride immensely. The island was within sight and the three had almost reached it when fast and strong wind began to blow. The waves became choppy and the small boat was tossed about as if it were a paper boat in a bathtub. Just as Varun was about to give Tanya and Aarav instructions on how to get to the island, a huge wave swept from under the boat and threw all three children and their belongings overboard. However, their life jackets kept them afloat. Varun got into action and quickly gathered their belongings so that they were within his reach. He looked around and saw that both Tanya and Aarav were fine. Then, he pointed in the direction of the island and the children paddled their way there at a great speed. They finally reached the island safely. The lifeguards at the island helped them to contact their parents and they were safely brought home.

Q 3. Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in my balcony on a Sunday morning, I suddenly felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everybody to say the final goodbye, but couldn't do so....

Ans. Seize the Day

Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in my balcony on a Sunday morning, I suddenly felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everybody to say the final goodbye, but couldn't do so. I began to think of all the things I had to finish doing, all the things I needed to do and the places I wanted to visit.

Is this the end? I thought to myself. I felt I was drowning and needed air to breathe. The cup fell with a crash from my hands. I started to lose consciousness.

'How are you feeling now,' asked a kind voice. I opened my eyes to see a gentleman with a grey beard holding my hand. My anxious-looking daughter and husband were standing by my bedside.

'Oh, then I didn't die,' I said.

'No,' laughed the doctor. 'But you did give everyone here a scare.'

'Please book the tickets to Europe, we must go on the trip we've been planning for so long,' I told my husband. 'I don't want to die regretting the things I haven't done.' My husband smiled and nodded. After a few weeks, we all were having a wonderful time in Europe.

Q 4. The lunch box jumped up and down on the table. There was no doubt about it. Something inside my lunch box was alive....

Ans. The Talking Frog

The lunch box jumped up and down on the table. There was no doubt about it. Something inside my lunch box was alive. I kept staring at it. Should I scream and run or should I be calm and open it? My curiosity got the better of my fear. I tentatively put my hand on the box. It was definitely moving. Then something happened beyond my wildest imagination. I heard a voice saying 'Let me out, let me out.' It was coming from inside the lunch box.

Preparing myself for whatever would be revealed, I opened the lunch box. And guess what leapt out? A frog, a bright neon green frog!

'Listen to what I have to say,' said the frog before I could ask how it got into my lunch box.

I was absolutely dumbstruck to see and hear a talking frog.

'Tell me,' I managed to say.

'I can sit inside your desk and help you with the questions in the exam.'

'Can you really?' I asked.

'Of course, I'm your guardian angel in disguise,' he whispered.

Just then the alarm rang and I woke up with a start. I looked around the room for a bright green frog, but it was nowhere around. It has disappeared with my dream. So, I got up and started getting ready for school.

Q 5. Once there was a tree and a little boy. Every day the boy would come to the tree and he would gather its leaves to make a crown and play the king of the forest.

What would have happened if the boy had stopped coming to the forest? Use your imagination to complete the story. Give a suitable title to your story.

Ans. The Tree and the Little King

Every afternoon, a little boy named Arhan would run into the small park behind his house. There was a big tree in the middle of the park. He would gather the leaves to make a crown and pretend to be the king of the forest.

'I am the king of the forest,' he would shout.

All the little squirrels would run away and the pigeons would flap their wings and fly away.

Arhan would clap his hands in glee and shout even louder.

The big tree would watch Arhan's play and smile in amusement. It loved to see the little boy play and would eagerly wait for him the whole day.

One day, the tree kept waiting for Arhan but he did not come. The tree was disappointed, but thought that he would come the next day. The tree waited for the boy in the weeks to come, but in vain. It would shed a lot of leaves as though it was lamenting.

Poor Arhan, he too missed playing under the tree. But he had met with an accident and broken his leg. He would be able to walk again after two weeks. Then he would definitely go to play under the tree.

Q 6. Once upon a time, Lion, the king of the forest, was celebrating his birthday. All the animals and birds of the forest were to participate in the grand function....

Ans. A Memorable Birthday Party

Once upon a time, Lion, the king of the forest, was celebrating his birthday. All the animals and birds of the forest were to participate in the grand function. The preparations for the function had started well in advance. Tents had been put up and the chefs were busy making delicacies for the guests. The animals and birds were also busy making gifts. The rabbit had made a fur cap, the giraffe has collected beautiful flowers and was making an exquisite bouquet. But just two days before the celebration, an earthquake shook the whole jungle. The houses of the animals were destroyed. A number of animals were injured. There was despair and chaos everywhere. The Lion King took charge of the situation. He transferred all the animals under the tents erected for birthday celebration.

There they were attended by Dr Hathi and his team. The delicacies made were distributed among the victims. The animals felt greatly indebted towards their King. They gave him numerous blessings. The King proclaimed that it was indeed a memorable birthday for him.

Q 7. This year, our family decided to take a trip to the Island of Crete in Greece. I got bored of swimming at the beach, so I decided to go for a hike in the mountains. Soon, however, I lost the way. And then I found a peculiar smooth stone with the word 'Icarus' on it. I looked behind the stone and there was something strange. There were two pairs of wings, one of them was broken and one of them was in perfect condition. So, I tried the wings on and they fitted me just right....

Ans. The Wings of Icarus

This year, our family decided to take a trip to the Island of Crete in Greece. I got bored of swimming at the beach, so I decided to go for a hike in the mountains. Soon, however, I lost the way. And then I found a peculiar smooth stone with the word 'Icarus' on it. I looked behind the stone and there was something strange. There were two pairs of wings, one of them was broken and one of them was in perfect condition. So, I tried the wings on and they fitted me just right. I

read the word 'Icarus' once again on the smooth rock. Then it came to me, Icarus was the son of Daedalus and they had been imprisoned in the labyrinth.

To escape from there, he made two pairs of wings by pasting feathers to a wooden frame with wax. Giving one pair to his son, he told him that flying very close to the sun would cause the wax to melt. But Icarus became ecstatic with the ability to fly and forgot his father's warning. The feathers came loose and Icarus plunged to his death in the sea.

Were these the same wings? I asked myself, or were these some impersonations? I am still seeking questions to these answers. However, the wings are now with me, safe in my cupboard.

Q 8. A prompt has been given to help you start writing the story.



Your baby brother- got hold of a frog- a magical frog....

Ans. The Frog with the Glowing Eyes

I entered my room after dinner expecting to find my little brother fast asleep. Imagine my surprise when I saw two glowing orbs that seemed to be floating inside a glass jar. Donny was sitting beside the jar.

'What is this?' I asked Donny.

'A froggie,' he replied gleefully.

'Where did you find it?' I asked.

'Under the bed,' he said. 'It was singing.'

'What rubbish Donny,' I said, sitting down beside him.

'How can frogs sing?' I asked.

'My froggie can,' said Donny.

Meanwhile, the frog with the glowing eyes was listening very intently to our conversation. His eyes were shooting laser like beams all over the room.

Suddenly, I heard my favourite song 'Hymn for the Weekend' by Coldplay being sung. I looked at the frog. It was actually singing.

How can it be possible? I wondered. How can a frog sing?

'Ha ha ha,' laughed the frog. 'Foxed you, haven't I?'

'Well I'm actually a magician and can turn myself into any form,' the frog explained.

'Can you teach me too?' I asked the frog.

'No, my son. I cannot do that,' replied the frog. Saying that, he jumped out of the jar and vanished into the darkness. We were left pondering over if it was a dream or a reality.

Q 9. Ananya kept on looking at the car which had dropped her at the orphanage. Will they ever come back to pick her up? She didn't know but....

Ans. The Little Orphan

Ananya kept on looking at the car which had dropped her at the orphanage. Will they ever come back to pick her up? She didn't know but in her heart she hoped they would. The uncle and aunt, who had found her alone and hungry crying by the roadside, had taken her home with them. There she was bathed, fed and given clean clothes to wear. Those clothes she came to know later once belonged to their daughter who was no longer alive.

'I wonder why they didn't keep me as their daughter,' asked Ananya of the lady in the orphanage.

Don't worry, my child, they will come back for you. But first they must complete the paperwork and other formalities. And you must stay here till that is done.'

Ananya had to be satisfied with the reply the lady had given. She walked slowly inside the building behind the lady. Tears were trickling down her cheeks. She went to sleep with a heavy heart.

Her joy knew no bounds when a few days later the kind uncle and aunt came back and took her with them. Now her future was in safe hands. Ananya was extremely happy to find herself in a safe home with kind-hearted and compassionate parents.

Q 10. A big forest—son living with his dad—dad, a woodcutter—goes to chop wood in the forest—did not return—knock on the door—no one at the door—called police—missing dad report.

Ans. Where did Jack Go?

A long time ago, there lived a woodcutter named Jack and his son Edward in a big jungle near the city. Each day, Jack would pick up his axe and go out into the woods to cut some timber. It was his only source of livelihood.

One day, Jack woke up earlier than usual. He went to Edward's room to tell him that he would be back in the evening. Edward was still in his bed. Jack told his half-sleeping son, 'Edward, after chopping wood, I'll be going to the city to buy some supplies.'

'Bye Dad,' mumbled Edward and went back to sleep. Edward woke up an hour later and dressed to go to school. He made his bed and went to the kitchen to fix his breakfast. Soon, he was on his way to school. In the evening, Edward returned home after school and completed his chores. He waited for his father to return with the supplies, but his father did not return even when it turned dark. Edward turned on all the lights and started watching television. He got up after hearing a knock on the door, but there was no one at the door. Edward was feeling uncomfortable.

It was nearly midnight and Jack hadn't returned. A worried Edward contacted the police to tell them about

his missing Dad. They consoled him and promised to trace his father. The next day Jack returned home. Edward was ecstatic. Upon his enquiry, Jack told him that by mistake he had taken a wrong bus which had taken him to another village. Therefore, he was late in returning home. Jack also praised Edward for his presence of mind in contacting the police. Edward was happy.

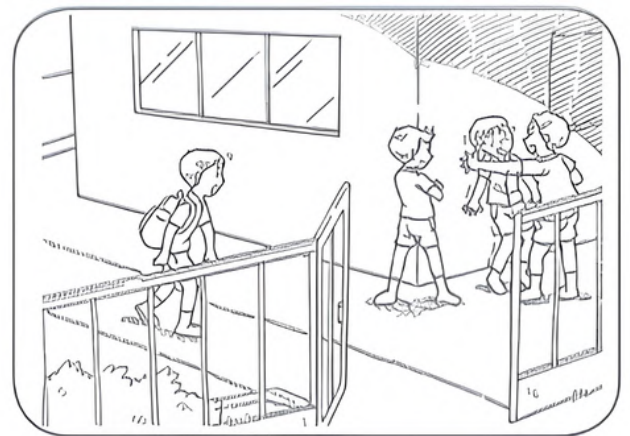
Q 11. A good boy—falls into bad company—father gives him a basket of good apples—places a rotten apple in the basket—all the apples got rotten—father advises his son.

Ans. A Rotten Apple Spoils All

Once there lived a rich man who had only one son. He was a good boy. But he fell into bad company and developed many bad habits. He started drinking and smoking. His parents urged him to give up his so-called friends but he refused. So, the man thought of a plan to teach his son a lesson.

He went to the market and bought some fresh apples and one rotten apple. On coming back, he arranged the apples in the basket. Then he gave the basket to his son and asked him to keep it in his almirah. After a few days, the father asks his son to bring the basket. As the son opens his almirah, he finds that all the apples had rotten. Surprised, he brings the basket in front of his father and asked him about the reason. The father replied that one rotten apple had spoiled all the apples. He further added that in the same way one bad friend can spoil the others. The son gets the message and gives up bad company.

Q 12. Write a short story based on the situation shown in the picture below.



Ans. Standing Tall

I was walking back from school one day when I heard some voices.

'Oh please don't hit me,' someone was saying and he was crying.

I saw two boys who had stopped another boy and were bullying him. I did not know those boys, but I had to help the boy being bullied. He lived in the same society as I did.

'Why are you bullying a boy smaller than you?' I asked them.

'Go away,' said one of the boys. 'It's none of your business.'

'Yes it is my business,' I said. 'If I watch something wrong happening and do nothing about it, then I'm as bad as you boys.'

Meanwhile, the younger boy moved towards me and held my hand. He was petrified and his face had turned pale. I consoled him.

'Don't worry,' I said to him. 'I've already signalled to the policeman standing in the corner. He'll take care of these boys. You come with me.'

Seeing the policeman approaching, the two boys ran away. 'What's the matter?' asked the policeman.

'Two boys were troubling him,' I said. 'There they are running away.'

The policeman blew his whistle and began to run after them. Sonu and I started walking towards our home.

Q 13. Zakir Hussain Concert—Agra—car ride—flat tyre—mom changes tyre amid traffic—daughter surprised.

Ans. Mom—My Favourite Person

Eva was excited to go for her first Zakir Hussain Concert in Agra. Zakir Hussain is Eva's favourite tabla player. In fact, Eva told her mother Anne, 'Zakir Hussain is my all-time favourite musician in the world!'

When they were about halfway to Greater Noida, Anne heard a weird noise. 'Oh no,' she said, realising that they had a flat tyre.

There was not much space on the side of the road, but Anne slowly pulled the car over and climbed out. Sure enough, their right rear tyre was flat.

Anne opened the trunk to get the jack and the spare tyre. Traffic continued to whiz past at 120 km per hour.

"Mom, are we going to reach the concert in time?" Eva asked. She was really disheartened.

'Don't worry honey, I'll be quick,' Anne said as she started to jack up the car.

'Wow Mom! You know how to do this?' Eva was shocked and impressed to see her mother's hidden talent.

Anne took off the flat tyre and put the spare tyre. Eva said, 'Mom, you are truly a superwoman!'

It took Anne only 10 minutes to change the tyre. They both soon were back on the road again when Anne said, 'I'm so sorry honey, but we can't drive all the way to Agra on this spare tyre. We have to stop and get the busted tyre repaired. We might be late for your concert.'

'That's okay, Mom,' Eva said, 'You are an amazing person. Mom you're my favourite person now! Your company and our safety is more important than the concert.'

Q 14. The illiterate boy—caught for pickpocketing—sent to juvenile prison—forced to do lessons—becomes hostile due to poor treatment—watches French comic film on television during recreation hour—fascinated with the language—requested coaching classes for French language—is a French tourist guide today.

Ans. The Tourist Guide

Raghu was sitting by the roadside all alone and hungry. He looked up and saw a group of tourists

walking by. He got up and started walking behind them. As soon as he got a chance, he stole one man's wallet. However, he could not run away in time. The man caught hold of him and handed him over to the police, who decided to reform him.

Raghu was sent to the juvenile correction home and made to study. He did not enjoy staying in the home nor did he like being forced to study. The inmates of the home were treated very badly. As a result of all this, Raghu became very hostile. He would not talk properly to anyone and was very rude. He wanted to get out of the correction home.

One day, the children were shown a French comic film on television during recreation hour. Raghu was fascinated by the French language. He wanted to learn how to speak French, so he asked for coaching classes. Surprisingly, he was able to pick up the language very quickly, and in no time at all, he began to speak French quite fluently.

Today, Raghu is working as a tourist guide for French tourists and earning a decent living. He is not only an expert of French language but also a popular tourist guide. He behaves nicely with French tourists and so he is extremely popular.

Q 15. Give a suitable title to your story. Keep your thoughts open about robots.



To have a robot gardener was a special privilege, but what my mom forgot was.....

Ans. The Robot Gardener

To have a robot gardener was a special privilege, but what my mom forgot was that a robot cannot think on its own. We got the robot last week, and we named it Dodo.

Dodo was programmed to water the plants, cut the hedge, mow the lawn and also plant seeds and seedlings.

We set it to work yesterday. The hedge was trimmed neatly in no time at all. The lawn was mowed and plants watered. Dodo came back to the house with the watering can in its hand. Its eyes scanned the room and began to water everything in sight. Soon there was water in every bowl and container. The carpet was soaking wet, and Dodo was going to water the sofa when mummy saw what was happening. She immediately turned it off.

And guess what happened today? Dodo came back after finishing its work outside, with the garden scissors. Grandma was sitting in her rocking chair and

knitting. Only her curly grey hair was visible above the back of the chair. Dodo went straight to the chair and started snipping at Grandma's curls!

Grandma jumped out of her chair with a shriek and shouted for mother to turn off the robot. My mom ran for her help and turned off the robot. Now, he sits, switched off, in our garage.

- Q 16. You've been having strange dreams for the last few months. You observe that your dream often comes true. Convert one such dream, in which you helped in saving a small child from getting kidnapped into a short and interesting story.**

Ans. Strange Dreams

I woke up yesterday morning with the night's dream still fresh in my mind. I got ready for school, had my breakfast and picked up my school bag before leaving for school. When I reached the bus stop, I realised that I had become late and the school bus must have already left. I decided to walk to school as it would take only 20 minutes if I took a shortcut via a road closed for repairs. My dream seemed to be coming true yet again.

Last night, I dreamt that I was on a stretch of lonely road. As I was walking on the road, I saw a child's bicycle lying abandoned by the roadside. Some distance away, three men were carrying a small child. As I started going towards them, the trio took the child to an old abandoned building and threatened to kill him if he made any noise.

The entire dream scenario unfolded before my eyes again. I walked beyond the abandoned building and called the police from a PCO. When the police arrived, I guided them to the kidnappers' hideout. The police caught the kidnappers red-handed. The child was unharmed. I thanked God for enabling me to save the child's life and wondered whether my school principal would accept my reason for coming late to school.

- Q 17. A teacher asked her students to write a story for a competition organised by the Champak Magazine. Kartik could not complete the story. Help him complete the story on the basis of the beginning of the story given below. Also give it a suitable title.**

"Gaurav was delighted to know that he would be studying in the city in a new school. He was eager to meet his new teachers and classmates. He thought that his bad days were over. But he was shocked when he entered the school for the first time. He saw a group of boys beating a small student. He also saw a teacher standing there who was actually encouraging the bullies while the other students of the school were merrily laughing and clapping. 'What kind of school is this?', he thought to himself. Being scared, he ran back home and narrated the whole incident to his parents. His father was surprised

Ans. A Hasty Conclusion

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but also felt doubtful about the reality of what Gaurav had seen, as it was one of the best schools of the city. He decided to go to the school with Gaurav immediately. When they reached there, they noticed a multitude of students standing in the playground. Gaurav asked his father to turn back, but he decided to look into the matter. He went to the Principal's room and narrated the incident to him. There were a few teachers present in the room at that time. Everybody had a hearty laugh when it was revealed that the students were actually rehearsing a street play and the teacher was directing the students. Then, the teacher said that there was a character of the play that would perfectly suit Gaurav. The character also did things in haste and formed opinions without going into the details of the matter.

- Q 18. Complete the story with an appropriate title.**

"Sunil is an over-ambitious boy. He wants to be a film hero. But he doesn't get appropriate roles in films. He approached several production houses and met directors but couldn't succeed. Depression and stress overpower him. One fine morning he meets a man who

Ans. Haste Makes Waste

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Sunil had very little savings left. He had left his home two years ago to come to Mumbai to become an actor. He knew that asking for financial help from his father would be of no help. This was a desperate time. As his restlessness grew, Sunil decided to take a loan from his friends. Most of them agreed to help him and Sunil handed over the money to the agent. However, he never heard from the agent again. He enquired about him and discovered a shocking truth. The agent was a cheat and he had duped many people like Sunil before. In his haste, Sunil had never tried to confirm his identity. Now the cheat had run away with all the money, and with it, Sunil's dream of becoming an actor.

- Q 19. Write a story with the help of the given hints. Also give a suitable title.**

Seema - working as maid - eager to go to school - unable to do so - family responsibilities - I lent a hand to support - soon passed high school exams - can teach her own children now life changed.

Ans. A Good Deed

Seema, our maid, is a very quiet lady. She is a diligent worker. In our family functions, I have seen her working continuously without any complaint. One day, when I was completing my homework, I saw her

looking keenly at my books. Curiously, I asked her if she had been to school before starting to work. Seema replied that she had attended primary school but was subsequently unable to continue her studies due to her early marriage and family responsibilities. Upon asking if she would like to study now, she told me that she was still eager to learn and wished that she could read books like me.

Thus, began her home-schooling. I taught her every evening from 6 to 7 pm. She was a good student and always did her homework on time. In less than a year, she had almost perfected learning everything I had taught her. She later applied for high-school examinations through open school and secured good marks. Nowadays, Seema is preparing for her intermediate examinations and, seeing her preparations, I have no doubt that she will clear them too with flying colours.

She says that she owes her success to me. Even her children are getting proper education, as she is able to help them now with their studies. She feels that her children's future is secure now and they would not have to work like her. It gives a very satisfying feeling when you understand that you have changed someone's life for the better.

Q 20. Complete the story giving a suitable heading to it.

"It was a rainy day, and I was all alone at home. It was pitch dark outside. Suddenly I heard someone knocking at my door"

Ans. The Worst Nightmare

It was a rainy day, and I was all alone at home. It was pitch dark outside. Suddenly I heard someone knocking at my door continuously. I was scared at first but decided to see through the peep hole if it was someone known. I was shocked to find no one outside the door. I started walking towards my room but the knocking started again. My heart was in my mouth at that time. I did not know what to do. My parents were out of station and I was all alone in my house. I was overcome with fear and was almost in tears, but I knew only I could do something about it.

I decided to lock myself in my room and hide under the bed. All I could think of at that time was to pray. I tried calling my parents several times from my cellphone but was not able to reach them, as the phone signals were very weak. I also tried calling the police, but the call kept on getting disconnected.

I was ashamed of myself as I had not imagined myself being such a coward ever. I immediately decided to get rid of my fear and face the situation. As I moved to get out, I hit my head on the bedside. That is when I realised it was just a dream. I sighed in relief and went back to sleep again, hoping to catch some sleep free from all worries.

Q 21. Develop a story with the following beginning:

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Ans.

A Story about Spirits

Whenever John goes to Uncle Sam's house, he feels something different. He feels that Neil, Uncle Sam's son has some supernatural powers. Whenever he is around, unusual and paranormal things start happening. It sounds absurd but John told me that Neil can see spirits. John had once encountered him talking to someone in his room but when John stepped into his room, he found that Neil was all alone.

I did not believe what John was saying and told him that in today's modern scientific world such things should not be believed. However, he kept on insisting that what he said was true and one day I would believe his words. I brushed aside his assertion, but what happened next day was astonishing.

I saw Neil doing the same thing, that is, talking alone, whereas nobody was in front of him, on a quiet street next day. I gathered all my courage and went straight up to him to make sure that everything was alright. I questioned him about it indirectly, as if out of concern. To my surprise, he told me that he had been practising for his audition at school for a play. I told him of what John and I had been thinking about his behaviour recently; in response, he burst out laughing.



Practice Exercise

Q 1. Write a paragraph describing the importance of library. You can use the following cues:

- an essential part of a school
- inspires students to know things
- can also read different journals and magazines
- important for the mental and intellectual growth.

Q 2. You are Amit/Amita. You recently read a novel that has been declared a bestseller. Write a diary entry, discussing why you liked/did not like it. You should

include a brief account of the storyline, while discussing your impression of the novel.

Q 3. Write a story with the help of the given clue. Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in my balcony on a Sunday morning, I suddenly felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everybody to say the final goodbye, but couldn't do so....