

**SAMPLE QUESTIONS**  
**LANGUAGE: ENGLISH**  
**CLASS-X**

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**General Instructions:**

**The Question Paper contains four Sections-Reading, Writing, Grammar and Literature.**

**I. READING**

**Read the passage given below.**

- i. Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she teaches us is to maintain an equilibrium in life. We learn to maintain composure through our joys, sorrows and fears. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them.
- ii. With time, a sapling grows into a full-grown tree; something so tiny and delicate develops into a strong tree capable of supporting others. No matter how tall it grows, how much it may flourish, or how many animals and birds it may support, its roots are firmly buried from where it once rose. That's a lesson - to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots, and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are.
- iii. Then there is the message of peaceful coexistence. 'I am because we are.' Nature provides every creature a chance to exist. However, the existence of one creature or being depends on the existence of the other. The tiger eats the antelope; without the antelope, the tiger wouldn't survive. Likewise, without tigers, the over-abundance of antelopes would cause them to starve to death.
- iv. I wonder if you have noticed that when birds or squirrels see a predator, they give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures, of the lurking danger. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Many animals, like the salmon, usually die after they spawn, but this doesn't stop them. One life extinguished for the betterment of others is a small price to pay.
- v. The snow melts in the warmth of spring to give birth of fresh green leaves. In autumn these leaves age into shades of gold only to be buried in the cold grave of winter. Change is inevitable; the sooner we embrace this, the better it is for us. We must also understand that even in pain there is growth. If you cut a hole in the tree, it will grow around it. No matter what may come in its way, a river will continue to flow. Similarly, no matter what grief may break your heart, nature teaches us that life goes on.

- VI. Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live. Take a break-stop being a workaholic, and smell the roses, do whatever makes you feel happy and most of all spend sometime with nature to pick up invaluable lessons.

(419words)

Source:<https://missionself.com/important-lessons-we-can-learn-from-nature>

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.**

**Q.1** According to the author, what, from the following, is the greatest lesson being taught by nature? **1m approx.**

- A. Balanced in our emotions.
- B. Partial to joys in life.
- C. Afraid of unhappiness.
- D. Indifferent to fears.

**Q.2** Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph II. **1m approx.**

Jai: I've done well for myself in this school. I'm the best they have. I can get admission anywhere. This is my moment!

Sid: Congratulations! Just remember, we should.....

- A. become strong despite our weakness.
- B. be kind and supportive towards everyone.
- C. respect the origins from where we have grown.
- D. nurture ourselves well from the beginning.

**Q.3** Choose the option that best conveys the message in - '*I am because we are.*' **1m approx.**

- A. Tigers are dependent on antelope
- B. Antelope are dependent on tigers
- C. Humans are dependent on animals
- D. Everyone is dependent on each other

**Q.4** What qualities do the birds and squirrels display when they warn others of possible danger? Choose one option from the following: **1m approx.**

- A. Observation skills and alertness.
- B. Tendency to get easily frightened.
- C. Selfless assistance to help others.
- D. Determination to protect themselves.

**Q.5** Select the option with the underlined words that can suitably replace *lurking* (paragraph IV). **1m approx.**

- A. The policeman pulled up the person who was wandering aimlessly through the city.
- B. The thief knew that remaining hidden was the best strategy to avoid being caught.
- C. The policeman was caught on camera while pouncing with force, to grab the fleeing culprit.
- D. The thief was walking boldly into the house thinking it was devoid of residents.

**Q.6** A Portmanteau words like *smog* (*smoke* + *fog*), is a blend of words in which parts of multiple words are combined into a new word.

From the options given below, select a Portmanteau word that appears in the para VI.

**1m approx.**

- A. coexistence
- B. workaholic
- C. full-grown
- D. flourish

**Q.7** Select the qualities from paragraph III that the author wants us to imbibe.

Being-

**1m approx.**

- (1) acceptive
  - (2) passionate
  - (3) emotional
  - (4) resilient
  - (5) perceptive
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- A. (2), (4) and (5)
  - B. (1), (3) and (4)
  - C. (1), (4) and (5)
  - D. (3), (4) and (5)

**Q.8** Which of the following is shown by the changing of seasons?

**1m approx.**

- A. The beauty of nature.
- B. Nature's creativity.
- C. All seasons are equal.
- D. Nothing lasts forever.

**Q.9** What does the writer advice, in paragraph VI?

**1m approx.**

- A. Indulging in competition with others.
- B. Making priority lists.
- C. Taking life seriously.
- D. Having free time for ourselves.

**Q.10** Choose the option that lists the quote best expressing the central idea of the passage.

**1m approx.**

- A. Nature: She pardons no mistakes. Her yea is yea, and her nay ,nay.- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- B. Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. - A. Einstein
- C. Nature never deceives us; it is we who deceive ourselves. – Jean Jacques Rousseau
- D. All the ugliness of the world can best be forgotten in the beauty of nature! – Mehmet Murat

**Read the passage given below.**

1. Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays. The report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV.

- ii. The report reads: “Published material is the basis of 52% of top UK films in the last 10 years, and accounts for an even higher share of revenue from these leading performers, at 61% of UK box office gross and 65% of worldwide gross.” The Hollywood adaptation of “My Cousin Rachel” was shown to have a significant impact on the sales of the Daphne Du Maurier thriller. The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.
- iii. The research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better, because films can “leverage the popularity” of well-known books through an existing audience. Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.  
In terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts. Fourteen of the 35 high end series produced in the UK in the period between January and September 2017 were based on books, compared to seven based on true stories or historical events and five based on pre-existing films or TV stories.
- iv. In the case of the 2016 BBC broadcast of “The Night Manager”, research revealed that while the novel was in circulation for over 25 years, 82% of the copies it sold were in 2016 and 2017. Sales of the paperback edition remained strong in 2017 even after the series went off the air.
- v. In conclusion, the report states that “there is a strong two-way relationship between publishing and the wider creative economy, wherein a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost to the sales of the original book.” (338 words)

Source: <https://www.thebookseller.com/news/films-based-books-take-more-91m-approx.-more-globally-original-scripts-825036>

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.**

- Q.11** The purpose of the research by Publishers Association was to study the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Choose the correct option. **1m approx.**
- A. variety in films and TV shows.  
B. impact of films on books.  
C. choice of books for film-making.  
D. connect between books and films.
- Q.12** Select the option that is true for the two statements given below. **1m approx.**
- (1) The revenues generated at the box office have increased.  
(2) Majority of the top films in the UK are based on published material.
- A. (1) is the result of (2).  
B. (1) is the reason for (2).  
C. (1) is independent of (2).  
D. (1) contradicts (2).

**Q.13** Select the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement.

*“The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.”*

**1m approx.**

- A. There were 23% higher sales in 2017 than previous years.
- B. A major chunk of sales happened in 2017.
- C. The sales were limited to 23% in 2017.
- D. There were very few books sold in the previous years.

**Q.14** According to the research, the films based on books have greater success because\_\_\_\_\_.

**1m approx.**

- A. people like to see the characters from the books on screen.
- B. the films get the advantage of the fame of the books.
- C. it takes less effort for people to watch films than read books.
- D. the films get a ready-made script from the books.

**Q.15** Select the option listing what the given sentence refers to.

*‘Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on.’*

**1m approx.**

- (1) The plot and the storyline of such films are better.
- (2) The characters are likely to be more vivid.
- (3) The production of such films is meant for the rich and famous.
- (4) The settings and costumes are adapted from the book.
- (5) The making of such films require the author to write a sequel

- A. (1), (3) and (4)
- B. (2), (3) and (5)
- C. (1), (2) and (5)
- D. (1), (2) and (4)

**Q.16** On what from the following were the maximum TV serials in UK in the year 2017 based?

**1m approx.**

- A. Books.
- B. Historical stories.
- C. Original true stories.
- D. Previous films.

**Q.17** This passage lists an example proving that TV dramas based on literary works have\_\_\_\_\_.

**1m approx.**

Select the correct option.

- A. increased the immediate sales of the book
- B. increased the sales of the book during the first screening
- C. had no immediate impact on the sales of the book
- D. had very little impact on the sales of the book

**Q.18** Choose the correct option to answer the following:

According to paragraph V, *‘there is a two-way relationship between books and the screen’*.

**1m approx.**

This is so because both

- A. Revolve around the same stories.
- B. Cater to an audience with the same taste.
- C. Gain from each other's popularity.
- D. Belong to the creative field.

**Read the passage given below.**

1. Mountains have always been held in great awe by mankind. They have been a challenge to humans. Those brave among us have always wanted to conquer them. You see, the more incredible the mountains, the greater the thrill – a challenge to the bravery of the human race. Climbing mountains is an experience that is hard to put into words. You are in a beautiful environment and, when you reach the top, you feel incredible. But you also have to climb down, which is when most accidents happen – people are tired, it gets dark, it's harder. So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports along with being challenging and risky for the climber.

2. Without any perceived risk, there can't be a feeling that any significant challenge has been surmounted. Fair, but we have to bear in mind that mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation. The enthusiasts must develop in themselves the spirit of adventure, willingness to undertake hardships and risks, extraordinary powers of perseverance, endurance, and keenness of purpose before climbing a mountain. They should also know how to handle the mountaineering equipment. Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. This could very well be the lifeline up there. It helps inculcate and hone survival instincts that allow the climber to negotiate perilous situations. There are numerous institutes in India and abroad that offer such training.

3. Mountain climbers are unanimous in agreeing that the unpredictable weather is what they fear the most. There may be sunshine one moment and a snowstorm the other. At higher altitudes, snow is a regular feature and being decisive about setting up camps or proceeding further is crucial. The icy sheets after ice storms make walking treacherous, while the powdery snow makes a mountaineer sink deep into the snow. Up there, where the intention is to embrace Nature's wonder, one realises that it cannot be done without facing its formidable glory. A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.

4. Summiting mountains carries its own health risks such as oxygen and altitude sickness problems, frost bites, swelling of hands and feet, fluid collection in brain or lungs and exhaustion. Yet, the gratification mountaineers feel from mastering something that is so frightening, urges them to undertake these endeavours. We may think that the mountaineers are fearless, experts say, "Not at all. It's fear that keeps them so intrigued with such arduous journeys." Impulse and brazenness can be deadly foes. In the words of the Indian mountaineer, Bachendri Pal, "The biggest risk ... is to not to take the risk at all. Remember that."

(444 words) Adapted—

<https://evirtualguru.com/essay-on-mountaineering>

[https://fairgaze.com/fgnews/mountaineering-origin-and-its-benefits\\_71549.html](https://fairgaze.com/fgnews/mountaineering-origin-and-its-benefits_71549.html)

<https://www.aplustopper.com/essay-on-mountain-climbing/>

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.**

**Q 19.** Why does the writer say that mountains inspire 'awe' in humans? (Paragraph 1)

**1m approx.**

- A. They present us with opportunities for exciting sports.
- B. They evoke the wish in us, to master them.

- C. They inspire in us, deeds of valour.
- D. They represent peace and calm, to us.

**Q 20.** Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:  
The more incredible the mountains—the greater the thrill (Paragraph 1) **1m approx.**

- A. The higher the stamina—the lower the food intake
- B. The more you laugh—the lesser your illness
- C. The smaller the car—the bigger the advantage
- D. The heavier the luggage—the higher the penalty

**Q 21.** Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following:  
So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports(Paragraph 1) **1m approx.**

- A. doubt
- B. caution
- C. conviction
- D. denial

**Q 22.** Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 1. **1m approx.**

Opinion	Reason
	Best experienced rather than described

**Q 23.** The writer compares training to penance in the line --Then comes the penance of the rigorous training (Paragraph 2). State 1 point of similarity between training and penance. **1m approx.**

**Q 24.** Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that “mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation”. (Paragraph2) **1m approx.**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q 25.** What connect does the writer draw out between unpredictable weather and setting up of camps? (Paragraph 3) **1m approx.**

**Q 26.** The writer says, “A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.” (Paragraph 3)  
Select the reason the mountaineer is respectful to the forces of nature, up in the mountains. **1m approx.**

- A. survival
- B. experience
- C. tradition
- D. directive

**Q 27.** Supply 1 point to justify the following:

*While mountain climbing, an impulsive mountaineer is either disaster-prone or as good as dead.*

**Q 28.** Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the feeling of exhilaration on reaching a summit, that the mountain-climbers experience. **1m approx.**

- A. Achievement of a seemingly impossible feat
- B. Spectacular panoramic view
- C. Application of the inculcated survival instincts
- D. Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment

**Read the passage given below.**

1. The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are ‘money rich and time poor’ are increasingly looking for unique experiences --a phenomenon being called the emergence of the ‘experience economy’. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction

2. A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

3. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

(234 words)

Adapted – <https://socialscienceresearch.org/index.php/GJHSS/article/view/3162>

**Q 29.** Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

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

**1m approx.**

**Q 30.** Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

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

**1m approx.**

- 1. distinctiveness
- 2. conventionality
- 3. diversity
- 4. uniformity
- 5. modernity

- A. 1 & 3
- B. 2 & 4
- C. 2 & 5
- D. 1 & 4

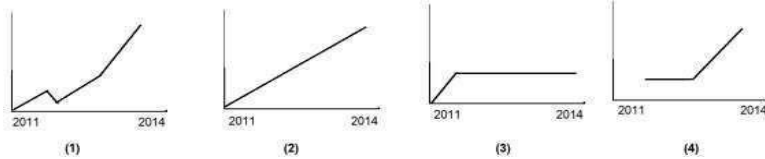


**Q 31.** Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1:  
 aroma: cooking::\_\_\_\_\_ : painting  
 (Clue: Just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly \_\_\_\_\_ is/ are integral to painting) **1m approx.**

**Q 32.** Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:  
 Travellers advocating the ‘experience economy’ seek a holiday package with \_\_\_\_\_ (Paragraph 1) **1m approx.**

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

**Q 33.** Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the North-East, from 2011-2014, as per paragraph 2. **1m approx.**



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

**Read the following text.**

(1) As a high school student, studying poetry can be a rollercoaster ride. This journey is punctuated by moments of profound appreciation for simpler pieces and intermittent frustration with more complex works. Let's be real here - some poems are just plain confusing and no amount of re-reading seems to help decipher the intended meaning. The puzzlement that results from such instances can be both vexing and demotivating. If solving a riddle is what was intended, then playing Sudoku is a better option. One is led to ponder if obscurity was the goal.

(2) Conversely, some pieces resonate with the reader's soul. stirring feelings of warmth, happiness, and connection to the world. Often, these compositions centre on themes that are universally understood, such as love, nature, or faith. Being able to actually understand what the poet is trying to say can feel like a little victory and is a welcome relief after grappling with more perplexing poetry.

(3) Then there are poems that are emotionally charged; the ones that make the reader curl up in a ball and cry or jump up and down with joy. One is left in awe of the poet's ability to convey emotion through words. Let's not forget the downright weird poems. These are the ones that defy categorization and leave the reader to their own devices in attempting to interpret meaning. The author's use of figurative language and unconventional imagery can create a sense of bewilderment that is either intriguing or off-putting. Regardless, the reader can appreciate the uniqueness of the work.

(4) Despite the wide range of emotions and reactions that come with studying poetry, it can be a rewarding pursuit. Not only does reading poetry allow one to appreciate the artistic beauty of the written word but also enables one to develop crucial critical thinking and analytical skills. The process of unlocking a poem's meaning can feel like cracking a code or solving a puzzle but the sense of accomplishment derived from mastering a challenging piece can be

deeply gratifying. Finally, impressing an English teacher with a well-analysed poem can be a source of pride and validation.

(5) Overall, studying poetry is like a box of mixed chocolates, you never know what you're going to get. But whether it's complex, emotional, simple, or just downright weird, there's always something to be gained from the experience. So, let's applaud all the poets out there, for making us laugh, cry, scratch our heads, and occasionally feel like a genius.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

**Q 34.** Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards studying poetry? **1m approx.**

- A. Finds poetry to be a frustrating and meaningless endeavor.
- B. Believes that the emotional rollercoaster of studying poetry is not worth the effort.
- C. Recognizes the challenges of studying poetry but also acknowledges the rewards it offers.
- D. Feels that poetry is too obscure and abstract for the average person to appreciate.

**Q 35.** What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph (1)? Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

*If solving a riddle is what was intended, then playing Sudoku is a better option. One is led to ponder if obscurity was the goal.* **2m approx.**

**Q 36.** Complete the sentence appropriately.

The author's use of vivid imagery in the paragraph (3), such as "curl up in a ball and cry" and "jump up and down with joy", greatly affects the reader because

\_\_\_\_\_ **1m approx.**

**Q 37.** The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms: **1m approx.**

- (a) intriguing and off-putting
- (b) deciphering and interpreting
- (c) appreciate and applaud
- (d) simple and challenging
- (e) emotions and feelings

**Q 38.** Complete the sentence appropriately.

We can say that the author's tone becomes more neutral and objective when discussing weird poems, compared to other types of poetry because\_\_\_\_\_.

**1m approx.**

**Q 39.** Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how studying poetry can be like exploring a new city. **2m approx.**

**Q 40.** What is the message conveyed by Hina's experience, in the following case?

Hina spends hours trying to analyze a poem for her assignment and finally feels a sense of accomplishment and pride, once she understands.

**1m approx.**

- A. Only those with natural talent for poetry should engage with it.
- B. Persistence makes studying poetry a rewarding pursuit.
- C. Study of poetry is guaranteed to impress others.
- D. The efforts of studying poetry is inversely proportional to the rewards gained.

**Q 41.** State whether the following lines display an example of a simple / complex / emotionally charged / downright weird , poem.

**1m approx.**

*The sun rises in the east,  
A new day begins, a fresh start.  
Birds chirp, nature wakes up,  
A peaceful feeling in my heart.*

**Read the following text.**

(1) Reduction in green areas has caused various environmental problems. People squeezed between concrete structures are looking for various ways to meet their longing for green. One of the ways to do so, is vertical gardens and green walls. Vertical gardening is a unique method of gardening where plants are grown in a vertical position or upward, rather than in the traditional method of planting them on the ground.

(2) The purpose of vertical gardens and green walls, which arises from the studies of different disciplines (landscape architects, architects, engineers, etc.), is to close the cold image of concrete and increase the visual value. In these systems, nature and structures are integrated, and thus, urban areas and the desired environment have become intertwined.

(3) Vertical garden case studies often show that , though functionality should be in the foreground, when vertical gardens are planned, they are generally made as aesthetic elements in the city's underpasses and city squares, and decorative elements in residences, without seeking functionality.

(4) Experts support that the visual quality and evaluation of landscape architecture is determined based on the satisfaction of the users. Hence, a survey questionnaire was prepared for residents of varied age groups from of a metropolitan city . The given **Table 1**, displays these responses:

<b>Table 1 – Total number of participants : 400</b>						
<b>No.</b>	<b>Survey statements</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
Vertical gardens -						
1	Improve quality of life of people In urban areas	191	138	43	9	19
2	reduce noise pollution	128	164	77	25	6
3	Increase air quality-indoors and outdoors	172	147	51	28	2
4	reduce energy and water consumption	58	47	125	68	2
5	Positively impact global warming	114	144	106	30	6
6	Have a relaxing and calming Effect	161	177	44	7	11
7	Cost too much	86	107	152	42	13
8	Make plants look beautiful	195	139	44	6	16
9	Add naturalness to the environs	135	173	55	25	12

10	Are among the determining factor to visiting a place	59	133	141	54	13
11	Are in convenient indoors	9	84	123	126	48
12	Can be applied in every place	71	132	97	77	23
13	have a functional feature	81	207	100	10	2
14	Distract drivers	34	101	106	131	28
15	Funds are best used for social Issues	57	72	100	130	41

(5) The study acknowledged that vertical gardening has the potential to transform urban spaces into green, sustainable areas, and further research should explore the impact of vertical gardening on the environment and human well-being.

Adapted for academic usage - 2019 case-study -Investigating the vertical garden applications in Turkey 225 words approx.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above**

**Q 42.** Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 & 2.

We can say that the situation of people living in concrete structures is comparable with a fish living in a fishbowl, and the need for vertical gardens to the need for decorations in the fishbowl because \_\_\_\_\_ . **1m approx.**

**Q 43.** Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2.

The statement that, urban spaces have become more closely connected with the desired natural surroundings through the incorporation of nature and structures in vertical gardens and green walls, is a \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/ opinion) because it is a \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/ objective detail). **1m approx.**

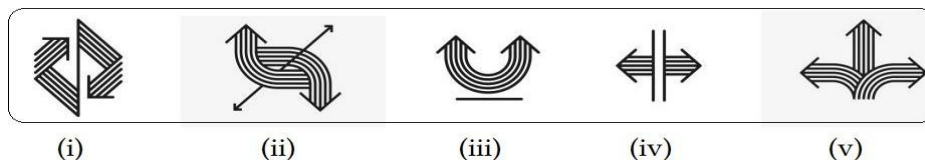
**Q 44.** Justify the following, in about 40 words.

*While the survey results suggest that vertical gardens may be effective in improving the quality of life in urban areas, further research and evaluation may be necessary to fully understand their effectiveness and potential drawbacks.* **2m approx.**

**Q 45.** Based on the survey results, which two concerns should a city government, looking to install vertical gardens, address? **1m approx.**

**Q 46.** In Table 1, the statement 3, "Vertical gardens increase air quality - indoors and outdoors," received the most neutral responses from participants, with 51 respondents indicating a neutral stance. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. **1m approx.**

**Q 47.** Select the option that correctly displays what 'intertwined' signifies. (Reference- Paragraph 2) **1m approx.**



- A. (i), (iv) and (v)
- B. Only (ii)
- C. Only (iii)
- D. (ii) and (v)

**II.**

**WRITING**

*(Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose. The names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.)*

**Answer the questions given, with reference to the context below.**

You are Debashree, a resident of Siliguri. You have to write a letter to the editor of a national daily drawing attention towards the difficulty faced by differently-abled people at tourist places.

**Q 48.** Select the option with relevant aspects that Debashree should select, for this letter. **1m approx.**

The newspaper's name

- (1) Attached proof of the newspaper subscription
- (2) Debashree's address
- (3) Formal tone
- (4) Expected date of the letter's receipt

- A. (1) and (5)
- B. (2), (3) and (4)
- C. (3) and (5)
- D. (1), (3) and (4)

**Q 49.** Select the appropriate subject for this letter. **1m approx.**

- A. Drawing attention towards differently-abled people
- B. The Differently-abled: Neglected or Misunderstood?
- C. Tourist places area non convenience to differently-abled people
- D. Inconvenience Faced by the Differently-abled at Tourist Spots

**Q 50.** Which option should Debashree select, to elaborate on the difficulties faced by the differently-abled? **1m approx.**

A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absence of ramps for wheel chairs</li><li>• Unclean toilets</li><li>• High ticket-prices</li></ul>
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B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Un suitable visiting timings</li><li>• Tourist guides untrained in sign language</li><li>• Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets</li></ul>
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C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absence of ramps for wheelchairs</li><li>• Tourist guides untrained in sign language</li><li>• Lack of braille-script tourist</li></ul>
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D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unclean toilets</li><li>• High ticket-prices</li><li>• Unsuitable visiting timings</li></ul>
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**Q 51.** Debashree shares some suggestions in her letter, to address the issue. Select the option that helps her complete these suggestions, appropriately. **1m approx.**

*In my opinion, the media can play a pivotal role in transforming people's (i)\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Also, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_against negligence to the needs of the differently-abled, at the tourist spots, shall go a long way in bringing about a positive change.*

- A. (i) beliefs and traditions (ii) composing songs
- B. (i) perceptions and attitudes (ii) cautioning the authorities
- C. (i) preferences (ii) protesting
- D. (i) interactions (ii) keeping minimum interference

**Q 52.** Select the option that correctly justifies the choice of the concluding portion of this letter. **1m approx.**

*(1) I expect the authorities to take actions on this issue. Please post my thoughts in your newspaper.*

*(2) I hope my views get published in the columns of your newspaper so that this issue may garner more public support and awareness.*

- A. Yes, to Option (1) because of the authoritative tone.
- B. No, to Option (1) because of the informal tone.
- C. Yes, to Option (2) because of the tone of polite expectation.
- D. No, to Option (2) because of the certainty in the tone.

**Q 53.** Select the opinion that completes the concluding line appropriately. I hope that my letter will ..... **1m approx.**

- A. help spread awareness about the issue.
- B. lead to action against all authorities responsible, at tourist spots.
- C. improve circulation of the national daily.
- D. result in positive reviews by the readers.

**Q 54.** You are Sunidhi Prakash, the Vice Captain of Brilliant Vidyalaya, Barra, Kanpur. You have recently noticed several posters around your school premises conveying a hazardous message:

***Lose weight in just a month!***  
***“A WONDER DIET comes to your rescue...  
A privilege available for only a few!”***

Write a letter to the Editor of The DWA, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by such advertising. Propose the implementation of ‘Wholesome Lunch Month’ in schools as an idea to address such practices, mention the advantages and share suggestions to foster healthy eating routines and develop positive body image among youngsters. **5m approx.**

**Q 55.** You are Zac Skaria, a resident of #412, Magna Greens Apartments, Gandhi Marg, Jompara, Mumbai. Three students of grade 10 from your residential complex have rescued and rehabilitated a few old beggars from the neighbourhood. You think that their work deserves appreciation and recognition. Write a letter to the President of the RWA, seeking recommendation for these youth, to be nominated for ‘Serving Citizens Award’. Suggest other ways such acts of kindness could be recognised and awarded in the future.

**5m approx.**

**Q 56.** Gurmeet Kaur is an aspiring candidate for a public-funded engineering college in the suburbs.

She belongs to a nearby village, has minimal technological skills and exposure, has the required cut-off percentage and is looking for a complete or partial scholarship.

Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words, analysing her SWOT notes to support your stand on whether she should join/not join the college.

**5m approx.**

<b>STRENGTH</b>	<b>WEAKNESS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strong Curriculum</li> <li>▪ Quality faculty</li> <li>▪ Vibrant Activity Clubs</li> <li>▪ Green location</li> <li>▪ Close proximity to residential areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of diversity</li> <li>▪ Students’ behavioural problems</li> <li>▪ No hostel facility</li> <li>▪ Slow repair and maintenance work</li> <li>▪ Underutilization of IT Services</li> <li>▪ Lack of targeted advertisements to out-state students</li> </ul>
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>THREAT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practice based research</li> <li>▪ Partnership with professional organisations</li> <li>▪ Strong alumni</li> <li>▪ Acclaimed Student Exchange Programme with European countries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of publicity in areas of excellence</li> <li>▪ Public perception towards funded colleges</li> <li>▪ Declining students’ interest towards technical subjects</li> <li>▪ Low employee morale due to budget cuts</li> </ul>

**Q 57.** Read the following excerpt from an online post of a website on educational practices.

*Kids who appreciate how much effort, time and care goes into growing food will understand how important farmers are, and why it's important to take care of our Earth. In the world of today, gardening needs to be given more importance than sports, music and dance in all schools because it creates environmental stewards and outdoor learning laboratories that help the child and community for years to come.*

Write a paragraph in 100-120 words to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.

**5m approx.**

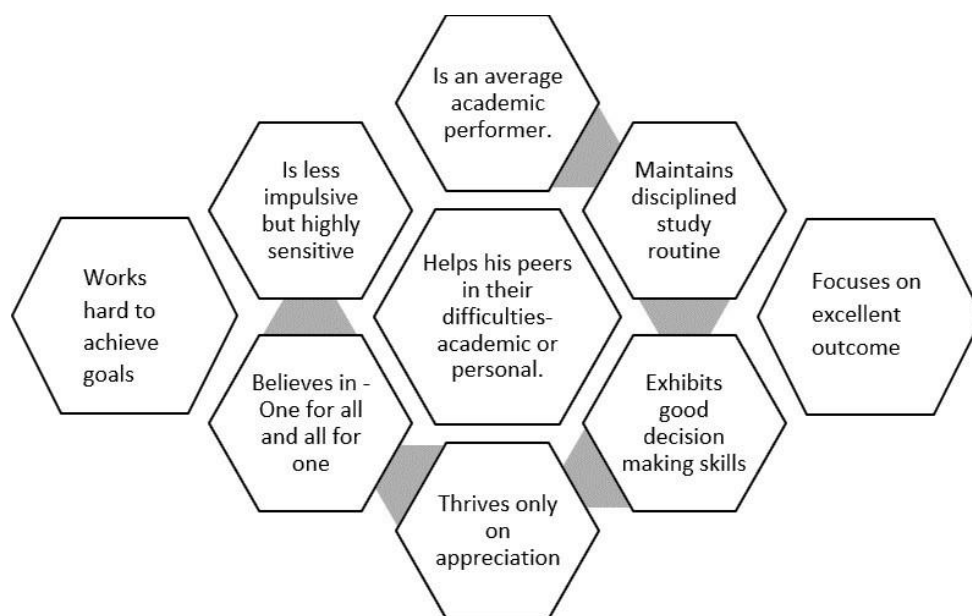
**Q 58.** As Vaishali Nathani of 214, Indrayani Apartments, Vaishali Street, Daipur, you believe that forming Ecology clubs and appointing Eco-minders in your city can aid in the preservation and conservation of nature.

Write a letter to the MLA of your city area, in about 120 words, suggesting the need to form such clubs. Share their importance and implications. Recommend the involvement of resident volunteers for implementation of eco-club activities that nurture and protect the local ecosystem. **5m approx.**

**Q 59.** As Armaan Khan, the School Literary Captain of Ujjwal Academy, Old City, Kildarabad, you believe that languages can help bridge regional divides and promote unity.

Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, suggesting the introduction of an online regional language learning programme managed and run by student councils and language clubs in the city. The programme aims to help residents who have recently relocated to a new region in picking up the local language organically. Share the importance and credibility of such a programme and suggest a feasible way to execute it along with possible activities. **5m approx.**

**Q 60.** Tsering, of class X, is contesting for the post of the Junior School Captain, in the upcoming student council elections. Given below is her character traits' graphic, shared in the public domain, by the school counsellor, for the awareness of student voters, at school.



All Tsering's peers have been asked to write a paragraph in about 120 words, analyzing these traits, to either support or oppose her candidature. As one of her peers, write this analytical paragraph, by selecting some of the traits that support your analysis.

You may begin like this:

As a responsible student voter, I believe Tsering possesses/does not possess the necessary traits to be a School Captain.

You may end like this:

For these reasons, I believe she has/does not have the potential to be a good School Captain and I support/oppose her candidature. **5m approx.**



**Q 61.** As the Captain of the school's Cultural Club, you have been asked to study the given itinerary provided by a tour-organizing vendor.

**A 3N/2D Educational Tour for the Senior School Students :  
Jabalpur and Ranha National Park (Vandhya Pradesh)**

- Tour Travel & sightseeing by bus.
- Accommodation on quad sharing basis.
- One staff complimentary for every 20 students.
- Bottled mineral water throughout the tour.
- Dance Party on 22 November.
- Insurance policy of 20,000/- per head.
- Provision of Tour Manager's assistance to all places.

Day	Estimated time of departure from	Estimated time of arrival	Sight-seeing Destination/ Activity
22 Nov. 2023	8:49 am (Nagpur Junction)-8 hrs. 30 min	5:23 pm	Reporting at the hotel
23 Nov. 2023	9:00am (hotel)	10:00am	Bhawartal Garden
	11:00am (garden)	11:40am	Bhedaghat Dhuandhar Falls
	12:40pm (falls)	1:00pm	Lunch (nearby restaurant)
	2:00pm (restaurant)	2:15pm	Marble Rocks Cable car tour
	3:45pm (Marble Rocks)	4:45 pm	Rani Durgavati Museum
	6:15pm (museum)	7:00pm	Back to the hotel
24 Nov. 2023	5:30am (hotel)- 170 kms- 4 hrs. drive	9:30am	Ranha Tiger Reserve

Analyse this itinerary to either approve or reject the tour proposal, while focusing on the students' safety, interest, and physical wellness. Write this analytical paragraph in about 120 words, by selecting features that support your analysis.

You may begin like this:

A thorough analysis of the itinerary provided by the tour organizing vendor reveals that the tour proposal should be accepted / rejected.

You may end like this:

Therefore, the tour proposal for the educational trip should be approved / rejected

**5m approx.**

### III.

### GRAMMAR

Answer the questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

**Q.62.** The hospital board clearly mentioned that you \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in the hospital as it is a health hazard for all. **1m approx.**

- A. cannot
- B. must not
- C. need not
- D. might not

**Q.63.** There's never \_\_\_\_\_ petrol left after Rahul uses the car **1m approx.**

- A. much
- B. little
- C. many
- D. a little

**Q.64.** I am taking driving lessons now. Hopefully, I \_\_\_\_\_ my driving test by November. **1m approx.**

- A. will take
- B. would pass
- C. will have taken
- D. will be taking

**Q.65.** Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?  
*Sunitha asked Venkat, "How much is the rent for your flat?"* **1m approx.**

- A. Sunitha asked Venkat how much was his rent for flat.
- B. Sunitha asked Venkat how much the rent for his flat was.
- C. Sunita enquires from Venkat that how much rent he pays.
- D. Sunita told Venkat how much the rent for his flat was.

**Q.66.** Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?  
*She said, "I told Damanjit to send you an e-mail three days ago."* **1m approx.**

- A. She told that Damanjit had mailed you three days then.
- B. She informed me that Damanjit has mailed me three days before.
- C. She says that she has told Damanjit to send me an e-mail three days then.
- D. She said that she had told Damanjit to send an e-mail to me three days before.

**Q.67.** The dog \_\_\_\_\_ under the chair before the children arrived. **1m approx.**

- A. has been hiding
- B. was hid
- C. have hid
- D. had hidden

Attempt the following questions.

**Q.68. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.**

The climate control comment by an activist \_\_\_\_\_ on social media yesterday.

1m approx.

- A. blow up
- B. blew up
- C. is blown
- D. will be blown

**Q.69. Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.**

Doctor: Do you feel down from time-to-time Mr. Gopalan?

Patient: Yes, I do not stay in a good mood.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being, to which, the patient affirmed \_\_\_\_\_.

1m approx.

**Q.70. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.**

The advertisement read, 'If you smoke, statistically your story \_\_\_\_\_ end 15% before it should'.

1m approx.

- A. must
- B. should
- C. will
- D. ought to

**Q.71. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:**

Last week a child was not allowed to board the plane at Ranchi airport.

1m approx.

Option no.	error	correction
A.	child	children
B.	last	previous
C.	the	a
D.	at	in

**Q.72. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:**

As I was standing on the dock, looking out at the lake for the last time, a feeling of emptiness \_\_\_\_\_ over me like darkness.

1m approx.

- A. will wash
- B. had washed
- C. will have washed
- D. washed

**Q.73. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:** **1m approx.**

Subject: Request for Approval

Dear Sir

This is to respectfully submit that I \_\_\_\_\_ (seek) approval for organizing a tree plantation drive to be undertaken by the club.

**Q.74. Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather, by completing the sentence:** **1m approx.**

Grandson: Grandpa, who are your superheroes?

Grandpa: Anyone who shows kindness and compassion to others.

In response to the question about his superheroes, grandfather says that \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.75. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.** **1m approx.**

In order to balancing the sentiments of the Eagles and the Hawks, the Student Council suggested a rematch between the teams.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

**Q.76. Sunil shared some information, with Tariq, about a holiday at sea. Report Tariq's question.** **1m approx.**

*Did you enjoy travelling by sea?*

**Q.77. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare.** **1m approx.**

\_\_\_\_\_ WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!!

- A. WILL
- B. MAY
- C. NEED
- D. CAN

**Q.78. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Latha and her father.** **1m approx.**

Father: Why ask so many questions, Latha?

Latha: I believe that if you don't know the answer, keep asking till you do!

Father asked Latha the reason for the many questions she was asking. Latha exclaimed good-humouredly that in event of not knowing the answer one should \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. keep asking till one does.
- B. kept asking till one does.
- C. keep asking till one do.
- D. kept on to ask till one do.

**Q.79. Identify the error on a shop’s hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer: 1m approx.**

**Gumnaam & Daughters Pvt. Ltd. Bindapur, Jharkhand**

Massive discount for all senior citizen vaccinated with the precautionary dose.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

**Complete the following tasks, as directed.**

**Q.80.** Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: 1m approx.

Dear Sir

This is with reference to committee’s letter of recommendation that\_\_\_\_\_ (highlight) the nominations for ‘Safe Residential Area’ award for this current year.

**Q.81.** Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. 1m approx.

*This delightful recipe must keep your hunger pangs at bay with its balanced spices and oriental flavour.*

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

**Q.82.** Abhilash and Neha had a conversation about the inauguration of Neha’s Dance Academy. Report Abhilash’s question. 1m approx.

*Is your best friend helping you in this venture?*

**Q.83.** Read the dialogue between Shabnam and her mentor, Sara, regarding her summer internship programme.

Sara: Why did you choose to participate in this internship programme?

Shabnam: Ah! I am convinced this programme has the potential to enhance my abilities.

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

Sara asked Shabnam \_\_\_\_\_ in that internship programme. Shabnam sighed and exclaimed that she was convinced that programme had the potential to enhance her abilities. **1m approx.**

- A. why to choose to participate
- B. to choose participation
- C. why he had chosen to participate
- D. with her choice in participating

**Q.84.** Fill the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the concluding line of an issued circular by an Organisation, to its Managers. **1m approx.**

A copy of the plan is enclosed and \_\_\_\_\_ (that/then/this) may be communicated to all Team Leaders for compliance.

**Q.85.** Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a commercial company's current marketing strategy. **1m approx.**

*The company aimed at increasing authority in areas frequently visited by the clients.*

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

**Q.86.** Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the closing line, from an analytical report. **1m approx.**

*In conclusion, this study explores the association among short-sleep pattern and overweight youngsters.*

Option No.	error	correction
A	explores	explore
B	and	or
C	among	between
D	In	for

**Q.87.** Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

The experience of nursing an injured bird left me \_\_\_\_\_ grateful for knowing the importance of being kind and compassionate to all creatures. **1m approx.**

- A. feeling
- B. having felt
- C. felt
- D. feels

**Q.88.** Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:  
**1m approx.**

Vendor: It is nice to see you, Sir!

Customer: Yes, indeed! Unlike last month, I have been away for quite sometime this month.

The vendor greeted his customer respectfully and mentioned that he was pleased to see him.  
The customer answered in the affirmative and explained that \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.89.** Fill the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on a school news channel.  
**1m approx.**

Congratulations Change Makers!

The regional competition awards have been announced and our school music club \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize.

- A. had been won
- B. will win
- C. was winning
- D. has won

**Q.90.** Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.  
**1m approx.**

The river runs through your veins  
The trees and mountains \_\_\_\_\_ your name  
The moon and stars watch over  
You're guiding your way back home  
To dream the night away.

- A. will call
- B. call
- C. had called
- D. calls

**Q.91.** Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a passengers' flight instruction manual.  
**1m approx.**

*Note- Passengers will not reach the airport late in order to avoid a fine equivalent to 5% of the basic fare.*

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

## IV.

## LITERATURE

**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

But the decades of oppression and brutality had another unintended effect, and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our times — men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds. It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea.

*(Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)*

- Q.92.** What was the unintended effect of the long oppression? Choose the correct option. **1m approx.**
- A. It made the people indifferent to injustice.
  - B. It made the people reject oppression.
  - C. It influenced a generation to fight against injustice.
  - D. It made people accept their oppression.
- Q.93.** Men of such extraordinary courage refers to the people who..... **1m approx.**
- A. liberated and abolished the Apartheid system.
  - B. used their resources to spread awareness.
  - C. fought for their country's freedom.
  - D. demonstrated utmost strength to oppose the system.
- Q.94.** Nelson Mandela compares \_\_\_\_\_ to diamonds. **1m approx.**
- A. his countrymen
  - B. patriots
  - C. wise men
  - D. the oppressed
- Q.95.** When Nelson Mandela says, "I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea.", he means that they are..... **1m approx.**
- A. stubborn.
  - B. committed.
  - C. intelligent.
  - D. proud.
- Q.96.** Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following:  
Depths: heights : : compassion : \_\_\_\_\_ . **1m approx.**
- A. wisdom
  - B. oppression
  - C. struggle
  - D. courage



**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

Money is external.  
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
Knowing what every man must one day know  
And most know many days, how to stand up

*(The Ball Poem)*

**Q.97.** The poet says *money is external*. What does it mean in this extract? **1m approx.**

- A. Money helps us purchase materials that make life worth living.
- B. Money promotes materialism and hunger for power among youngsters.
- C. Money only impacts a person's external environment.
- D. Money buys materialistic things and can be earned again, when lost.

**Q.98.** What does the boy learn by losing the ball, according to the extract? **1m approx.**

- 1) Loss is the unavoidable truth of life.
- 2) Material objects can be replaced.
- 3) Money buys happiness.
- 4) Losses in life can be prevented with care.
- 5) Life continues despite losses.

- A. (1), (2) and (5)
- B. (2) and (4)
- C. Only (1)
- D. (3) and (5)

**Q.99.** The boy is learning how to stand up...  
This means that he is learning to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of difficulties. **1m approx.**

- A. patient
- B. resilient
- C. defensive
- D. judgemental

**Q.100.** Which option lists who is speaking these lines? **1m approx.**

- A. An observer.
- B. The boy's parent.
- C. The ball salesman.
- D. A friend.

**Q.101.** According to the poet, from whom do we mostly learn about loss? **1m approx.**

- A. Elders.
- B. Experiences.
- C. Books.
- D. Teachers.

**Attempt the following.**

**Q.102.** Lencho is \_\_\_\_\_ when he says, “that’s what they say: no one dies of hunger.” **1m approx.**  
(*A Letter to God*)

- A. doubtful
- B. stressed
- C. confused
- D. dismissive

**Q.103.** Mandela refers to liberty as “newborn” because it **1m approx.**  
(*Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*)

- A. Was dependent on others for growth and guidance.
- B. had recently been attained with lots of struggle.
- C. made people experience infant-like excitement.
- D. arrived unexpectedly for everyone.

**Q.104.** In the poem *A Tiger in the Zoo*, what does the tiger’s ‘quiet rage’, indicate?  
It indicates that the tiger’s anger is **1m approx.**  
(*A Tiger in the Zoo*)

- A. forgotten.
- B. provoked.
- C. suppressed.
- D. opposed.

**Attempt the extract given.**

“Hey, a tea garden!” Rajvir cried excitedly.

Pranjol, who had been born and brought upon a plantation, didn’t share Rajvir’s excitement.

“Oh, this is tea country now,” he said. “Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world.

You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!”

“I have been reading as much as I could about tea,” Rajvir said. “No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends.”

(*Glimpses of India*)

**Q.105.** Why was Pranjol not as excited as Rajvir about the tea gardens? **1m approx.**

- A. He disliked looking at tea gardens.
- B. He had worked in tea gardens himself.
- C. He had grown up in and around tea gardens.
- D. He was bored with tea gardens.

**Q.106.** What does Pranjol mean by saying that Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world? **1m approx.**

**Q.107.** Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only. **1m approx.**

Pranjol’s \_\_\_\_\_ comes through clearly when he exclaims, “You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!”

**Q.108.** How according to Rajvir does the world know about the discovery of tea? **1m approx.**

- A. Historical places
- B. Traditional tales
- C. Authentic anecdotes
- D. Popular publications

**Q.109.** Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word ‘cried’ as used in line 1 of the extract. **1m approx.**

- A. Jaspreet cried a lot inspite of winning second place in a competition.
- B. Jaspreet cried out loud when she saw a white tiger in the sanctuary.
- C. Jaspreet cried for hours when the police were unable to find her lost pet.
- D. Jaspreet has barely cried since she was three years of age.

**Answer the following in about 40-50 words each.**

**Q.110.** Valli’s unique maiden bus ride experience could be possible because she belonged to a small village. Do you agree? Why? /Why not? (2 reasons)  
(*Madam Rides a Bus*) **3m approx.**

**Q.111.** Give one reason why ‘TheTale of Custard the Dragon’ is more a fable than a ballad.  
(*The Tale of Custard the Dragon*) **3m approx.**

**Q.112.**How does Ogden Nash's The Tale of Custard the Dragon challenge the notion that individuals should conform to societal expectations?  
(*The Tale of Custard the Dragon*) **3m approx.**

**Q.113.**State one likely reason the writer of The Midnight Visitor chose to characterize Ausable as short and fat.  
(*The Midnight Visitor*) **3m approx.**

**Q.114.** The various elements of Robert Arthur's writing style work together to create a sense of tension, uncertainty, and suspense, well-suited to the mystery and suspense genre of the story, *The Midnight Visitor*. Comment, with reference to any one element.  
(*The Midnight Visitor*) **3m approx.**

**Q.115.**How does Leslie Norris use vivid imagery and metaphorical language in A Tiger in the Zoo,to effectively depict the confinement and oppression, experienced by the captive tiger.  
(*A Tiger in the Zoo*) **3m approx.**

**Q.116.** Explain how the description of the devastation caused by the hailstorm reflects the sadness within Lencho, in A Letter to God?

Refer to the given lines, from the text –

Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho’s soul was filled with sadness.  
(*A Letter to God*) **3m approx.**