

Class X Session 2025-26

Subject - English Language and Literature

Sample Question Paper - 02

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
 - Section - A : Reading Skills
 - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading Skills

1. **Read the passage given below.**

[10]

It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people can tour the cosmos virtually while sitting in one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is often hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, other data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

Due to the easy access to smartphones, communication has been very effective and instant. People can convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by researching on the Internet. For instance, they use smartphones to look up any new word they come across. As we know most of universities have online teaching provisions and smartphones assist students in completing their assignments on time. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, the use of smartphones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in society by providing information to the security forces in time.

Nonetheless, for the young, the use of a mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have an adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of their bad outcomes.

Also, a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay-as-you-go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also

doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay-by-month plan.

(I) In paragraph 1, what does the phrase 'people can tour the cosmos virtually while sitting in one place' suggest about technology? (1)

(II) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. (1)

Mobile phones have made communication _____.

- (a) complicated and expensive
- (b) efficient and cost-effective (paragraph 2)

(III) Support the writer's idea that mobile phones have a positive impact on students' academic performance. (paragraph 2) (2)

(IV) Select the option that best reflects the importance of mobile phones during emergencies. (paragraph 3) (1)

- (a) They help in saving lives by enabling quick communication.
- (b) They provide entertainment in stressful situations.

(V) State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 4)

Young people are prone to misusing mobile phones, which can negatively affect their academics. (1)

(VI) The writer mentions the popularity of prepaid services. Which of the following is a key reason for their popularity? (1)

- (a) They bind users to long-term contracts.
- (b) They allow flexibility without a contract.
- (c) They are limited to text messaging.
- (d) They are only available in physical stores.

(VII) List any two ways in which mobile phones help in improving communication globally. (paragraph 2) (2)

(VIII) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 5)

The phrase "pay-as-you-go" refers to _____. (1)

- (a) A contract-free payment plan allowing users to recharge as needed
- (b) A credit-based system for long-term phone subscriptions
- (c) A method for subscribing to monthly payment plans
- (d) A limited service restricted to text and calls

2. **Read the following passage carefully:**

[10]

1. Rotation of crops is a universal phenomenon which is practised by most of the farmers of the tropical and temperate countries. The main objective of rotation of crops is to obtain higher agricultural returns on the one hand, and to maintain the soil fertility on the other.
2. In other words, the rotation of crops helps in making agriculture more sustainable. The importance of crop rotation is more in the areas where farmers grow two, or more than two crops in the same field in a year. Irrigation facilities have also been appreciably developed in the country during the last three decades. The availability of water to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.
3. In the areas such as Punjab and Haryana, where the Green Revolution is a big success, one soil exhaustive crop (rice) is followed by another soil exhaustive crop (wheat). Subsequently, the field vacated by wheat is devoted to either rice or maize or cotton. Thus, in one year, the farmers are harvesting three soil exhaustive crops from the same field. Such a rotation of crops may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace.

4. A number of field studies were conducted to assess the traditional crop rotation pattern. One such field study about the changes in the rotation of crops was conducted in the village Banhera (Tanda), Haridwar district. The main rotation of crops of the village is shown in the table below.

| Traditional Rotation of Crops (1960-65) in Banhera (Tanda) | | | | |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Year | Kharif (mid-June to mid-October) | Rabi (mid-October to mid-April) | Zaid (April to June) | No. of days land left fallow |
| 1960 | Millet/fodder/rice | Gram | Fallow | 90 |
| 1961 | Fallow | Wheat | Fallow | 210 |
| 1962 | Millet/fodder/rice | Gram | Fallow | 90 |
| 1963 | Fallow | Wheat | Fallow | 210 |
| 1964 | Millet mixed with urad/fodder/rice | Gram | Fallow | 90 |
| 1965 | Fallow | Wheat | Fallow | 210 |

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage: (10)

- i. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 2. **(1)**
One of the reasons that there has been an intensification of agriculture in the country is the development of irrigation facilities is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).
- ii. Based on your understanding of paras 1 and 2, state whether the following statement is true or false. **(1)**
If proper irrigation facility is provided, higher agricultural returns can be obtained by making crop rotation more sustainable.
- iii. Justify the following in about 40 words.
Crop rotation may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace. **(2)**
- iv. Based on the table, mention the years when the land was left fallow for maximum number of days. **(1)**
- v. The study conducted in village Banhera (Tanda) reflects that during the years 1960 to 1965, from April to June, the land was left fallow or uncultivated throughout. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. **(1)**
- vi. Select the option that correctly states the significance of crop rotation as given below: **(1)**
1. Crop rotation is done to obtain higher agricultural returns.
 2. Higher agricultural returns can be obtained by harvesting soil exhaustive crops.
 3. Crop rotation demands that land should be left fallow for a few months to increase the fertility of soil.
 4. Better irrigation facility to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.
 5. If crops to be harvested are chosen wisely, crop rotation can help in maintaining fertility of soil.

Options:

- A. (1), (2) and (4)
- B. (1) only

C. (3) and (5)

D. (1) and (5)

vii. Crop rotation is helping in making agriculture more sustainable. Mention one benefit and one drawback of crop rotation. (Answer in about 40 words) (2)

viii. **Assertion (A):** Crop rotation helps in maintaining soil fertility and making agriculture more sustainable.

Reason (R): In areas like Punjab and Haryana, growing multiple soil-exhaustive crops in the same field depletes soil fertility rapidly despite higher income for farmers.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.

D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed [10]

(a) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. [1]

Sir

Attached is the invoice that _____ (detail) the expenses incurred during the team's business trip to Tribogh.

(b) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence taken from a case study: [1]

The 2020 research study pay attention to the relationship between high levels of stress and employee productivity.

Use the given format for your response:

| Error | Correction |
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| | |

(c) Sunil shared some information with Sunita about the story he was reading. Report Sunita's question. [1]

What was the theme of the story?

(d) He said to me, "Where is the post office?" [1]

Reported speech: _____

a) He asked me where the post office was.

b) He wanted to know where the post office was.

c) He asked me that where the post office was.

d) He asked me where was the post office.

(e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

The vocabulary list had been memorized by _____ (mostly / all / more) of the students and each one scored over 80 percent on the exam.

(f) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a technology company's product description. [1]

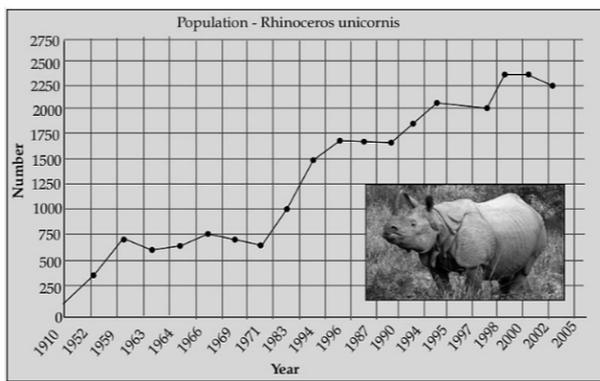
Our latest software solution is designed for help businesses streamline their operations.

| Error | Correction |
|-------|------------|
| | |

(g) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. [1]

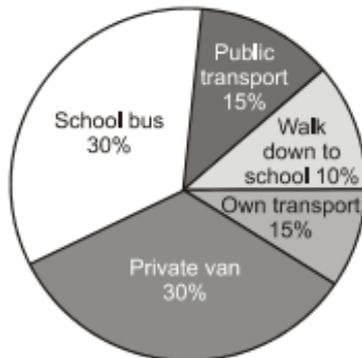
A story, to engage the interest of the read, must include mystery and adventure.

Use the given format for your response.



OR

A survey was conducted by your school on how many children walk down to school, how many use their own transport, how many use the school bus and how many come in private vans. The findings are given below.



Based on the pie-chart given above write a paragraph analysing the information on **Preference of Private vans to school buses**. Think of reasons for this preference by some parents is it more convenient and safer. (100-120 words)

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]

(a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]

Instead of being delighted, as her husband had hoped, she threw the invitation spitefully upon the table murmuring, "What do you suppose I want with that"?

- i. The invitation was (1)
 - a. to attend a wedding ceremony
 - b. to attend an opera
 - c. to watch a horse race
 - d. to attend an official dance party
- ii. The husband had hoped for his wife's happy reaction because: (1)
 - a. she rarely got a chance to attend a function.
 - b. most employees used to get invited.
 - c. both (a) and (b) are correct.
 - d. both (a) and (b) are incorrect.
- iii. Who is the speaker? Why was she frustrated? (2)
- iv. Which word in the passage means the same as whispering? (1)

(b) Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: [5]

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, When my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the

guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

i. State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given extract. (1)

I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second.

ii. State TRUE OR FALSE. (1)

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the question- No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion.

i. A hypothesis- a proposed explanation for a phenomenon

ii. An assumption- something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof.

iii. A premise- a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.

iv. A theory- a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon.

iii. Nelson Mandela is of the view that 'Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.' Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)

iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute the word 'extinguished' in the given sentence from the extract. (1)

Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never *extinguished*.

7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** [5]

(a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

Though to distinguish beasts of prey

A novice might nonplus,

The crocodile you always may

Tell from the Hyena thus;

Hyenas come with merry smiles;

But if they weep they're Crocodiles.

1. A novice would get confused to differentiate between _____.(1)

2. How are the crocodiles identified in the forest?(1)

3. What, according to the extract, would cause bewilderment?(1)

a. Discovering the similarity between different preys of beasts.

b. Analysing habits of beasts that prey on hyenas.

c. Knowing the difference between several beasts of prey.

d. Drawing the similarities between crocodiles and hyenas.

4. What differences can be drawn between a hyena and a crocodile as given in the extract?(2)

(b) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

He should be snarling around houses

At the jungle's edge,

Baring his white fangs, his claws,

Terrorising the village! But he's locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars,

Stalking the length of his cage,

Ignoring visitors.

i. Trace a word from the extract that means 'Showing the teeth and making fearful sound.' (1)

ii. We should protect the tigers as: (1)

- a. they are majestic to look at
- b. they attract visitors to the zoo
- c. they are ferocious
- d. they are part of our environment

iii. Complete the sentence. The tiger terrorizes the villagers with _____. (1)

iv. What is the significance of the words 'locked in a concrete cell' and what is the reaction of the tiger due to this action? (2)

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]

- (a) How is bread an important part of life in Goa? [3]
- (b) What did the poet think of the day before the fall of dust of snow on him? [3]
- (c) Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? [3]
- (d) Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne? What did he ask her to do? [3]
- (e) Imagine that Custard writes a blog on **Overcoming fears**. [3]

A part of the blog focuses on ways to overcome the fears within.

As Custard, write this part of the blog.

You may proceed like this:

While we agree that fear is like a big monster that resides within us. This monster shall continue to overpower us if we do not overpower it. To begin with,...

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]

- (a) Why was the author delighted to keep Tricki with him? [3]
- (b) Why did Bholi not marry Bishamber? [3]
- (c) How did Ausable get rid of Max without using a weapon. (The Midnight Visitor) [3]

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]

- (a) Look at the given image of different parenting styles and what they signify. [6]

| | SENSITIVE & RESPONSIVE | STERN & PUNITIVE |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| DEMANDING | AUTHORITATIVE | AUTHORITARIAN |
| DOESN'T ENFORCE LIMITS | PERMISSIVE | UNINVOLVED |

Which of the given parenting styles would you attribute to the young seagull's parents? Do you think there was a difference between the mother's and father's attitude? Support your answer with reference to the text.

- (b) Assume that Mijbil gets lost and meets the caged tiger accidentally. Imagine how the tiger would console him. Briefly describe the tiger's reaction. Write as you are the tiger from the poem, A tiger in the zoo. [6]

Write in context of the chapter, Mijbil the Otter and the poem, A tiger in the zoo.

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]

- (a) How can one become a scientist, an economist, a historian.....? Does it simply involve reading many books on the subject? Does it involve observing, thinking and doing experiments? [6]
- (b) Why did the thief make friends with Anil? Why did he steal Anil's money? Why did he come back and put Anil's money back? [6]

Solution

Section A - Reading Skills

1. (I) It suggests that technology allows people to explore and learn about the world without needing to physically travel.
 (II) (b) efficient and cost-effective
 (III) Mobile phones help students by enabling them to:
 1. Research new concepts, such as unfamiliar words, using the internet.
 2. Access online teaching resources and complete assignments on time.
 (IV) (a) They help in saving lives by enabling quick communication.
 (V) True
 (VI) (b) They allow flexibility without a contract.
 (VII) Answer is
 1. Mobile phones enable instant communication with loved ones worldwide.
 2. They allow users to convey messages efficiently without incurring high costs.
 (VIII) (a) A contract-free payment plan allowing users to recharge as needed
2.
 - i. One of the reasons that there has been an intensification of agriculture in the country is the development of irrigation facilities is a fact because it is an objective detail.
 - ii. This statement is True.
 - iii. This statement is inaccurate. Crop rotation is a practice designed to enhance soil fertility, not deplete it. By alternating the types of crops grown on a piece of land, different nutrients are used and replenished naturally, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and preventing the rapid depletion of soil nutrients. It helps maintain a healthy balance in the soil, leading to sustainable agriculture and potentially more income for farmers due to healthier crop yields.
 - iv. According to the table, the years when the land was left fallow for the maximum number of days are 1961, 1963, and 1965, with 210 days each of those years.
 - v. One inference that can be drawn from the fact that the land in Banhera (Tanda) was left fallow from April to June during the years 1960 to 1965 is that this period, which corresponds to the Zaid cropping season, may not be suitable for cultivation due to reasons such as extreme temperatures, insufficient rainfall, or perhaps cultural practices allowing the land to recover. Leaving the land fallow during these months could help in restoring soil fertility and moisture, preparing it for the upcoming Kharif and Rabi cropping seasons.
 - vi. (D) (1) and (5)
 - vii. One benefit of crop rotation is that it can enhance soil health by varying plant demands on soil nutrients, thus reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. A drawback is that it requires careful planning and knowledge of crop-specific requirements, which can be complex and labour-intensive.
 - viii. B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed

(i) The correct form of the word to complete the sentence is “**details.**”

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| (ii) | Error | Correction |
| | pay | pays |

(iii) Sunita asked Sunil what the theme of the story was.

(iv) (a) He asked me where the post office was.

Explanation:

He asked me where the post office was.

(v) All

| | | |
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| (vi) | Error | Correction |
| | for help | to help |

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| (vii) | Error | Correction |
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| read | reader |
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To test the subject- Verb concord /correct forms

(viii) (a) used to be / was

Explanation:

used to be / was

(ix) he always wakes up early.

(x) (d) He said that he had often told him not to waste his time.

Explanation:

He said that he had often told him not to waste his time.

(xi) B. bent

Stanza is written in past tense.

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| (xii) error | correction |
| for | at |

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 15, Raghupati Road,
New Delhi
20 September, 20XX

The Editor
The Hindustan Times
New Delhi-110006

Subject: Encouraging Reading Habits Among Students

Sir/Madam,

I write as a concerned parent who shares the collective worry about the diminishing reading habits among our students. It is disheartening to witness the impact of academic pressure, technology distractions, and the allure of social media on our children's reading interests.

To reignite the passion for books, we need innovative strategies. Schools can allocate more time for recreational reading, incorporate literature into various subjects, and organize book clubs. Parents can set an example by reading themselves and visiting libraries with their children. Furthermore, promoting e-books and audiobooks can cater to tech-savvy kids.

By collectively addressing these issues and fostering a love for reading, we can ensure our children embrace the world of books once more.

Yours sincerely
Sahil/Sushila

OR

St. Joseph's Convent School,
J.K. Puri
Kanpur
2nd April 2018
The Sales Manager,
Music Gallery
Birhana Road
Kanpur,
Sir,

Subject: Placing an order for musical instruments

Thank you for the catalogue you had sent along with the latest price list, After going through, we would like to place an order for the following items.

| Product | Code | Quantity |
|---------|------|----------|
| Casio | 2HIS | 2 |
| | | |

| | | |
|-----------|------|---|
| Tabla | ZMEG | 2 |
| Harmonium | FNET | 2 |

We attach herewith a draft of 50% advance payment. The balance payment will be made on delivery. Any damage to these items during transportation will be your responsibility. The items should reach the school in 10 days after the receipt of the letter; otherwise, the order shall stand cancelled.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Nisha.

5. A survey was conducted to find out of the population of Rhinoceros Unicornis between 1910 to 2005. The result showed only 125 rhinoceros in early 1900's i.e., 1910 which reached almost 740 in 1959. Then the number plummeted down and touched 600 in 1964. It kept fluctuation and ranged between 600-750. The number again rose in 1966 but did not cross 750. By 1983 it has again reached 750. But after that there was a considerable increase in the number which touches 1750 in the year 2000. The graph then shows a plateau till 2005 and the number again rose to 2100 by the year 2008. There is hardly any increase in the next three years. The graph shows a sharp rise in the number of rhinoceros in 2012, when it touched 2500. It remains stable for the next two years, but again the number again decreased by almost one hundred in 2017, when it was an estimated 2400.

OR

According to the survey conducted by our school about the preferred way of commuting to school by the children, it is found that private vans and school buses are equally popular among the kids. The reason for their popularity is that they provide convenient pick-and-drop facilities which make it easier both for the parents and the students. Besides, they make up for unnecessary delays caused by public transport. School buses are considered to be safer as most of the schools provide parents with GPS tracking these days. The remaining 30% of students take public transport or their own vehicle. There are only 10% of students who walk down to school. They might be living in the vicinity of the school which is within walking distance.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i) i. (d) to attend an official dance party
 ii. (d) both (a) and (b) are incorrect
 iii. The speaker is Matilda. She was frustrated because she had nothing good to wear and adorn herself with.
 iv. murmured

- (ii) i. We can infer that
- In the long walk of struggle when Nelson Mandela was pushed into prison, he sensed humanity.
 - He feels that humanity is still alive.
 - He observed some essential goodness in one of the guards of the prison.
 - This goodness gave him the strength to keep going and fight racial discrimination.

ii. True

Explanation: The statement is a powerful assertion that emphasizes the idea that hate and prejudice are learned behaviours and not innate characteristics.

- iii. This line shows that Nelson Mandela is very optimistic and inspirational as he believes that goodness in human beings can be suppressed but never eliminated. This means that each human being has the light and fire of goodness in him. This light may remain dormant in his being for some time; but when the need arises for this light of goodness, it becomes lighted and dispels the darkness. This light may remain burning at low intensity, but it never burns out; nor can it be extinguished.

iv. to cause something to stop burning/ blow out something/put a stop.

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i) i. Wild animals like crocodile and hyena.
 ii. tears/weeping while they eat their prey.
 iii. (c) Knowing the difference between several beasts of prey.
 iv. Hyenas are very deceptive. They will attack their victim with weird smiles and kill them. Crocodiles pretend to be weeping before attacking or killing their prey.

- (ii) i. 'snarling' means showing the teeth and making fearful sound.
 ii. (d) is correct
 iii. his sharp tooth and claws.

- iv. The words signify the unpleasant situation of the tiger who cannot come out of the cell because strong bars are fixed. As a result the tiger ignores the visitors.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words

- (i) Bread is an important part of the Goa's life because it is needed for all sorts of functions whether they are birthdays, marriages or festivals like Christmas. These occasions are incomplete without a special preparation which is made from bread for each event.
- (ii) Before the fall of the dust of snow on him, the poet seemed to be in a depressed mood. He was holding the day in regret. He was sad deep down in his heart. However, his mental state changed after the incident and he started to look at the surroundings.
- (iii) In the real world, it is almost impossible to find people, like Lencho. Lencho seems to be naïve and unquestioning. Naïve in the sense that he doesn't even bother to think about who sent the money or if God would actually send the money. Probably his naiveté comes from his unquestioning belief in God.
- (iv) Mr. Keesing was Anne's Maths teacher. He was annoyed with her because she talked too much in his class. After several warnings, he gave her extra homework in which he asked her to write an essay on the subject 'A Chatterbox'.
- (v) ...To begin with the best thing to do is to examine the reasons behind the fears, ask yourself it is a caution or irrational fear and focus on the positive. All fears are worse when we face them alone. So find someone to share your fears with. Finally, face your fears. Accept failure as a part of life and get through it and over it.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

- (i) The author was very much delighted to keep Tricki with him because Mrs. Pumphrey sent various items of food, eggs, wine, brandy etc. for Tricki in the hospital. Mr. Herriot and his staff members enjoyed all those things. Nothing was given to Tricki as a part of his treatment.
- (ii) Bholi refused to marry the person because he was much older than her and then she got him even asking for a dowry. So, refused to marry him.
- (iii) Ausable cleverly outwitted Max without using a weapon. He employed psychological manipulation. He cooked up a story of a balcony under his window and convinced Max about this lie.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words

- (i) According to me, the young seagull's parents were authoritative parents. As in this case, parents have clear standards for their children. While the parents set limits, they also give the children an opportunity to explore and learn. Parent also explain why they punish the child when the punishment is given and give positive encouragement at the right time. Yes, there was a great difference between the mother's and father's attitude. The mother used sensitive and responsive approach. She is actually portrayed as a tough but motivating character. She understood that her child needed a lot of motivation to achieve its fad of flying. Initially, she tried to threaten the young seagull in many way ways but to no avail. She knew very well that fear was the only thing that actually had to be feared. So, she used food to arouse young seagull's need.
- (ii) Oh! Poor little Otter, I literally don't understand why you are feeling so sad about being lost. I have been longing to be freed and enjoy my natural habitat. I am so annoyed and dejected with the human attitude and activity around. I hate humans for caging me and keeping me captivated.
- The problem with you silly Otter is that you don't value your freedom. You are happy with your life as a pet and you are scared to explore the beautiful world around with full liberty. I detest humans and seriously wish that they could comprehend the value of peaceful coexistence.. Enjoy your freedom! my dear friend.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

- (i) To achieve anything in life one needs to put in a lot of effort. Merely reading books on a subject can never make a person a pro in that field. One can't deny the fact that the more you read, the more you know but if knowledge isn't put to practice, it never reaps results. It is important to read to enhance one's perspectives, gain knowledge, the technical know-how and understand the wide opportunities of research or exploration a topic opens. Simultaneously, a person should involve in observing, thinking, and experimenting with new ideas to reach his goal. One should implement his observation practically to gain knowledge. Thinking is another aspect to improve one's creativity and explore new things. It is equally important to have a never-say-die attitude, the zeal to learn beyond limits, an inquisitive mind and a strong will to perform to be the best and not be the winner of a prize. Success comes to those who work hard for it.
- (ii) The thief wanted to rob Anil after gaining his trust. So he made friends with him to have an acquaintance with him before making him his next victim. Moreover, he needed a place to live in. He started to work for Anil who was a credulous person. Anil started teaching him how to read and write. One day, Anil brought a bundle of notes. Though the thief was out of practice and had not robbed anyone for so many days, he stole the money. He planned to go to Lucknow

after stealing the money. However, his inner conscience pricked him on the station and did not allow him to go. He realised that he wanted to be an educated man. So his heart changed. That's why he returned back and placed the money back to its place.