

CLASS X (2020-21)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-01

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART - A (40 Marks)

READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below. 10
 - (1) Keep your watch accurate. For some people, moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. For others, they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether. It may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten.
 - (2) Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. One of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realising that the time is passing as quickly as it is.
 - (3) Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7:30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, dress and reach on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job done in time.
 - (4) Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. Maybe you can try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed; that way, you will have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you have to reach your place of work at 8:00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens—but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7:45." If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even with a traffic jam.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. 1 × 10 = 10

- (a) We should be in approach with time management.

(i) optimistic	(ii) pessimistic
(iii) realistic	(iv) utopian

Ans : (iii) realistic

- (b) It is good to commit yourself for everything.
 - (i) to be late
 - (ii) to delay
 - (iii) to being 15 minutes early
 - (iv) to search the last moment

Ans : (iii) to being 15 minutes early

- (c) The passage highlights:
 - (i) the value of time
 - (ii) the importance of being ahead of time
 - (iii) the value of being upto time
 - (iv) the value of calculating time

Ans : (ii) the importance of being ahead of time

- (d) To be punctual we should
 - (i) hit the snooze button of the alarm clock
 - (ii) get up at the right time
 - (iii) start watching TV in the morning
 - (iv) keep on lying in bed

Ans : (ii) get up at the right time

- (e) The narrator does not deny which of the following activity just after waking up:
 - (i) hitting snooze button
 - (ii) keep on lying in bed
 - (iii) watch TV
 - (iv) wake up when you actually have to

Ans : (iv) wake up when you actually have to

- (f) What does the author mean when he uses the word "delay"?

(i) Late	(ii) Turn off
(iii) Disregard	(iv) Accurate

Ans : (i) Late

- (g) One of the major reasons for being delayed is
 - (i) absence of clock, phone or computer
 - (ii) being overindulged in work
 - (iii) not realising that time passes quickly
 - (iv) not keeping a margin in the expected time of work

Ans : (iii) not realising that time passes quickly

- (h) Being ahead by minutes should be everyone's commitment.

(i) 10 minutes	(ii) 15 minutes
(iii) 5 minutes	(iv) 30 minutes

Ans : (ii) 15 minutes

(i) The author uses the word 'unexpected' in paragraph 4. He means to say:

- (i) commit (ii) unforeseen
(iii) annoy (iv) snooze

Ans : (ii) unforeseen

(j) Which word conveys the opposite of realistically?

- (i) Impracticable (ii) Rational
(iii) Achievable (iv) Pragmatic

Ans : (i) Impracticable

(k) Which word means 'disregard'?

- (i) Attention (ii) Consider
(iii) Ignore (iv) Regard

Ans : (iii) Ignore

(l) The narrator denies us to:

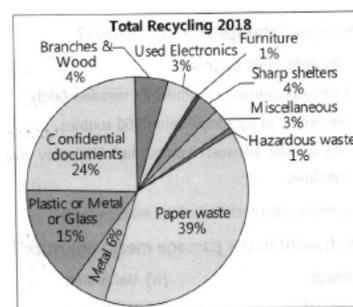
- (i) be realistic
(ii) be optimistic
(iii) keeping our watch accurate
(iv) wake up when we are supposed to

Ans : (ii) be optimistic

2. Read the passage given below. 10

Conference series LLC Ltd organises a conference series of 1000+ global events inclusive of 300+ conferences, 900+ upcoming and previous symposiums and workshops in USA, Europe and Asia with support from 1000 more Scientific societies and publishes 700+ open access journals which contain over 30000 eminent personalities, reputed scientists as Editorial board members. Recycling and Waste Management Convention 2018 proudly invites contributors across the globe to 9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management during October 22-23,2018 in Osaka, Japan, which includes prompt keynote presentations, oral talks, poster presentations and exhibitions. We are delighted to say that it is the 9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management which will be held in a beautiful city of Osaka, Japan and hence we invite you all to attend and register.

9th World Convention on Recycling and Waste Management is mainly based on the theme "Advocating Waste Disposal and Recycling Practices for Clean and Green Environment." We warmly welcome all the participants— leading scientists, researchers and scholars of the world to attend the convention. We provide a platform for young researchers and students to present their research through oral presentations through which they can develop a foundation for collaboration among young researchers. The organising committee aims at setting a platform for all the budding scientists and researchers to present their real-time work and share their views and aspects related to the theme of the conference. The organising committee is gearing up for an exciting and informative conference programme including plenary lecture, symposia, workshops on a variety of topics, poster presentations and various programmes for participants from all over the world.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) What theme is being highlighted after reading the given passage?

- (i) Efficient means of reducing garbage
(ii) Efficient ways of waste disposal
(iii) Various techniques to be employed to recycle the goods
(iv) Both (ii) and (iii)

Ans : (iv) Both (ii) and (iii)

(b) Which notion in the conference has been emphasised to be deployed?

- (i) Waste management
(ii) Recycling of goods
(iii) Waste disposal management
(iv) Reshaping Earth's future

Ans : (iii) Waste disposal management

(c) On observing the pie-chart, which two types of waste have been recycled at the rate of 4%?

- (i) Furniture and used electronics
(ii) Branches and wood and sharp shelters
(iii) Furniture and hazardous waste
(iv) All of the above

Ans : (ii) Branches and wood and sharp shelters

(d) On observing the chart, which type of waste is generated the most?

- (i) Confidential documents
(ii) Paper waste
(iii) Miscellaneous
(iv) Plastic or metal or glass

Ans : (ii) Paper waste

(e) Which of the following activities contribute collectively towards paper waste recycled percentage?

- (i) Plastic or metal or glass and metal
(ii) Confidential documents and plastic or metal or glass
(iii) Miscellaneous recycled waste and confidential documents
(iv) None of the above

Ans : (ii) Confidential documents and plastic or metal or glass

- (f) What does the given data represent?
- The types of waste that haven't been generated
 - The amount and degree of recycled waste
 - The increasing trend of recycling and waste management
 - Both (ii) and (iii)

Ans : (iv) Both (ii) and (iii)

- (g) What has been considered as an efficient means to reduce landfill area?
- Sorting of waste
 - Recycling or composting waste
 - Both (i) and (ii)
 - None of the above

Ans : (iii) Both (i) and (ii)

- (h) What are the main reasons of waste management and recycling it?
- To not over-exploit the resources
 - Reducing the dump of landfill area
 - Leaving behind the quality of environment free from pollution
 - All of the above

Ans : (iv) All of the above

- (i) Which other type of waste is recycled at the same rate as that of used electronics?
- Miscellaneous goods
 - Hazardous waste and sharp shelters
 - Branches and wood
 - None of the above

Ans : (i) Miscellaneous goods

- (j) Which convention session was conducted on recycling at waste management in 2018?
- 9th Convention
 - 8th Convention
 - 18th Convention
 - 29th Convention

Ans : (i) 9th Convention

- (k) Which activity has been considered as the second nature to us?
- Sorting of waste
 - Recycling of waste
 - Waste management
 - Implementing steps framed and deployed in convention

Ans : (ii) Recycling of waste

- (l) How can the success of waste management be achieved?
- Recycling goods
 - Choosing the correct type of goods in order to reduce waste
 - Making a small contribution towards protecting environment
 - All of the above

Ans : (iv) All of the above

LITERATURE

(10 Marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

"I can hardly believe my ears
These meadows aren't worth much to me. They only come to five dessiatins and are worth perhaps 300 roubles, but I can't stand unfairness. Say what you will, I can't stand unfairness."

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- Natalya
 - Chubukov
 - Chubukov's Aunt
 - Lomov

Ans : (i) Natalya

- (b) To whom are these words said to?
- Chubukov
 - Chubukov's Aunt
 - Natalya to herself
 - Lomov

Ans : (iv) Lomov

- (c) In what context is 'unfairness' being talked about?
- To the worthlessness of meadows
 - The worth of meadows being 300 roubles
 - The claiming of meadows by Lomov
 - The possession of meadow lands by Chubukov's for years

Ans : (iii) The claiming of meadows by Lomov

- (d) What could the speaker not believe?
- The unfairness by Lomov
 - Lomov's claim over Chubukov's meadow lands
 - The worth of meadows being 300 roubles
 - The quarrel between Lomov and Chubukov over the meadows

Ans : (ii) Lomov's claim over Chubukov's meadow lands

- (e) Which word in the passage means 'injustice'?
- Worth
 - Unfairness
 - Dessiatins
 - Hardly

Ans : (ii) Unfairness

or

"Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 BC. In fact words such as tea, chai and chini are from Chinese." Tea came to Europe only in sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than a beverage.

- (a) From which chapter has this extract been taken from?
- Glimpses of India
 - A Letter to God
 - From the Diary of Anne Frank
 - The Sermon at Benares

Ans : (i) Glimpses of India

- (b) Who is the speaker of these lines?
 (i) Rajvir (ii) Pranjol's father
 (iii) Pranjol (iv) Anne

Ans : (i) Rajvir

- (c) Where was the tea first brought into use?
 (i) Europe (ii) Assam
 (iii) Darjeeling (iv) China

Ans : (iv) China

- (d) What is special about tea?
 (i) It has medicinal use as well as beverage
 (ii) It gives flavour and aroma
 (iii) It was first drunk in China
 (iv) All of the above

Ans : (iv) All of the above

- (e) Where was Rajvir when he told these facts?
 (i) Compartment of train
 (ii) In the car of Rajvir's father
 (iii) Classroom
 (iv) At railway station

Ans : (i) Compartment of train

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. $1 \times 5 = 5$
 But up jumped Custard, Snorting like an engine,
 Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
 With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm, He
 went at the pirate like a robin at a worm

- (a) Who is 'Custard' here referred to?
 (i) A dragon (ii) Name of pirate
 (iii) Belinda (iv) Mustard

Ans : (i) A dragon

- (b) Who is the poet?
 (i) John Berryman (ii) Robert Frost
 (iii) Walt Whitman (iv) Ogden Nash

Ans : (iv) Ogden Nash

- (c) What is meant by the phrase 'Snorting like an engine' ?
 (i) The very deep and loud sound of an engine of a train
 (ii) The snorting sound made by custard
 (iii) The sound of weapons
 (iv) The nasty sound made by pirate

Ans : (ii) The snorting sound made by custard

- (d) This stanza shows:
 (i) the cowardice of the pirate
 (ii) the cowardice of custard
 (iii) the bravery and courage of custard
 (iv) the strategic attack of custard

Ans : (iii) the bravery and courage of custard

- (e) Which poetic device is used here?
 (i) Simile (ii) Alliteration
 (iii) Metaphor (iv) Personification

Ans : (i) Simile

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So they show their relations to me and I accept them
 They bring me tokens of myself,
 They evince them plainly in their possession.

- (a) From which poem have these lines been taken?
 (i) A Tiger in the Zoo
 (ii) The Tale of Custard the Dragon
 (iii) Animals
 (iv) Dust of Snow

Ans : (iii) Animals

- (b) What does 'they' refer to?
 (i) Animals (ii) Insects
 (iii) Human beings (iv) All of these

Ans : (i) Animals

- (c) What does 'tokens of myself' refer to?
 (i) The token to enter the Zoo
 (ii) The tokens poet has received from animals
 (iii) The symbol of noble virtues
 (iv) Tokens of their identity

Ans : (iii) The symbol of noble virtues

- (d) Which word in the stanza means 'symbol' ?
 (i) Accept (ii) Token
 (iii) Plainly (iv) Evince

Ans : (ii) Token

- (e) Which literary device has been highlighted in the given stanza?
 (i) Personification (ii) Alliteration
 (iii) Anaphora (iv) All of these

Ans : (iv) All of these

GRAMMAR

(10 Marks)

5. Complete the paragraph and answer any four of the following by choosing the correct options. $1 \times 3 = 3$
 In the past few decades Television has become the
 (a) powerful means of entertainment. With
 the introduction of many satellite channels, its reach
 (b) many folds. I am sure you all (c)
 agree with me that T.V. has become an indispensable
 gadget in our homes.

- (a) (i) more
 (ii) much
 (iii) many
 (iv) most
 (b) (i) increases
 (ii) is increasing
 (iii) is increased
 (iv) had increasing
 (c) (i) would
 (ii) much
 (iii) could
 (iv) should

or

You are Parvati/Praveen, Store In-Charge of Aman Stores, 32/54, Ravi Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of enquiry to the Sales Manager, Duckback Industries Ltd. 13/4, Maharajpur, Delhi enquiring about the details of goods manufactured.

Ans :

Aman Stores
32/54, Ravi Nagar
Delhi
10 May 20XX
The Sales Manager
M/S Duckback Industries Ltd.
13/4, Maharajpur
Delhi

Subject: Enquiry about School Bags and Accessories Sir,

We are setting up another branch in Ravi Nagar, Delhi and we would like to express our interest in the products of your company. There has been enormous demand by our customers of the school bags and accessories that you manufacture for primary and secondary level school students. We wish to enquire about the quality, price, durability and range of the school bags and accessories.

Before placing the order, we would like you to send us the samples. We shall feel obliged if you could please send us 100 pieces of school bags for every age group on approval or return basis. If we find the quality and price satisfactory, we will place a bigger order.

The remaining unsold pieces would be returned to you at your expense within a period of one month from receipt.

We hope to hear from you very soon and look forward to doing a good business with your company.

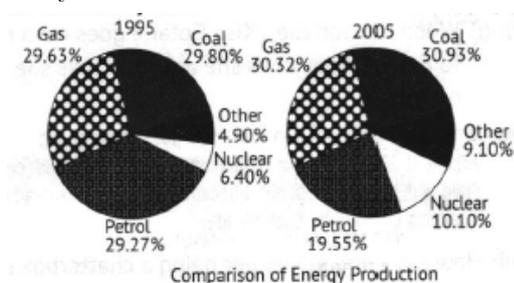
Thanking you.

Yours faithfully.

Parvati

(Store In-Charge)

9. The following pie-chart shows the comparison of different kinds of energy production in France in two different years. 5



Study the pie-charts and summarise them into a paragraph of 100-120 words.

Ans :

The two pie charts illustrate the proportion of five types of energy production in France in 1995 and 2005. Overall, in both years, the most significant sources of energy were gas and coal which together accounted for over half the production of energy, while nuclear and other kinds of energy sources generated the least

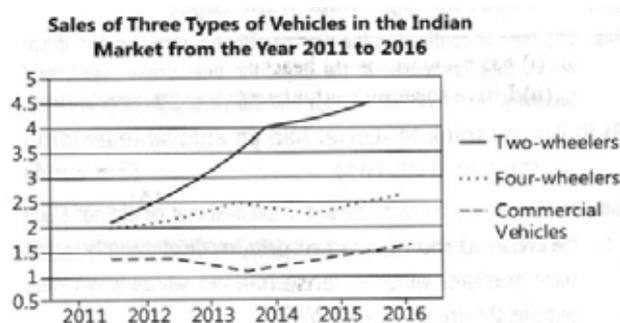
amount of energy in France. In all types of energy production there was only minimal change over the 10 year period.

Energy produced by coal comprised of 29.80% in the first year and this showed only a very slight increase in about a mere 1% to 30.93% in 2005. Likewise, in 1995, gas generated 29.63% which rose marginally to 30.32% in 10 years.

With regards to the remaining methods of producing energy, there was an approximate 5% growth in production from both nuclear power and other sources to 10.10% and 9.10% respectively. Petrol on the other hand was the only source of energy which decreased in production from 29.27% in 1995 to 19.55% in 2005.

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Study the given line graph carefully and summarise it into a paragraph of 100-120 words.



Ans :

The line graph indicates year wise sales of three types of vehicles in the Indian Market. The horizontal axis represents the sale of the vehicles in millions.

As indicated in the graph, from the year 2000 onwards, the sale of 'Two-wheelers' got a great boost and continue to get higher but at a lower pace. In the case of 'Four-wheelers', the period 2011-2013 saw a mixed trend in sales, but after that there was a steady growth in sales. Sales of 'Commercial vehicles' saw an up-down-up movement in sales from 2011 onwards. But from the year 2014 a steady growth in sales continued.

The Graph depicts that 'Two-wheelers' are the first choice of the people in the Indian Market. Though 2014 onwards the craze for buying 'Two-wheelers' has reduced a little. Somehow the buyers of 'Four-wheelers', lost interest in buying till early 2013. After that, a slow uptrend appeared and continued until 2016. The launch of different useful 'Commercial Vehicles' might be one of the reasons for growth in sales.

LITERATURE (30 Marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. $2 \times 4 = 8$
(A) (any two) $2 \times 2 = 4$

(i) When her son dies, Kisa Gotami goes from house to house. What does she ask for? Does she get it or not?

Ans :

When Kisa Gotami's son dies, she goes from house to house, asking if she could get some medicine that

would cure her child. No, she does not get it because her child was dead and no medicine could bring back his life.

(ii) How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay?

Ans :

She gave two arguments to justify her being a 'Chatterbox', in the essay: one that chatting is students' hobby and other reason that nothing can be done about the inherited traits. She carried these genes from her mother as she was also very talkative.

(iii) How does the tiger walk in the cage?

Ans :

The tiger is confined in the narrow cell and paces up and down in the cage restlessly. In the cage, the tiger walks stately and furiously. He moves very slowly and quietly in a threatening way.

(B) (any two) $2 \times 2 = 4$

(i) Do you think Mr. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball?

Ans :

Mr. Loisel was bored at the ball. It seemed that he did not enjoy the evening as he had been half asleep in one the little salons since midnight, with three other gentlemen whose wives were enjoying themselves very much.

(ii) Why do you think Lutkins' neighbours were anxious to meet the lawyer?

Ans :

Lutkins had deceived the lawyer. His neighbours found it hilarious. They were anxious to see such a lawyer who had been befooled.

(iii) Why was Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki?

Ans :

Mrs. Pumphrey was worried because Tricki was not eating anything not even his favourite dishes. Tricki had bouts of vomiting and spent all his time lying on rug and painting. Tricki did not even want to go for walks or do anything.

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. $3 \times 4 = 12$

(A) (any two) $3 \times 2 = 6$

(i) After achieving political emancipation what does Mandela want to do in South Africa?

Ans :

South Africa and the blacks have achieved their political emancipation. Mandela pledges to liberate all his people from the bondage of poverty, suffering, gender and other discrimination. South Africa will never experience the oppression of one by another. He wishes the reign of freedom will never die in South Africa.

(ii) Maddie wrote a note for Peggy but tore it away. Why?

Ans :

Maddie wanted Peggy to stop teasing Wanda. She thought it was cruel. She could not dare to say all this verbally so she wrote a note to Peggy. But she

pictured herself as a new target for Peggy and other girls, making fun of her for wearing hand-me-down clothes. She shuddered and tore the note.

(iii) How did Belinda and her pets behave when the pirate was killed?

Ans :

Belinda became so happy that she embraced custard intimately. Her pets also celebrated the death of the pirate by dancing around custard joyfully. However, they gave no credit to custard for his heroic feat.

(B) (any two) $3 \times 2 = 6$

(i) Why did Anil decide to pay Hari Singh, regularly?

Ans :

Anil handed Hari Singh a fifty-rupee note as a payment for his services. He knew about Hari's attempt of theft, and he did not want him to be tempted again for want of money. So, he decided to pay him regularly.

(ii) Why was Bholi reluctant to go to school with her father?

Ans :

Bholi did not know what a school was like. She thought that her father was turning her out of his house like their old cow Lakshmi. She shouted in terror and pulled her hand away from her father's grip.

(iii) Why did Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric?

Ans :

The arrival of a stranger at inn in winter was in itself a strange occurrence. In addition, the stranger had an uncommon appearance. In spite of Mrs. Hall's attempts to be friendly, he would respond in a cold manner. He told her that he had no desire to talk, and that all he wanted was solitude. He did not wish to be disturbed in his work. For all these reasons she regarded him an eccentric scientist.

12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words: 5

The characters Natalya and Lomov lose their temper on trivial issues. It shows their poor skills and anger management.

On the basis of your reading of the chapter and your own understanding, think of a situation through which it has been highlighted that they have tried to maintain their cordial relationship and write an imaginary conversation between the two.

Ans :

Natalya : Squeezer is heaps better than guess?

Lomov : Squeezer better than guess? What an idea! [laughs] squeezer better than guess!

Natalya : Mr. Lomov, being reasonable, let us not argue over this topic. I already had a heated debate on our Meadows.

Lomov : (wondering) What do you mean as our Meadows'?

Natalya : My dear precious! Let us consider that you are the rightful owner of the Meadows, yet, when I shall marry they will become ours and we both shall become the rightful owners of the land.

Lomov : Why just consider that they are mine, they are indeed are mine. However, I am impressed by your sensibility and tactfulness.

Natalya : Oh my Lord! I am so glad.

Lomov : I sense that I have taken the right decision by choosing you as my prospective bride.

Natalya : (teasing) What about your heart now, isn't it.

Paltipating now? [Natalya blushes & laughs]

Lomov : Oh no! It only paltipates and sometimes beat awfully when I am nervous. Nervousless, all my heart is for you, my Love Natalya.

Natalya : But, still will you consider that your guess is better than my squeezer.

Lomov : Oh! Leave all this my dear. Both are our dogs closer to us. We both shall not argue over this again. Let us plan for the wedding.

or

Valli was a young girl yet she shows the characteristics of a mature and practical person which were beyond her years. Justify the statement by giving the character sketch of her personality.

Ans :

She was a good observer of things. Her favourite past time was standing in the front doorway of her house. She used to watch from there what was happening in the street outside. There were no playmates of her own age in the neighbourhood. Standing at the door was as enjoyable for her as any of the games children played.

Valli was mature, clever and practical beyond her years. Saving sixty paise was not an easy job for a girl of her age. She saved every coin that came her way. She was determined to resist any temptation that came in her way. She sacrificed buying peppermints, toys, balloons and having a joy ride on a merry-go-round to save her money. Valli was full of excitement and enthusiasm. She enjoyed the landscape looking outside the window. The canal, palm trees, grassland, distant mountains and green fields gave her tremendous pleasure. The sight of a young cow running towards the bus at full speed enthused her. The more the driver honked, the more frightened the animal became and came just in front of the bus. Valli enjoyed the fun and laughed till tears came into her eyes. Valli was a very sensitive girl. She was shocked to see the same cow lying on the roadside smeared with blood. Her horrible and frightening look dampened her enthusiasm. She stopped looking outside. Valli didn't like being called a 'madam' or a 'child'. She dared the conductor to mind his own business. Valli was a self-respecting girl. She didn't accept a free cold-drink offered by the bus-conductor. She was a great planner and planned things after knowing all the necessary

details about them.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words:

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Dr. James Herriot was a competent veterinary surgeon. His practical approach and common sense helped in the rapid recovery of Tricki. Comment.

Ans :

Dr. James Herriot, no doubt, was a competent veterinary surgeon. He was really worried about Tricki. He understood that the real fault of the dog was his greed for food. He never refused food. The dog had become hugely fat and listless. Dr. Herriot also suggested to cut down sweets to him. He advised Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki must be hospitalised for a fortnight under his observation.

Dr. James Herriot was practical and pragmatic. He didn't give any medical treatment to the dog. The dog was not given food but lots of water. His method worked. Tricki's recovery was surprisingly rapid. Tricki was transformed into a flexible and hard-muscled dog. He was not only out of danger but also soon handed over to his mistress. The grateful mistress thanked Dr. Herriot and called his feat 'a triumph of surgery!'

Dr. James was clever enough to enjoy the best of both worlds. He was tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest. It was a happy period for Dr. Herriot and his friends. He enjoyed eggs for breakfast and wine and brandy for lunch.

or

Love, human sympathy and education can transform even a thief. How could Anil bring such a change in Hari Singh?

Ans :

Man is a product of circumstances and environment. Hari Singh was just a boy of fifteen but was an experienced and fairly a successful hand.

Circumstances made him a thief. In spite of being no use to Anil, he was retained to work for him. They say old habits die hard. After all, a thief couldn't leave stealing and cheating. He made a rupee every day from buying of the day's supplies. However, Anil was not a fool. He knew everything and also all about the theft. But he was kind, large-hearted and full of human sympathy. He taught the unfortunate boy to write his name. He also promised him to teach writing sentences and adding numbers. This left a deep impression on the boy-thief. He started realising that education could bring him respect and money.

Hari Singh breached Anil's trust but Anil was all forgiving and compassionate. In the heat and excitement of theft, Hari Singh forgot about education. Then came the true realisation and transformation. The boy-thief realised that Anil was the only man who could give him respect and more money than he could get by stealing. He realised where he should go. Large-hearted Anil not only forgave him but also gave him a fifty-rupee note and promised to pay him regularly.

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