

PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER (2023-24)

CLASS: X

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- (i) The Question Paper contains four sections – Reading Skill, Grammar, Writing Skill and Literature.
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION - A
(READING SKILL)**

20 Marks

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- (i) Today we know about each and everything about the world. There is no land or sea that is not known to us. Man has explored every corner of the world, and he knows all the ways and routes from anywhere to everywhere in the world. He can reach from one place to the other as safely, easily and quickly as he likes. He has maps to guide him and fastest means of transport to carry him.
- (ii) But for ages, most of the world was unknown to man. To begin with, he lived in caves. Then he came out of caves and started making homes in little corners of forests or behind the hills. He was afraid of wild animals and also of the clouds and the winds. He offered prayers and sacrifices to gods who, he thought, controlled the clouds and the winds. But slowly, through long centuries, men began to explore what lay beyond their caves, hills and forests where they had homes. They went in their boats, first on the rivers and then across the seas. At first they remained close to the shore, and each new voyager went a little further than the previous one.
- (iii) To those early travellers, the earth seemed to be a vast, flat world. They feared what would happen if they reached the edge. They believed that if they sailed southward, the sea would become so hot and boiling that life would be impossible. Toward the north, they thought, it must be too cold for anything to live. Till only five hundred years ago, nearly all men believed this. When some Portuguese explorers began to sail southward, their seamen revolted and refused to go further. They believed that the steaming waters of the southern seas would boil them like potatoes.

- (iv) When some clever men of those days said that the earth was not flat but a ball or sphere, people would laugh at them. 'How could there be people or trees on the other side of the world? They would say "Would men walk and trees grow upside down? And how could they stay on the other side? Surely they would fall off.'

Questions :

1. We can travel as we like _____.

- (a) safely
- (b) easily
- (e) quickly
- (d) all the above

2. The modern man can reach anywhere he likes with the help of _____ .

- (a) maps to guide him
- (b) fastest means of transport
- (c) both (a) and (b) above
- (d) neither (a) nor (b)

3. After leaving the caves, man started making little homes _____ .

- (a) in corners of forests
- (b) behind the hills
- (c) either (a) or (b)
- (d) neither (a) nor (b)

4. Why would people not believe that the earth was not flat but round?

- (a) They said that if the earth were round, it would roll away like a ball.
- (b) They said that if the earth were round, people and trees on the other side would fall off.

- (c) They said that if the earth were round, water would not stay at one place.
- (d) They said that if the earth were round, it would look like the sun and the moon.

5. What is meant by the word 'voyager'?

- (a) A person who makes sacrifices in order to please gods.
- (b) A person who goes about begging from place to place.
- (c) A person who wants to explore new lands.
- (d) A person making a long journey

6. Where did men in ancient times build their homes and why?

7. Why were sacrifices offered to gods?

8. What did the early explorers think about the earth?

9. What did the early sailors think about the northern and southern 'ends' of the world?

10. Why did the seamen of Portuguese explorers revolt?

Q2. Read the Passages given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)

(i) Srinivasa Ramanujan Aiyangar was an Indian mathematician. He was born on 22 December, 1887 in Erode, in present-day Tamil Nadu. His father, Kuppuswamy Srinivasa Iyengar, originally from Thanjavur district, worked as a clerk in a sari shop. His mother, Komalatammal, was a housewife and sang at a local temple.

(ii) Just before turning 10, in November, 1897, he entered Town Higher Secondary School, where he encountered formal mathematics for the first time. Since paper was expensive, Ramanujan often used to derive his results on a 'slate'. Ramanujan was shown how to solve cubic equations in 1902.

(iii) When he graduated from Town Higher Secondary School in 1904, Ramanujan was awarded the K. Ranganatha Rao prize for mathematics by the school's headmaster, Krishnaswami Iyer. Ramanujan failed his Fellow of Arts exam in December, 1906. On 14 July, 1909 Ramanujan married Janaki, a girl his mother had selected for him. On 6 December, 1917, Ramanujan was elected to the London Mathematical Society. On 2 May, 1918, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal

Society, the second Indian admitted, after Ardaseer Cursetjee in 1841. At age 31, Ramanujan was one of the youngest Fellows in the Royal Society's history. He was elected "for his investigation in elliptic functions and the theory of Numbers."

(iv) On 13 October, 1918, he was the first Indian to be elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. During his short life, Ramanujan independently compiled nearly 3900 results. commemorated as the National Mathematics Day in India, because it is Ramanujan's birth anniversary.

Questions:

1. Who was Srinivasa Ramanujan Aiyangar?
2. What was the name of his father ?
3. With which prize was Ramanujan awarded for mathematics by the school's headmaster ?
4. On which date was Ramanujan elected to the London Mathematical Society ?
5. When do we commemorate as the National Mathematics Day in India?
6. In which city was Ramanujan born?
 - A. Haryana
 - B. Madhya Pradesh
 - C. Tamilnadu
 - D. Rajasthan
7. His mother was a _____.
 - A. doctor
 - B. teacher
 - C. housewife
 - D. nurse
8. On 14th July 1909, he married a girl named _____.
 - A. Sita
 - B. Janaki

- C. Jannat
- D. Jamuna

9. How many results did he compile independently during his short life?

- A. nearly 4000
- B. nearly 3800
- C. nearly 3700
- D. nearly 3900

10. Which word in paragraph 4 means the same as 'celebrated'?

- A. elected
- B. commemorated
- C. compiled
- D. anniversary

Section B
(Grammar)

10 marks

3. Attempt any ten sentences by choosing the most appropriate answer from the given options : (10 X 1 =10)

(a) Choose the correct form of verb from the given choices :

(1) My servant _____ (paint) the door if you had given him a brush.

- A. will paint
- B. had painted
- C. would have painted
- D. would paint

(2) They _____ (leave) the park when we reached there.

- A. left
- B. have left

C. would be leaving

D. had left

(b) Choose the correct answer for the punctuation of the given sentences:

(3) harpreet is a student of khalsa college amritsar

A. Harpreet is a student of Khalsa College Amritsar

B. Harpreet is a student of Khalsa College Amritsar?

C. Harpreet is a student of Khalsa College, Amritsar?

D. Harpreet is a student of Khalsa College, Amritsar.

(4) mahatma gandhi was cremated at rajghat delhi

A. Mahatma Gandhi was cremated at Rajghat, Delhi.

B. Mahatma Gandhi was cremated at Rajghat Delhi?

C. mahatma Gandhi was cremated at Rajghat Delhi.

D. Mahatma gandhi was cremated at Rajghat Delhi.

(c) Choose the correct article to fill in the blanks:

(5) Keep to _____ right.

A. a

B. an

C. the

D. no article

(6) The more _____ merrier.

A. no article

B. A

C. an

D. the

(d) Choose the correct indirect speech of the following :

(7) The teacher said to the students, "Stop making a noise."

A. The teacher ordered the students that stop making a noise.

B. The teacher ordered the students to stop making a noise.

C. The teacher ordered the students stop to making a noise.

D. The teacher said to the students to stop making a noise.

(8) He said, "Farewell, my friends!"

A. He bid farewell to his friends.

B. He bade farewell to his friends.

C. He bid farewell his friends.

D. He wished his friends to bid farewell.

(e) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals:

(9) _____ God grant peace to the departed soul!

A. May

B. Can

C. Should

D. Will

(10) _____ I sit on the chair, please?

A. May

B. Dare

C. Will

D. Must

(f) Choose the correct option to combine the following sentences :

(11) She said something. I did not hear it.

A. I did not hear what she said.

B. I did not hear how she said.

C. I did not hear that she said.

D. I did not hear why she said.

(12) He will pass this year. It is certain.

A. It is certain that he will pass this year.

B. He will pass this year as it is certain.

C. He will pass this year because it is certain.

D. It is certain that will he passe this year.

SECTION – C

(Writing Skill)

10 marks

Q4. Attempt any one of the following :

(5)

(i) You bought some goods from Scientific Goods Emporium and found them in broken condition. Write a letter to them asking to replace the goods.

(ii) Suppose you are Sohan/Sona. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the incidents of violence taking place with the aged alone at home, drawing the attention of the authorities towards the problem.

Q5. Attempt anyone of the following:

(5)

(i) Write a story on the topic 'Honesty is the Best Policy' with the help of the given outline.

Once a woodcutter... cutting a tree... axe fell into the water... God appeared... golden axe... woodcutter refused... silver axe.. iron axe... God happy... moral

(ii) Suppose you are Dr. Sahil, MD. You are looking for an independent house in Ghaziabad on a reasonable rent for your residence- cum-clinic. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in The Hindustan Times, New Delhi.

Section : D

(Literature)

40 marks

Q6. Do any one of the passages given below and answer the questions that follow:
(5)

In life, every man has twin obligation -obligations to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children, and he has an obligation to his people, his community, his country. In a civil and humane society, each man is able to fulfil those obligations according to his own inclinations and abilities. But in a country like South Africa, it was almost impossible for a man of my birth and colour to fulfil both of those obligations. In South Africa, a man of colour who attempted to live as a human being was punished and isolated.

Questions:

1. What twin obligations does the writer mention ?
2. What can one do in a civil and humane society?
3. What was impossible for the blacks in South Africa to do and why?
4. How were the blacks treated if they tried to live as human beings.?
5. Find in the passage words that mean (i) a written contract or bond (ii) to put apart.

Or

The baker made his musical entry on the scene with the jhang, jhang' sound of his specially made bamboo staff. One hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground. He would greet the lady of the house with "Good morning" and then place his basket on the vertical bamboo. We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the

basket, somehow. I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. Loaves for the elders and the bangles for the children. Then we did not even care to brush our teeth or wash our mouths properly. And why should we? Who would take the trouble of plucking the mango-leaf for the toothbrush? And why was it necessary at all? The tiger never brushed his teeth. Hot tea could wash and clean up everything so nicely, after all!

Questions:

1. Name the chapter and its author.
2. How did the baker make his musical entry?
3. What can the author still recall?
4. What did the author and other kids do to look into the baker's basket?
5. Find from the passage words which mean the same as :
(i) helped (ii) welcome.

Q7. Attempt any two of the following questions : (2 X 3 =6)

- (i) Why was Mr Keesing annoyed with Anne Frank? What would he ask her to do?
- (ii) When and why did Maxwell think of keeping an otter as a pet?
- (iii) What type of a person is the conductor in 'Madam Rides the Bus'?
- (iv) How did Siddhartha get the name of the 'Buddha'?

Q8 Attempt any one of the following questions : (6)

'The sight of the food maddened him.' What does this suggest? (His First Flight)

or

Justify the title of the play 'The Proposal'.

Q9. Attempt any one of the following stanzas : (5)

The true Chameleon is small,
A lizard sort of thing:
He hasn't any ears at all, And not a single wing.
If there is nothing on the tree.
'Tis the chameleon you see.

Questions:

1. Name the poem and its poet.
2. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
3. How does a chameleon look like?
4. Where can you see a chameleon?
5. Identify the poetic device used in the given extract.

Or

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.

Questions :

1. Why did Belinda cry for help?
2. How did Ink behave?
3. What did Mustard do when it heard Belinda's cry?
4. Where did the mouse slip away?
5. Name the poem and the poet.

Q10. Attempt any two of the following questions:

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Where was the poet standing and what happened to him there?(Dust of Snow)
- (ii) What is the effect of the loss of the ball on the boy? (The Ball Poem)
- (iii) What is Amanda asked to do or no to do?
- (iv) What did the old religious man declare in the poem 'For Anne Gregory'?

Q11. Attempt any two of the following questions: (2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Why did the thief boy want to become an educated man? (The Thief's Story)
- (ii) Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated? (Footprints without Feet)
- (iii) What did Matilda and her husband do when they found the necklace missing? (The Necklace)
- (iv) Who are in the library on the earth? What are they doing there?
(The Book that Saved the Earth)

Q12. Attempt any one of the following questions : (6)

Give a brief character sketch of Horace Danby. (A Question of Trust)

Or

Why does Think-Tank decide not to invade the earth? (The Book that Saved the Earth)

Answer key

Practice Question paper

Class: 10th

Marking instruction

Question No.	Expected Answers	Marks awarded
1.	Ans. 1 1. (D) All of the above 2. (C) Both A and B 3. (C) Either A or B 4. (B) They said that if the earth were round, people and trees on the other side would fall off. 5. (D) a person making a long journey by sea. 6. Men built their homes in little corners of forests or behind the hills because they were afraid of wild animals, clouds and the winds. 7. Because man thought that gods controlled the clouds and the winds. 8. The earth seemed to be a vast and flat world to the early travellers. 9. They believed that the southern part would be very hot and the northern part would be very cold for anything to live. 10. Because they feared that the steaming waters of the southern seas would boil them like potatoes and kill them	10 Marks (1 Mark each)
2.	Ans. 2 1. Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician. 2. The name of his father was Kuppuswamy Srinivasa Iyengar. 3. He was awarded with the K Ranganatha Rao prize for Mathematics by the school's headmaster.	10 Marks (1 Mark each)

	<p>4. On 6th December 1917, he was elected to the London Mathematical Society.</p> <p>5. December 22 is commemorated as the National mathematics Day in India.</p> <p>6. (C) Tamilnadu</p> <p>7. (C) housewife</p> <p>8. (B) Janaki</p> <p>9. (D) nearly 3900</p> <p>10. (B) commemorated</p>	
3.	<p>Ans. 3</p> <p>(1) (C) would have painted</p> <p>(2) (D) had left</p> <p>(3) (D) Herpreet is a student of Khalsa College, Amritsar.</p> <p>(4) (A) Mahatma Gandhi was cremated at Rajghat, Delhi.</p> <p>(5) (C) the</p> <p>(6) (D) the</p> <p>(7) (B) The teacher ordered the students to stop making a noise.</p> <p>(8) (B) He bade farewell to his friends.</p> <p>(9) (A) May</p> <p>(10) (A) May</p> <p>(11) (A) I did not hear what she said.</p> <p>(12) (A) It is certain that he will pass this year.</p>	10 Marks
4.	<p>Letter</p> <p>Format : 1 mark</p> <p>Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of letter & Complimentary Close</p> <p>Award full marks if all aspects are included. Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.</p> <p>Content : 2 marks</p> <p>Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks</p> <p>Award full marks if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate • Coherent and relevant ideas • One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake <p>Model Answer :</p> <p>971, Housing Board</p>	5 marks

Karnal
5th April 2023

M/s Scientific Goods Emporium
Karnal]

Subject: Request for replacement of damaged goods

Sir

I am writing to express my disappointment with the condition of the goods I recently purchased from your store. I ordered you the following list of items:

1. Anemometer- 10 pieces
2. Audiometer - 10 pieces
3. Barograph - 5 pieces

But all these goods were found in broken condition. The items were not packed properly. Now they are not in a condition to use.

I kindly request a replacement for the damaged items as soon as possible. I rely on the quality and reliability of your products, and I am confident that you will take the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely
Raman

Or

971, Sector 90
Chandigarh
5th May 2023

The Editor
The Tribune
Chandigarh

Subject: Violence against Elderly Living Alone

Sir

	<p>I am writing to express my deep concern about the rising incidents of violence against elderly people living alone in our community. These incidents have become increasingly prevalent, leaving our elderly population vulnerable and fearful.</p> <p>The recent cases of assault, robbery, and even murder targeting elderly individuals living alone are alarming and highlight the need for urgent action. We need to foster a society that respects and cares for its elderly members, ensuring their safety and well-being.</p> <p>I urge the authorities to implement some steps for the protection of the elderly people. These steps may include increased police patrols in neighborhood and establishment of public awareness campaigns and community support groups and outreach programs for elderly individuals.</p> <p>As a community, we have a collective responsibility to protect our elderly members and ensure that they can live their lives with dignity and safety.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Sohan</p>	
5	<p>Ans. 5 Content : 3 marks Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks</p> <p>Once there was a woodcutter. He was very poor. One day, he was cutting its wood on the bank of a river. By chance, his axe fell into the river. He began to cry.</p> <p>The god Mercury appeared there. He said to the woodcutter, "Why are you weeping?" The woodcutter replied, "My axe has fallen into the river. I am too poor to buy a new one".</p> <p>The god dived into the river. He brought out a golden axe. He said to the woodcutter, "Is this your axe ?" The woodcutter replied, "No, my axe was not so beautiful." The god dived again. This time, he came out with a</p>	5 Marks

	<p>silver axe. The woodcutter again said, "This axe is not mine, sir."</p> <p>The god dived for the third time. Now he brought out an old iron axe. The woodcutter cried out, "This is my axe! This is my axe!" The god was very much pleased at the woodcutter's honesty. He gave him the other two axes also. Thus the woodcutter was rewarded for his honesty.</p> <p>Moral: Honesty is the best policy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Advertisement Format : 1 mark Box, Heading, Content, Contact no, Address/ Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Award full marks if all aspects are included <input type="checkbox"/> Award ½ mark if more than one aspect is missing. <input type="checkbox"/> Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. <p>Content : 3 marks</p> <p>Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar - 1 mark</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>ACCOMMODATION WANTED</p> <p>An independent house in Ghaziabad is wanted on a reasonable rent. The house is to be used as residence-cum-clinic and should be airy and well ventilated. It should have at least six rooms with attached bathrooms and ample space for parking two cars. Please contact Dr. Sahil M.D. at mob. number 91xxxxxxx to finalize the things.</p> </div>	
6.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They are the obligations to one's family and to one's people. 2. In a civil and humane ciety, one can fulfil one's obligations according to one's inclinations and abilities. 3. It was impossible for the blacks to fulfil their obligations to their family and people because they were not free to do what they had. 4. They were punished and put into prison. 	5 Marks

	<p>5. (i) obligation = a written contract bond; (ii) to isolate = to separate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the chapter is 'A Baker from Goa' and the name of the author is Lucio Rodrigues. 2. He made his musical entry with the jhang, jhang' sound of his specially made staff. 3. He can still recall the typical fragrance of the loaves. 4. They climbed a bench or the parapet and somehow peeped into the baker's basket. 5. (i) supported (ii) greet. 	
7.	<p>Ans. 7.</p> <p>(i) Suggested value points : Anne was in habit of talking, maths teacher got angry, extra homework, impressed him with her wit.</p> <p>Model Answer : Mr Keesing found Anne Frank talking too much in the classroom. So he got annoyed with her. He would give her extra homework to do as a punishment. But she impressed her teacher with her wit and humour and after that he never punished her.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested value points : an otter instead of a dog, Camusfearna a suitable place, ringed by water, thought came in 1956.</p> <p>Model Answer : Maxwell thought of keeping an otter instead of a dog as a pet. The reason was that he thought Camusfearna would be a suitable place for an otter because it was ringed by water. It had water at a stone's throw from his door. It would be a suitable place for an otter to live in. This thought came to him in 1956 when he had gone to Basra.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested value points : a jolly man, offered her drink, take bus ride in future, kind hearted man.</p> <p>Model Answer : The bus conductor was a kind and jolly man. He addressed Valli as 'madam' in a light-hearted manner.</p>	2 X 3 = 6

	<p>At the bus station, he offered to buy her a drink since she did not have any money to buy it. In the end he asked her to enjoy the bus ride whenever she wanted. All this shows that the conductor was a kind-hearted person.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested value points : Gautama enjoyed a royal life, moved by some sights, renounced the palace, after getting enlightenment came to be known as Buddha. (Any other relevant point)</p> <p>Model Answer : Siddhartha Gautama was a prince. He was enjoying a comfortable life with his wife and son. One day, during his hunting, he saw an elderly man, a sick man, a funeral procession and a monk. These sights moved him very much. He left his royal palace and wandered for seven years in the search of enlightenment. After being enlightened, he came to be known as the 'Buddha'.</p>	
8.	<p>Ans. 8.</p> <p>Suggested value points : Hunger the biggest motivating factor, the young seagull famished for 24 hours, watches mother tearing fish, begs her to get food, mother flies to him, he dives at food, takes his first flight, hunger compels him to take his first flight.</p> <p>Model Answer : Hunger is the biggest motivating factor among all living beings. A hungry bird, animal or human being can take any risk to have food. The same thing happens with the young seagull. He is famished for 24 hours. It is hunger that ultimately compels him to fly. His hunger becomes keener when he sees his mother tearing at a piece of fish. He cries to her and begs her to get some food. When his mother comes towards him with food in her beak, he screams with joy. However, she stops midway. He wonders why she does not come nearer. Not being able to resist or control the hunger any longer, he dives at the food. At this moment his hunger overpowers his fear of the great expanse of the sea. Finally, he takes his first flight.</p>	6 Marks

	<p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Suggested value points : Proposal means the formal act of asking for marriage, title quite apt, Lomov goes to Chubukov's house to propose his daughter, Chubukov goes mad with joy, but very soon start quarreling, Lomov faints, Chubukov puts Natalya's hand into his hand, proposal accepted without being made.</p> <p>Model Answer : The title of the play 'The Proposal' is quite apt and suitable. A proposal means the formal act of asking somebody for marriage. The play is about a young man's proposal of marriage to a young girl. The central characters in the play are Lomov, Natalaya and Chubukov. Lomov goes to Chubukov's house to propose his daughter Natalya. Chubukov goes mad with joy. But very soon, he and his daughter enter into a useless argument with Lomov. They abuse each other. The quarrel becomes so bitter that Lomov can stand it no longer and faints. Natalya begins to cry because she thinks Lomov is dead. She thinks that all her chances of getting married are now lost. Lomov moves a little. At once, Chubukov puts Lomov's hand into Natalya's hand. He says to him, "Hurry up and get married. She is willing!" Natalya says, "Yes, yes, I am willing." The proposal is accepted without being made. Thus the title of the play is quite apt.</p>	
9.	<p>Ans.9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the poem is "How to Tell Wild Animals' and its poet is Carolyn Wells. 2. The rhymes scheme of the stranger is ababcc. 3. It looks like a sort of lizard. 4. We can see it on a tree. 5. The poetic device used in this extract is 'Poetic License'. <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She cried for help because a pirate had broken into her house. 2. It ran away to the bottom of the house. 	5 Marks

	<p>3. Afraid and yelping loudly, it ran away from there.</p> <p>4. The mouse slipped away into his hole.</p> <p>5. The name of the poem is 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' and its poet is Ogden Nash.</p>	
10.	<p>Ans. 10.</p> <p>(i) Suggested Value Points : the poet standing under a hemlock tree, a crow shook off the dust of snow, it fell on the poet, brought out a sudden change in the poet's mood.</p> <p>Model Answer : The poet is standing beneath a hemlock tree. A crow shook off the dust of snow that had settled on it. When the dust fell on the poet, a sudden change came in his mood. It ended all the regret that had occupied his mind earlier. Thus it saved his day from any further sadness.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested Value Points : the boy in grief, standing rigid with desperate eyes, valuable learning takes place, the lesson of life.</p> <p>Model Answer : The boy is in deep grief over the loss of the ball. He is standing rigid and trembling. His eyes look desperate. But the poet thinks that a valuable learning takes place in his mind. He is learning how to put up with the loss of material things. He is learning the real lesson of life.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested Value Points : Amanda is asked not to bite nails, hunch shoulders and eat chocolate, asked to finish her homework, tidy her room and clean her shoes.</p> <p>Model Answer : Amanda is asked not to bite her nails, not to hunch her shoulders and not to eat chocolate. She is asked to sit up straight, to finish her homework, to tidy her room and to clean her shoes. In fact, she is constantly instructed to do this or not to do that.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested Value Points : old religious man declaring something, found a text, it says God loves you for yourself alone, God does not consider physical appearance.</p>	2 x 3 =6 Marks

	<p>Model Answer : The poet says that he heard an old religious man declaring something the previous night. The old man found a text in the Bible . It said, " It is only God who loves you for yourself alone and not for the colour of your hair." The poet means to say that God loves a man for his inner worth not for his physical appearance. God showers His love upon all without any bias.</p>	
11.	<p>Ans. 11</p> <p>(i) Suggested Value Points : wanted to become an educated man, he could become a big man, no end to his achievements, grateful to Anil.</p> <p>Model Answer : The thief boy wanted to become an educated man because he thought that he could become a big man if he became educated. After getting education there could be no end to his achievements. That was why when Anil started teaching him alphabets, he felt grateful to him.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested Value Points : the two boys fascinated to see imprints of a bare footed man, found nobody there, started following the footsteps, became fainter and disappeared.</p> <p>Model Answer : The two boys saw imprints of a bare footed man. But they could see no man there. They started following the footsteps. They found that the footprints became fainter and then disappeared completely. All this surprised and fascinated them.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested Value Points : looked in the folds of dress, her husband went to police station, put an advertisement, their efforts failed.</p> <p>Model Answer : Matilda looked in the folds of the dress and pockets of the cloak. Her husband went out to find it. He went to the police station and to the cab offices. He put an advertisement in the newspaper offering reward. Both</p>	2 x 3 =6 Marks

	<p>of them tried to find it everywhere. But all their efforts failed to find the necklace.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested Value Points : crew members of martian space, Probe one in the library, Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota, Sergeant Oop, collecting information about the earth before the invasion.</p> <p>Model Answer : The crew members of the martian space probe called 'Probe One' are in the library. They include Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota and Sergeant Oop. They are collecting information about the earth before the invasion.</p>	
12.	<p>Ans.12</p> <p>Suggested Value Points : Horace Danby about 50 years old and unmarried, made locks, having a good reputation but not completely honest, robbed a safe every year to read rare and expensive books, things went wrong while robbing at Shotover Grange, duped by smart female thief, left fingerprints everywhere and caught for a crime not committed for himself, put into jail for 15 years.</p> <p>Model Answer : Horace Danby was about fifty years old. He was unmarried. He made locks and had two helpers. He had a good reputation in the society. But he was not completely honest. He used to rob a safe every year and he had his own reason for that. He was fond of reading rare and expensive books. So he stole only once a year. He planned his robberies very well. He was always successful at them. But at the time of his robbery at Shotover Grange, he was duped by a smart female thief. He was expert in his profession yet the young lady befuddled him by her appearance. He could neither suspect her presence nor was he aware of the outcome. He was caught for a crime he had not committed for himself. He would surely regret his overconfidence that put him to jail for fifteen years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Suggested Value Points :</p>	6 Marks

Martians come to the earth to collect information, land in a public library, never seen the books, books are sandwiches, second guess that they are communication devices, Captain Omega picks up colourful book of nursery rhymes, derives meaning from the rhyme, earthlings are planning to invade Mars and decides not to invade the earth.

Model Answer :

The martians come to the earth to collect information about it before the invasion. They land in a public library. They have never seen the books. The ruler of Mars Think-Tank takes the books to be sandwiches. He asks Sergeant Oop to take a bite of it. Oop tells him that it is not tasty at all. Then Think-Tank guesses that the books are communication devices. He asks Captain Omega to pick up a colourful book and see what is in it. She finds that it is a book of nursery rhymes. She cannot understand what is written in that book. She tries to derive her own meanings from the rhymes. She says that the earthlings are planning to invade Mars. So Think-Tank decides no to invade the earth. He orders the invasion fleet to evacuate the planet Mars and go a hundred million miles away from it. He orders a special space capsule for his own escape.