

SECTION-A**READING**

- 1.A** (a) (4) seal (b) (1) locals (c) (3) isles (d) (2) a fan
- B.** (e) It is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
(f) The letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city.
(g) The chief postmaster, John Samuel renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'.
(h) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood.
- 2.A** (a) Some of the common symptoms of an allergic reaction are; a stuffed or dripping nose, frequent sneezing, an itchy throat, rash, sinus, ear pain, difficulty in breathing, stomach cramps, and itchy, red or watery eyes.
(b) Common environmental pollutants are; pollen, dust, polluted outdoor air and indoor pollutants, such as dust mites, animal dander, cigarette smoke and mould.
(c) An acute immune reaction is caused by a combination of factors, though the allergy trigger may be one. For example, stress, lifestyle induced changes, hormonal changes, etc. are thought to be some triggers.
(d) Avoiding the allergy trigger and taking an anti-allergy medicine as soon as there is exposure to an allergen is the best possible way to prevent from getting allergies.
- B.** (e) (3) symptoms (f) (2) sterile (g) (1) cling (h) (4) series

SECTION-B**WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

- 3.** Sunshine Prep High School
19 May 20xx
The Manager
Messer New Sports, Meerut
Subject : Complaint regarding defective sports articles.

Dear Sir,

Through this letter, I would like to draw your kind attention towards the parcel of sports articles, which I had ordered for the school. The articles delivered are defective and quite old. Many of the sports articles are damaged while others appear to be quite old and are not in a condition to be served to our students. Therefore, I request you to kindly replace them with new ones as soon as possible. The bill is attached with this letter as a proof of purchase.

Hope you will cooperate with us.

Yours sincerely,

Arihant / Aparajita

OR**River Pollution****By XYZ**

Rivers are the biggest source of fresh water. They are, therefore, our lifeline for survival. It is really sad to see the most of our rivers are increasingly being polluted because of our negligence and irresponsibility. Untreated sewage and waste from the industries are continuously dumped into rivers. Religious ceremonies are also responsible for river pollution. Immersion of idols, disposal of garlands and flowers end up polluting the water. Similarly, ashes after cremation are also poured into rivers. An uncontrolled disposal of urban wastes into water bodies, open dumps and poorly designed landfills cause surface water and ground water contamination. Industrial waste containing heavy metal, such as mercury, chromium, lead and arsenic, can threaten or destroy marine life. Health hazards, such as malaria, filariasis, hepatitis and cholera can also spread. River pollution can pose a serious threat to both the environment and the human health. Continuous river pollution can disrupt the ecological balance and lead to the loss of biodiversity. Rising pollution is thus, a critical problem and the government must implement necessary steps to mitigate it.

4.**AN ENCOUNTER WITH AN ALIEN**

I loved reading about life on other planets. Well that is what I loved to do, of course the only other thing was watching movies like ET, Aliens, Men In Black, etc. the commonality being the aliens. My friends and parents laughed at me and said that I was moving away from the real world. I was also told that I might end up looking like an alien, if I do not pay attention to other things in life. But my love for aliens was beyond all this. Whatever anyone said, I loved anything and everything about them. One day, I was walking in the school all alone thinking about the new alien fiction that someone had told me about. I wanted to check if our librarian had ordered it. How I would have loved to lay my hands on it! Suddenly, I heard a strange whirring noise. I turned around and saw some strange creatures. It was in fact like one of those alien creature that I had seen in the movies – big eyes, green in colour, two pairs of heads and arms with multiple tentacles on their heads. Thinking it to be a figment of my imagination, I pinched myself hard, only to realise that they were in fact there. One of the aliens said something to the other. Some more aliens joined him. They abducted me and took me to their planet. When I came about, I could see people in white coats standing all around me with needles and various other instruments in their hands. Scared, I tried to push away their hands. Suddenly, I heard one of them speaking in English. The voice seemed to be quite like that of someone whom I knew. The person was asking me to be given an injection. I tried to resist but couldn't and slept off. Next day, when I woke up, I was in my bed with my parents near me. It seems I had high fever and had fainted in the school. Now the truth, what was the truth, was that really the case? Did I just imagine because of my sickness or did all that happen? Only God knows!

OR**FORGIVENESS : A GREAT VIRTUE**

It was late at night. Rahul was wondering what to tell his parents. The parent-teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow. But he was scared of informing them. He had forgotten to finish his homework and therefore, bunked the school. He had played in the park the whole time and returned home only in the evening. He had been scolded for missing school. There was no way out. His father was very strict and his mother would also get angry if she came to know. His teacher was sure to inform his parents. He decided to cook up a story. By night, he thought of a story, mustered up courage, and after dinner went to his parents' bedroom. He knocked on the door lightly. His parents asked him to come inside. He went inside, opened his mouth to speak,

but then no words came out. He decided to try once again but the same thing happened. Finally, he tried a third time, but failed again. Tears started rolling down his eyes. Concerned, his mother rushed to him and asked him why he was crying. Slowly, Rahul told his parents the full incident. His parents were angry at first, but then when they saw that Rahul was feeling really guilty and was apologetic, they pardoned him. Rahul promised to be regular in going to school and in doing his homework every day. Since that day, Rahul's grades began improving, everyone was amazed, but no one knew the real reason.

5. (a) (3) of (b) (2) itself (c) (3) will (d) (1) all
 (e) (1) is (f) (4) which (g) (3) which (h) (4) out
6. **Incorrect Correct Incorrect Correct**
 (a) arrive arrived (b) many much
 (c) grew grown (d) has had
 (e) their there (f) for to
 (g) establish established (h) to by
7. (a) The doctor first makes a diagnosis of an illness.
 (b) Then he or she decides what kind of treatment is needed.
 (c) Many illnesses can be treated with a course of drug.
 (d) The doctor may operate if the case is serious.

SECTION-C
LITERATURE

8. (a) Otter.
 (b) It looked like a small medieval-conceived dragon.
 (c) This was because nobody gave him a bath.
 (d) The otter has been described as a soft velvet fur like that of a chocolate-brown mole.
- OR**
- (a) The speaker asks Amanda to stop sulking.
 (b) Amanda did not sulk, but she had some bad habits like nail biting.
 (c) Amanda was a freedom-loving and moody girl.
 (d) The speaker fears that people will think that he nags Amanda.
9. (a) Peggy thought that she was satisfied that she never called Wanda a foreigner or made fun of her name. She also said that she never thought Wanda had even the sense to know that they were making fun of her. She realised her mistake of thinking that Wanda was not bright enough to understand her insult.
 (b) Custard, the dragon, jumped and snorted like an engine. He struck the pirate with his tail like iron. There were different sounds of clatter, clank and jangle. He attached the pirate as a robin attacks a worm.
 (c) Valli's source of unending joy was to have a bus ride. That was her tiny wish which grew into a strong desire with the passage of time. Her desire turned into a longing as she wistfully stared at the faces of the passengers who got on or off the bus.
 (d) The poet sees the boy whose ball has fallen into the harbour. He describes the effect of the loss on the boy. The boy is shaken with grief. He trembles and stares down the harbour. His past days come alive in his mind.
 (e) Bholi's marriage was going to take place with Bishamber who himself was forty five or fifty yearsold. He also limped and had two children from his first wife. Even then he demanded five thousand rupees as dowry. Bholi stopped the marriage by throwing away the garland in the fire. She threw away veil and asked her father to take back the money and refuse to marry Bishamber.

- (f) The second rhyme was about the cat and the fiddle, wherein the cow jumped over the moon, the dog laughed to see it and the dish ran away with the spoon. Think-Tank misinterpreted it. He thought that earthing had taught their domesticated animals musical culture and space techniques. They might be launching an interplanetary attack on millions of cows!
- (g) After two or three days, Tricki mixed up with the household dogs. He had a lot of fun and exercise there. He ran about with the dogs. He enjoyed being bowled over, tramped on and squashed. Thus, they accepted him as their member.

10. The young seagull came to the brink of the ledge. He stood there on one leg with the other leg hidden under his wing. He closed his one eye, then the other, and pretended to be falling asleep. He did so because he wanted to know whether they were interested in him or not but he observed that his family was not noticing him. He saw his brothers and sister lying on the plateau (elevated plain). They were dozing (sleeping). His father was preening the feathers on his white back. Only his mother was looking at him. Now and then, she tore a piece of fish that lay at her feet. Then she scrapped each side of the back on the rock.

OR

By a close reading of the lesson, it can be said that Maddie is an emotional girl. Being a close friend of Peggy, she remains by her side when Peggy teases Wanda but she feels bad for her. She decides to write a note to Peggy to stop teasing Wanda but tears it as she doesn't want to be the next target of fun. In the end, she decides to stand against anyone who teases other, even if she has to lose her friend, which shows her emotional attribute.

As compared to Maddie, Peggy is an arrogant girl. She teases Wanda by asking her about dresses, but she is not cruel as she helps children from bullies and cries when she sees an animal being hurt. But she tries to make fun of Wanda everytime and defends herself.

So, both the girls have different personalities and attributes which can be directed by their actions.

11. Mme Forestier turns out to be an interesting character. She plays a very vital role in the story. As a friend to Matilda, we find her to be really genuine as she helps Matilda in the hour of her need. When Mme Loisel needs to borrow jewels, she turns to Mme Forestier. Mme Forestier does not refuse. Displaying her generosity, she opens up the entire array (arrangement) of her jewels for Matilda to choose from. Also, she is considerate when Loisels delay the return of the necklace. Surprisingly, at the end of the story, she concludes the entire narrative.

Without even a moment's hesitation, she reveals to Matilda that her necklace was just a fake. She is not at all worried in the light of the fact that she may have to return the necklace. It shows her honesty. Rather, she like a true friend, feels bad for Matilda at her unnecessary suffering. We find her sympathising with Mme Loisel. She is indeed a gem of a friend.

OR

Both Mrs Hall and her husband were surprised to find the scientist's room door open because normally it was always locked. So they peeped in, but found nobody there. The clothes and bandages that he always wore were lying about the room. Suddenly, Mrs Hall heard a sniff close to her ear and the hat on the bedpost leapt up and dashed itself into her face. Then the bedroom chair sprang into the air and pushed both of them out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them.

Mrs Hall became hysterical and almost fell down the stairs. She thought that her furniture was haunted. They decided to confront the scientist next time when they met him.