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Dear Students,

Any effort of learning demands an utmost dedication. Here, we are trying to bring forth an attempt to invite your kind attention towards a better understanding of some basic aspects or intricacies of English, as a part of your preparation to appear for the final examinations. Hope this study material addresses the issues and makes it a happy learning experience.

COMPREHENSION

Comprehending any question depends a lot on the reader's ability to read, interpret, assimilate and then respond. This in turn, depends on the interpretation of the question word and a vocabulary to present ones views precisely or effectively. So, it is obvious that one has to keep in mind the important question words and the key word expected in the response as an answer. Please take note of the few important question words given hence forth.

Important Question words - Key word in the answer

1. Who - Person
2. What - A thing / object
3. Which - A choice / alternative
4. Where - Place/position
5. When - Time/ occasion
6. How - Way / Manner
7. Why - Reason / Explanation
8. How long - Duration / period
9. How many - Number of persons or things
10. How much - Quantity of something
11. How old - Age
12. How often - Frequency
13. How far - Distance
14. Pick out / Find out a word - Write only a word
15. Pick out /Find out words or phrases - Write words or phrases (group of words)

ANALYSING TEXTUAL PASSAGES AND POEMS

While analysing textual passages and poems, one should consider the above set of Question Words to interpret the meaning accordingly. So, it may be better to remember the keyword corresponding to the given question word so as to answer the questions in a rightful manner.

Question: Read the given passage from the story, Adventures in a Banyan Tree and answer the following questions

My first friend and familiar was a small grey squirrel. Arching his back and sniffing into the air, he seemed at first to resent my invasion of his privacy. But, when he found that I did not arm myself with a catapult or air-gun, he became friendlier. And, when I started leaving him pieces of cake and biscuit, he grew bolder, and finally became familiar enough to take food from my hands. Before long he was delving into my pockets and helping himself to whatever he could find. He was a very young squirrel, and his friends and relatives probably thought him headstrong and foolish for trusting a human.

1. Who is mentioned as the narrator's first friend?
2. How did the squirrel show his resentment?
3. What made the squirrel grow bolder?
4. Which word in the passage means 'explore'?
5. Why did the squirrel's friends and relatives think the squirrel to be 'foolish'?

Answers

1. A small grey squirrel is mentioned as the narrator's first friend.
2. The squirrel arched its back and sniffed into the air to show his resentment.
3. When the narrator started leaving pieces of cake and biscuit for the squirrel, it grew bolder.
4. Delve
5. The friends and relatives of the squirrel thought him to be foolish for trusting a human.

Question: Read the given passage from the story, Adventures in a Banyan Tree and answer the following questions

Cobra knew only too well that the grey mongoose, three feet long, was a superb fighter, clever and aggressive. But the cobra was skilful and experienced fighter too. He could move swiftly and strike with the speed of light, and the sacs behind his long, sharp fangs were full of deadly venom.

It was to be a battle of champions.

Hissing defiance, his forked tongue darting in and out, the cobra raised three of his six feet off the ground, and spread his broad, spectacled hood. The mongoose bushed his tail. The long hair on his spine stood up (in the past, the very thickness of his hair had saved him from bites that would have been fatal to others).

1. What qualities of the mongoose were known to the cobra very well?
2. How can you say that the cobra was also as good as the mongoose?
3. Quote the sentence from the passage that shows the fight was going to be among the equals.
4. Give an example for onomatopoeia from the given passage.
5. Mention the synonym for 'deadly' used in the passage.

Answers:

1. The cobra knew that the mongoose was a superb fighter, clever and aggressive.
2. The cobra was skilful and experienced fighter. He could move swiftly and strike with the speed of light, had fangs with deadly venom as well.
3. "It was to be a battle of champions".
4. Hiss.
5. Fatal.

Read the following excerpt from 'The Snake and the Mirror' and answer the questions that follow.

A few drops of blood glistened on the cobra's back. The cobra struck again and missed. Again the mongoose sprang aside, jumped in and bit. Again the birds dived at the snake, bumped into each other instead, and returned shrieking to the safety of the cactus.

1. What glistened on the cobra's back?
2. What did the cobra do?
3. How did the mongoose react to the cobra's strike?
4. Who dived at the snake?
5. Where did the birds return back to safety?

ANSWERS

1. A few drops of blood glistened on the cobra's back.
2. The cobra struck the mongoose again but missed.
3. The mongoose sprang aside, jumped in and bit.
4. The birds dived at the snake.
5. The birds returned shrieking to the safety of the cactus.

Read the following excerpt from The Snake and the Mirror and answer the questions that follow.

It was a hot summer night about ten o'clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the Kerosene lamp on the table.

- 1) What is the time mentioned here ?
- 2) Where did the doctor have his meal ?
- 3) What was the familiar sound that the doctor heard ?
- 4) Who shared the room with the doctor ?
- 5) What did he use for light instead of electricity ?
- 6) ' I had just set up medical practice.' Begin the sentence with 'Medical practice'.

Answers

- 1) The time was ten o'clock at night.
- 2) The doctor had his meal in a restaurant.
- 3) The sound of rats from the roof.
- 4) The rats shared the room with the doctor.
- 5) He used a kerosene lamp instead of electricity.
- 6) Medical practice had been just set up by me.

Read the following excerpt from The Snake and the Mirror and answer the questions that follow.

One feels tempted to look into a mirror when it is near. I took a look. In those days I was a great admirer of beauty and I believed in making myself look handsome. I was unmarried and was a doctor. I felt I had to make my presence felt. I picked up the comb and ran it through my hair and adjusted the parting. So that it looked straight and neat. Again I heard that sound from above.

- 1) What is one tempted to do ?
- 2) Where did he take a look ?
- 3) What was the narrator by profession ?
- 4) Why did he take much care in beauty those days ?
- 5) What is the word 'parting' related to ?

Answers

- 1) One is tempted to look into a mirror.
- 2) He took a look into the mirror.
- 3) He was a doctor.
- 4) He was an unmarried doctor.
- 5) The word 'parting' is related to hair.

Read the following excerpt from *The Snake and the Mirror* and answer the questions that follow.

The doctor replied, “I ran and ran till I reached a friend’s house. Immediately I smeared oil all over myself and took a bath. I changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight-thirty I took my friend and one or two others to my room to move my things from there. But we found we had little to carry. Some thief had removed most of my things. The room had been cleaned out! But not really, the thief had left behind one thing as a final insult!

- 1) Where did the doctor run to ?
- 2) Which word in the passage means to spread oil or cream ?
- 3) Why did the doctor take his friends and some others along with him ?
- 4) What was the only thing the thief did not take ?
- 5) Why did the doctor have little to carry ?

Answers

- 1) The doctor ran to a friend’s house.
- 2) Smear
- 3) He feared that the snake might be still in the room.
- 4) The thief did not take with him the dirty vest.
- 5) The doctor had little to carry because the thief had taken away most of the things.

Read the excerpt from ‘Project Tiger’ and answer the questions that follow.

Mr. Thorat’s men had fixed a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area where the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar made of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing. The other end was tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod. The door of one of the cages was unfastened and Mr. Thorat called out to the tiger. It responded almost at once and sprang out of its cage to land on the open space outside. What followed was totally unexpected. One look at Mr. Thorat’s startled and helpless face told us that he was as taken aback as the rest of us. Instead of walking sedately in a dignified manner, the tiger started prancing around with tremendous enthusiasm. It leapt, it jumped, it rolled about dragging its poor trainer who was desperately clutching the wire tied to the tiger’s collar in a futile attempt to bring it under control. We stood around foolishly, watching a new and strange kind of circus, which we were getting to see for free.

- 1) How did the film crew expect the tiger to behave? How did it really behave?
- 2) Why did they use a collar made of tiger skin to fix the wire ?
- 3) What did Mr. Thorat’s startled and helpless face reveal ?
- 4) Identify an expression which reveals Styajith Ray’s sense of humour.
- 5) Pick out from the passage two words/phrases similar in meaning to ‘shocked’.
- 6) Complete the sentence suitably ?
No sooner had the tiger.....

Answers:

- 1) The film crew expected the tiger to walk sedately in a dignified manner. But the tiger started prancing around with tremendous enthusiasm.
- 2) They used a collar made of tiger skin to fix the wire because the neck could be flattened by the wire and it might spoil the scene.
- 3) Mr. Thorat's startled and helpless face revealed that he was also taken aback like the others.
- 4) "Watching a new kind of circus".
- 5) Taken aback, startled
- 6) No sooner had the tiger sprang out of the cage than the people ran away.

Read the excerpt from 'Project Tiger' and answer the questions that follow.

Needless to say, in our own country, it is not at all easy to find trained animals, although some films have been made in Bombay and Madras that involved working with elephants, horses and tigers. Their performance did suggest that they were used to obeying commands. In Bengal, it is sometimes possible to find clever dogs, particularly police dogs which are quite intelligent. If one is prepared to be patient, it is not altogether impossible to get good performance out of them as we managed to do with Bhulo in Pather Panchali.

Yet, a dog might be difficult, not impossible to handle. What was one supposed to do if there was need for a tiger in a film? We had to deal with this problem, too, when we were shooting Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. In the film Goopy who is banished by the king wanders in the forest, meets Bagha who is also been banished. They see a tiger and freeze. But the tiger simply walks about in the forest, without paying them the slightest attention.

Question :

- 1) Was it easy to find trained animals in the country, according to Ray?
- 2) What did the performance of elephants, horses and tigers suggest?
- 3) Which dogs are supposedly intelligent or termed as clever dogs in the passage?
- 4) Who were supposed to meet in the forest as per the scene with the tiger in the movie, Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne?
- 5) The traitor was driven away. Replace the phrasal verb with the word from the passage.

Possible Answers

- 1) No. It was not at all easy to find trained animals in the country according to Ray.
- 2) Their performance suggested that they were used to obeying commands.
- 3) The police dogs in Bengal.
- 4) Goopy and Bagha.
- 5) Banished.

Read the following paragraphs from the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' and answer the questions that follow.

There was a pause. The three of us, the sergeant the landlady and me, as the sole witnesses of the near tragedy had the same unspoken thought on our minds.

The sergeant, at considerable risk to his job, resolved to make no report on the case, so that no court proceedings would result. The landlady offered a month's free board until he should get upon his feet again. While I, making perhaps the least contribution came forward with seven pounds ten shillings for him to put back on the office safe.

1. Who were the sole witnesses of the tragedy?
2. What was the unspoken thought in their minds?
3. What was the risk on the part of the sergeant?
4. Find out the expression from the paragraph which means "to help someone to stand up after a fall."
5. Whose contribution was the least among the three?

Answer

1. The Sergeant, the landlady and the narrator.
2. The suicide attempt of the young man.
3. The Sergeant was a government servant. Timely reporting of the suicide attempt was the responsibility of a sergeant. Hiding an incident would be treated as a lapse on the part of him. He could even lose his job.
4. Get up on his feet.
5. The narrator's contribution was the least one.

Analysing Textual Poem

Question: Read the given lines from the poem, Lines Written in Early Spring and answer the following questions

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.
To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

1. What does the poet mean by 'a thousand blended notes'?
2. Where does the poet sit in reclining?
3. What is the change in thoughts mentioned in the first stanza?
4. Bring out the poetic craft used in the line, 'What man has made of man'?

Answers

1. The beautiful sounds of nature.
2. The poet sits reclining in a grove.
3. The pleasant thoughts change into sad thoughts.
4. Alliteration is used in the given line.

Question: Read the given lines from the poem, **Lines Written in Early Spring** and prepare a note of appreciation for it.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

Answer:

Note of Appreciation

'Lines Written in Early Spring' is a poem, which celebrates the relation between man and nature, written by the most celebrated poet of nature William Wordsworth.

The poet feels that nature and its ways are truly mesmerizing, which brings happiness into the lives of man. The primrose and the periwinkle just add so much beauty into the bower by making their wreaths, which makes him feel in turn that they enjoy the air they breathe. Similarly, the hopping of the birds brings in pleasure in his minds as well. Along with it, the budding twigs too seem to spread out to catch the breezy air. All these thrilling sights enthrall the onlooker and he feels blessed to be a part of this wonderful creation of God. In fact the nature is full of such enchanting aspects.

The imagery could be found in the expressions like, 'primrose tufts', 'green bower', 'the birds around me hopped and played' and 'the budding twigs spread out their fan'. Personification is expressed through the line, 'every flower Enjoys the air it breathes' and 'the budding twigs spread out their fan to catch the breezy air'. The rhyme scheme used in the given lines is ab ab.

Overall, the given lines make us realise the fact that there is pleasure in the nature through such wonderful aspects.

Read the given lines of the poem, Lines Written in Early Spring and answer the following questions

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

Questions:

1. What is the relation between man and the nature according to the poet?
2. What is the rhyme scheme used in the given stanzas?
3. Pick an instance of alliteration from the given lines,
4. Bring out the imagery in the line,
 'And 'tis my faith that every flower'
 'Enjoys the air it breathes.'

Answer:

1. Man is an inseparable part of the nature or man is always close to nature.
2. Rhyme scheme used in the poem is abab.
3. 'What man has made of man'.
4. Tactile image.

Question: Attempt a note of **appreciation** of the above lines focussing on the theme and the poetic craft.

Answer: Appreciation

These lines are from the poem, Lines Written in Early Spring by William Wordsworth. Here the poet is speaking about man's relation with the beautiful nature, but in turn feels sad for his deeds.

The poet feels that man is a part of nature and can never be away from it. So, he is linked to the fair works of nature, since all are equal in the eyes of nature. But, man through his selfish means has been doing everything against Mother Nature making him utter, 'What man has made of man.' He says that this nature has beautiful flowers like primrose, which in tufts make their own wreaths and similarly, every flower enjoys its own existence in this beautiful nature enjoying the air it breathes.

The lines have a rhyme scheme which is abab with the use of rhyming words being link-think, ran-man, bower-flower and wreaths-breathes. The use of alliteration can be seen in the line, 'And much it grieved my heart to think'. There are other examples as well. 'Periwinkle trailed its wreaths' is an example for personification and tactile image could be felt in the line, 'And 'tis my faith that every flower, Enjoys the air it breathes.'

Overall, the given lines convey the thoughts of the poet quite exquisitely.

Read the lines from the poem "The Ballad of father Gilligan" and answer the questions that follow.

I The old priest Peter Gilligan
 Was weary night and day
 For half his flock were in their beds
 Or under green sods lay.

 Once, while he nodded in a nodded chair
 At the moth-hour of the eve
 Another poor man sent for him,
 And he began to grieve.

Questions:

- 1) Why was Father Gilligan weary day and night ?
- 2) What happened to his flock ?
- 3) Pick out the lines that say many of his people in the parish were buried.
- 4) What is the time mentioned in the second stanza ?
- 5) Why did the Father begin to grieve ?

Possible Answers

- 1) He was performing his priestly duties of giving last sacrament to the people of his parish.
- 2) Half of his flock were ill or dead due to the epidemic.
- 3) Or under green sods lay.
- 4) Dusk.
- 5) The Father began to grieve because a poor man had sent for him to conduct the last communion.

II 'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
 For people die and die;
 And after cried he, 'God forgive!
 My body spake not I!'

 He knelt, and leaning on the chair
 He prayed and fell asleep;
 And the moth-hour went from the fields,
 And stars began to peep.

They slowly into millions grew,
And leaves shook in the wind
And God covered the world with shade
And whispered to mankind.

Questions:

- 1) What was the grievance of the priest ?
- 2) Why did he kneel and seek forgiveness from God ?
- 3) What does the line 'My body spake not I' mean ?
- 4) 'They slowly into millions grew' What is 'they' referred to here ?
- 5) Pick out an example of metaphor from the given lines.

Possible Answers

- 1) The priest had no rest, joy or peace. He had been working day and night.
- 2) He complained about his weariness. It was against the will of God. It was sinful and a challenge to God.
- 3) He realises that his complaints about his weariness was sinful and a challenge to God. So he confesses that it is his body that speaks so and not he.
- 4) Stars.
- 5) And God covered the world with shade. 'Shade' here stands for night.

III Upon the time of sparrow chirp
When the moths came once more,
The old priest Peter Gilligan
Stood upright on the floor.

'Mavrone, mavrone! The man has died one
While I slept in the chair.'
He roused his horse out of its sleep
And rode with little care.

He rode now as he never rode,
By rocky lane and fen;
The sick man's wife opened the door,
'Father! you come again!'

Questions:

- 1) What is meant by 'upon the time of sparrow chirp' ?
- 2) Why did the priest lament 'Mavrone, mavrone'?
- 3) Why did the Father ride with little care ?
- 4) Why was the sick man's wife surprised to see Father Gilligan again ?

Possible Answers

- 1) Up on the time of Sparrow chirp refers to early morning.
- 2) Priest Gilligan could not perform the last prayer to the sickman shortly before his death. So he was guilty and lamented.
- 3) The priest felt guilty as he could not render the last communion to the sick man. So he was very anxious and rode fast to reach the sick man's house without caring his safety.
- 4) Her husband had received the last prayer from the priest and died very peacefully. But since the priest had come again the next morning, she was surprised.

IV 'And is the poor man dead?' he cried
 'He died an hour ago.'
 The old priest Peter Gilligan
 In grief swayed to swayed and fro.

'When you were gone, he turned and died,
 As merry as a bird.'
 The old priest Peter Gilligan
 He knelt him at that word.

Questions:

- 1) Why was the priest overcome with grief at the words of the widow ?
- 2) 'He knelt him at that word.' Why ?
- 3) 'The sick man died very happily' which line says so ?
- 4) Pick out an instance for simile from these lines.
- 5) 'And is the poor man dead' ? What does the word 'poor' mean ?

Possible Answers

- 1) The priest was very sad because he could not render the last rites to the sick man.
- 2) The widow's words made Father Gilligan realise that the merciful God had extended his helping hand to him by offering the last prayer to the dying man.
- 3) He turned and died as merry as a bird.
- 4) As merry as a bird.
- 5) Sick or dying

V 'He Who hath made the night of stars
 For souls who tire and bleed,
 Sent one of this great angels down,
 To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes,
 With planets in His care
 Had pity on the least of things
 Asleep upon a chair.'

Questions:

- 1) He who hath made the night of stars/For souls who tire and bleed. What do these lines mean ?
- 2) How were Peter Gilligan and the sick man blessed by the God ?
- 3) 'Had pity on the least of things.' What impression do you get about Father Gilligan ?
- 4) He who is wrapped in purple robes with planets in his care. Who is 'he' referred to ?

Possible Answers

- 1) The poet says that God had made the night of stars for the troubled humanity with balm of soothing sleep.
- 2) God sent one of his angels to the earth to offer the last sacrament to the dying man.
- 3) Father Gilligan is a humble devotee with deep religious belief.
- 4) God the almighty.

VI Pick out the visual and Auditory images from the poem.

Visual

Green Sods

Stars

Moth

Rocky lane, Fen

Auditory

Sparrow chirp

Pray

leaves shake in the wind

Opening the door

VII Rhyme Scheme of the poem

abcb

VIII Instance of simile

As merry as a bird

IX Prepare a note of appreciation of the poem. The Ballad of Father Gilligan.

Note of Appreciation

The poem Ballad of father Gilligan was written by the Irish poet W.B. Yeats. It is written in the form of a ballad. The poem is the story of a Priest named Father Gilligan. He was always engaged in selfless service. The people of his parish were suffering from an epidemic and dying day by day. One day, an old man sent for him to get the last sacrament. He was very tired. He complained the God that he has no rest, joy or peace. Suddenly he felt guilty and sought forgiveness. He knelt, prayed and fell asleep. He woke up next day morning. He recalled his mistake. At once he rode to the sick man's house very fast with little care. The old man's wife was surprised to see Father there again. Father Gilligan knew that God had sent one of his angels to help him. The poem gives the message that if we are faithful, we will get the favour of God. The poem gives the picture of a devoted, kind, humble and hardworking priest. The poem depicts the changing landscape of the nature with abundance of visual and auditory images like green sods, stars, moths, rocky, lane, fen, sparrow chirp etc. The simile 'as merry as a bird' adds beauty to the whole poem. The poem follows a regular rhyme scheme 'abcb'.

PROFILE

Profile is a short biography of a person. Here is a sample profile.

SATYAJITH RAY

Satyajith Ray was born on 2nd may 1921 in Calcutta. He was an Indian film director, producer, screen writer, Lyricist, Music composer, writer etc. Sukumar Ray and Suprabha Ray are his parents. Sandip Ray is his son. He completed his education from University of Calcutta. Pather Panchali, Apur Sansar, Sonar Kella, Charulatha are his notable works. He won Dada Saheb Phalke Award in 1984, Bharat Ratna in 1992, and many national awards for film direction. He died on 23rd April 1992 at the age of 70.

— What do we write in a profile?

— How do we use the hints?

1. First give the name of the person you are going to write. Then answer these questions.

When was she/he born?

Where was he/she born?

What is he/she famous for?

What are his/her achievements?

What are his/her major works?

What are the awards he/she won?

When did he/she die?

Prepare a profile of Vaikom Muhammed Basheer using the hints given below.

Name	:	Vaikom Muhammed Basheer
Born	:	21 January 1908
Place of Birth	:	Thalayolaparamba, Vaikom
Parents	:	Kaye Abdul Rahman, Kunhathumma
Spouse	:	Fabi Basheer
Famous as	:	Beypore Sultan
Education	:	Thalayolaparamba Malayalam School, Vaikom English School

Career : Novelist, Short story writer, Freedom fighter
 Major works : Pathummayude Aadu, Balyakalasakhi,
 Mathilukal, Premalekhanam etc.
 Awards : Sahithya Academi award, Muttathu varkey Award,
 Vallathol Award, Padmasri (1982) etc.
 Died : 5 July 1994, Beypore

Now fill up the blanks with suitable words from the hints.

..... (Name)
(Name) was born on (date) at
(place) in(place).(Father) and (mother)
 were his parents. (Name) was his wife. He was popularly known as
 He was a, and,

 are his major works. He won,,, and
, in 1982 etc. He died on (date) at

Fill up the blanks with suitable words from the above passage.

VAIKOM MUHAMMAD BASHEER

Vaikom Muhammad Basheer..... 21 January 1908. He
 Beypore Sultan.novelist, short story writer and freedom fighter.
 Pathummayude Aadu, Balyakalasakhi, Mathilukal and Premalekhanam.....
Sahithya Academi Award, Muttathuvarkey Award, Vallathol Award, and
 Padmasri in 1982 etc. He..... 5 July 1994.....
 Beypore.....

Prepare a profile by matching the phrases given in the various shapes below.

are his major works

Pushkin prize

a physician playwright and short story writer.

was his wife

at Tagan rog in Russia

on 29 January 1860

Olga Knipper

He was

a Russian

ANTON CHEKHOV

He had won

Anton Chekhov was born

He died

on 15 July 1904

He was

uncle Vanya Three sisters and the cherry orchard

Question: 1. Write the profile of William Wordsworth using the given hints.

Born	:	April 7, 1770, Cockermouth, Britain
Famous as	:	Romantic Poet, Poet of Nature
Educated	:	Hawkshed, Cambridge
Marriage	:	1802
Wife	:	Mary Hutchinson
Works	:	Tintern Abbey, The Prelude, Lucy Gray, Solitary Reaper, The Rainbow
Honour	:	Poet Laureate, 1843
Died	:	1850

Ans: **William Wordsworth**

William Wordsworth was born on 7, April, 1770 at Cockermouth in Britain. He was famous as a Romantic Poet and poet of nature. He completed his education at Hawkshed and Cambridge. He married Mary Hutchinson in 1802. His major works are Tintern Abbey, The Prelude, Lucy Gray, Solitary Reaper and The Rainbow. He was honoured as Poet Laureate in 1843. He died in 1850.

Question 2. Prepare a short profile of William Butler Yeats using the hints given below.

Born	:	June 13, 1865, Sandymount, Republic of Ireland
Education	:	National College of Arts and Design
Awards:		Nobel Prize in Literature
Works	:	The Tower (1928), The Winding Stair and other poems.
Influenced by	:	T.S. Eliot, John Keats, William Blake
Died	:	January 28, 1939, Menton, France.

Ans: **William Butler Yeats**

William Butler Yeats was born on 13th June 1865 at Sandymount in the Republic of Ireland. He completed his education from the National College of Arts and Design. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. His important works are The Tower (1928), The Winding Stair and other poems. In literature he was influenced by T.S. Eliot, John Keats and William Blake. He died on 28 January 1939 at Menton in France.

- Q: 3. Prepare a profile of Archibald Joseph Cronin using the hints given below.
- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Born | : | 1896 |
| Nationality | : | Scotland |
| Career | : | Novelist and Physician, Medical Inspector of Mines |
| Best Known work | : | The Novel 'The Citadel' |
| Theme of the Novel | : | A village doctor's progress in his career-ladder in London |
| Famous novella | : | Country Doctor - adapted for a long running BBC radio and TV series |
| Death | : | 1981 |

Ans:

Archibald Joseph Cronin

He was a Scottish Novelist born in 1896. He was a physician and Medical Inspector of the mines. His best known work is the novel 'The Citadel.' The theme of the novel is a village doctor's progress in his career-ladder in London. His famous novella 'Country Doctor' was adapted for a long running BBC radio and TV series. He died in 1981.

Prepare a profile of Malala Yousafzai

Hints :

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Birth | : | 12 July 1997 Mingora, Pakistan |
| Speciality | : | Advocate of girl's education, while she was a child. |
| Attacked by gunman | : | 9 October 2012, while travelling home from school. |
| Awards | : | Nobel Prize for Peace 2014. |

Prepare a profile of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Hints :

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Birth | : | September 15, 1977 |
| Nationality | : | Nigeria |
| Literary genre (types): | : | Novelist, Non fiction writings and short stories. |
| Regarded as | : | The most prominent young Anglo phone author in African Literature. |
| Famous literary works : | : | Purple Hibiscus, Half of a Yellow Sund and Americanah. |

Prepare a profile of Pablo Neruda

Hints :

Birth	:	1904
Nationality	:	Chilean
Career	:	Poet, Diplomat and Politician
Pen Name	:	Pablo Neruda (from the Czech post Jan Neruda)
Honours and Awards	:	Nobel Prize for Literature (1971)
Style	:	Surrealist poems, historical epics, political manifestos and a prose autobiography.
Speciality	:	Wrote in green ink - personal symbol of desire and hope.
Death	:	1973

Prepare a profile of William Blake

Hints :

Birth	:	1757
Nationality	:	English
Career	:	Poet, Painter, Printmaker
Famous as	:	Seminal figure of the Romantic age
Inspiration to	:	Many writers and artists of his age
Considered as	:	Major poet and an original thinker
Important works	:	Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience. The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, The Four Zoas and Jerusalem.
Death	:	1827

NOTICE

Features of a Notice

- * If it is a school Notice write the name of the school
- * Title
- * Salutation (Not compulsory)
- * Matter (Programme details, Date, Time, Venue, Chief Guest etc.)
- * Signature and name / issuing authority
- * Place and date of issue
- * Programme chart

Layout of a Programme Notice

Step 1

Notice Name of the School / Organization Name of the programme

Step II

Salutation	
Body of the Invitation	
Features (what, where, when)	
	sd/
Place :	Designation of the
Date :	Issuing Authority

Step III

Programme
Prayer :
Welcome Speech :
Presidential Address :
Inaugural Address :
Felicitation :
Vote of Thanks :
National Anthem

Question : The English Club of your school has decided to conduct an awareness programme for youth with the motto, 'SAY NO TO DRUGS'. Prepare the likely Notice.

NOTICE	
ABC SCHOOL, KASARAGOD	
SAY NO TO DRUGS	
Dear friends,	
Consumption of drugs is a serious issue faced by the society. It is high time we raised our voice against this social evil. So, it is decided to conduct an awareness programme to say good bye to drugs, under the auspices of our English Club in the school auditorium at 2 p.m. on 14th November. The famous motivator Mr. Rajith has consented to conduct the class.	
All are invited.	
Place : Kasaragod	Sd/-
Date: 2.11.2020	Secretary English Club
Programme	
Prayer	: School Choir
Welcome Speach	: Headmaster
Presidential Address	: Principal
Inauguration	: Mr. Rajith, Motivator
Felicitation	: Staff Secretary President, PTA
Vote of thanks	: Secretary, English Club

Question: You are moved by the sad plight of Vanka. Being the Secretary of the English Club you are going to conduct an awareness programme against 'Child Labour'. Prepare a Notice for that.

Notice

ABC School

Awareness Programme Against Child Labour

The English Club of our school has decided to conduct an Awareness Programme on 'Child Labour'.

Date : 25 March, 2019

Venue : School Auditorium

Time : 10 am

All are Welcome

Kasaragod

Sd/

15.01.2019

Secretary, English Club

Programme

Prayer : School Choir

Welcome Speech : Head master

Presidential Address : President, PTA

Inaugural Address : District Collector

Felicitation : Staff Secretary

Vote of Thanks : Secretary, English Club

National Anthem

Programme Notice - Worksheet

Question :

You have decided to stage 'My Sister's Shoes' in the form of a play in connection with your English Club inauguration. Prepare a Notice to be circulated in the school.

Notice

..... (Name of School)

..... (Name of the function)

Dear friends,

..... of our school has decided to conduct (Name of the programme) on date at (time) in (venue/ place) (Name of the person) will inaugurate the function.

“All are Welcome”

Place : sd/

Date : Secretary

(Name of the club / organisation)

Programme

Prayer :

Welcome Speech :

Presidential Address :

Inaugural Address :

Felicitation :

Vote of Thanks :

National Anthem

Extra Questions :

1. Imagine that you are the convenor of the school English club. The club has decided to conduct a one day movie fest in your school. Prepare a notice to invite everyone to watch the movies.
2. Your school invites the film maker Majid Majidi to release a school magazine titled 'Frames'. You are the editor of the magazine. Draft a notice to invite the teachers and students of your school.
3. You have decided to stage 'My Sister's Shoe' in the form of a play in connection with your English Club inauguration. Prepare a Notice to be circulated in the school.
4. In connection with the 'World Anti-Tobacco Day', the Health Club of your school is going to conduct a skit, based on the story 'The Best Investment I Every Made'. Draft a suitable notice.
5. The School Arts Club is conducting a Poster Making Competition on the Dangers of Drug - Addiction and Alcoholism. Prepare a suitable notice to put up on the School Notice Board.
6. Dr. A.J. Cronin is invited to inaugurate the 'Home For Derelict Youth' started by Mr. John. Prepare a notice to invite the public for the inaugural function.
7. The English Club of your school is conducting a seminar on 'Racial Discrimination'. The District Collector has consented to inaugurate the function. Prepare a Notice for it.
8. Martha is selected as 'The Scholar of the Year' of the Texas school. A programme is organised to felicitate Martha and honour her with 'The Scholarship Jacket'. Prepare a Notice with the details of the programme.
9. Alfred Hitchcock decided to make a film called 'Birds'. He needed a variety of birds, especially ravens in large number to shoot the film. Draft the likely notice to be published in a newspaper.
10. The English club of your school plans to conduct a seminar on the topic "Rights of Children" in connection with The World Day Against Child Labour. Draft a notice to be circulated among the students and teachers of the school.

Evaluate your Notice.

Grading Indicators

Notice

Suitable Heading

Proper Salutation

Date, Time and Venue of the programme.

Use Clear and brief language

Place and date of issue.

Specify the Issuing authority.

Give details of the programme.

SPEECH

This discourse is the one, which is a spoken expression of ideas, opinions, etc; that is made by someone who is speaking in front of a group of people.

While writing speech, we have to elaborate a definite theme or idea and convey it to the audience in a way that appeals them. The language should be simple but impressive and clear.

Features of a good speech

- Salutation
- Introduction of the topic
- Make use of questions
- Catchy expressions/ Proverbs/Quotations
- Stating the speaker's view point.
- Rhetorical questions.
- Proper conclusion.

Tips to remember

Salutation

- Eg. - Respected Headmaster, teachers and dear friends.
- Respected dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen

Introduction

- Today I am here to say a few words on the topic.....
- I would like to speak a few words on

Catchy expression

- We must stand together to fight against the issue.....
- How can we find a lasting solution to this problem?
- Let's not forget the importance of

Ending

- Let me conclude my words.
- Let's do what we could.....
- I stop my words hoping that all of you will try to put these ideas into practice.
- Thank you all. Have a nice day.

Question: “No animal is harmed in the production of this film”. You might have noticed this statement at the beginning of films. Do you think that animals are harmed while shooting? Prepare a **speech** in response to this statement.

Ans: A warm good morning to all of you.

Respected Headmaster, teachers and my dear friends, I would like to speak a few words on “The use of Animals in Films”. You might have noticed the statement “No animal is harmed in the production of this film” at the beginning of films. In some films like ‘Pulimurugan’ animals play a significant role. In most of the films, modern technology is used to portray animals. But some film makers use real animals. Satyajith Ray used a real tiger in his film “Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne”. In his times, it was an innovative idea in Indian film industry. Animals are our fellow beings. They have the right to live. They should not be harmed in anyway. They should be respected like other actors. They should never be exploited. We should try to use modern technology instead of using real animals. Animals should be used only, if it is absolutely necessary.

I conclude my words by requesting the Animal Welfare Board of India, to look into the matter seriously.

Thank you, Have a nice day!

Question:

The youth welfare organization has decided to honour Mr. John in a public function, for the valuable contributions he has made. Prepare a felicitation speech.

Respected dignitaries, ladies and gentleman,

Today's youth are tomorrow's citizens. They have to lead the country forward. They have some responsibilities towards the country and the society. The experienced people should make our youth aware of this fact. The youth should be inspired to fulfill their responsibilities to the society.

The life and deeds of great personalities will inspire them. Here we have with us a great personality, Mr. John who was also a victim of the loose society. But he changed himself and came back as a good citizen. Now he helps others to be good citizens. He contributed immensely to heal the mind and body of the delinquent youth. On this occasion I would like to congratulate Mr. John for his valuable service. He is a role model to all. As youth we should shoulder the responsibility of serving the society. Inspired youth can lead a society towards the right path. We should dedicate our life to the well being of the society. With these words I conclude my speech.

Thank You.

Speech -Worksheet-1

Respected chief guest, dignitaries and my dear friends,

I am very happy to stand before you to speak a few words about.....(topic)..... I think the topic is a very familiar one for all of you.....

.....

With these few words I conclude my short speech.

Thank you. Have a nice day.

Question: Adolescence is a very important stage in the life of an individual. Do you agree? Support your views through a **speech** on the above topic to be delivered in the school assembly, based on the story The Best Investment I Ever Made, in which Mr and Mrs Johns had been guiding the derelict adolescents.

Answer

Respected Head Master, teachers and my dear friends, today I stand before you to speak on a very important topic. Yes, It is none other than the very stage of our life that some of us are in. Any guess? Let me tell you. I am going to speak on Adolescence, a very important stage of life.

As all of you know, we are in a very important juncture of our lives. Yes, adolescence in fact is the most significant phase of one's life. This is the age that makes or breaks an individual. Everything begins when we enter the teenage, trying to find an identity in this huge world. Most often we try to establish ourselves among others either by imitating or by doing something different. But, sometimes these times become quite crucial in the long run. The highly unstable mind at this stage makes us fall prey to even some unlawful or illegal means. It is the fault of the age. So, it becomes obvious that we need to control our mind and accordingly the body, thereby the habits. Whenever we think about the bad habits that an adolescent falls into, drug addiction, betting, alcoholism etc come to our mind. Now, why do we develop such habits? It is a grave issue. These are the important times of the life when we nurture the dreams of our lives. If we are able to judge the things ethically, we may not indulge ourselves into the unlawful means. Discretion of right and wrong becomes a mandatory trait at such a stage. The clear knowledge of the anti social elements and its consequences could guide us on the right path on the way to a glorious future.

So, I would like to plead each one of you to ponder over this issue very seriously, since we are the future citizens of this country. It is our responsibility to secure our future in turn to secure the future of this world. This world would definitely be a happy dwelling place for all, when an adolescent imbibes the importance of his life.

I truly believe that adolescence is the most important stage in the life of an individual. With these words, I would like to conclude my speech. Thank you one and all.

Extra Questions:

1. Suppose you are the school leader and you are asked to deliver a speech on Child Labour". Prepare the speech.
2. In the light of the lesson, 'Project Tiger' and the films you have seen, prepare a speech to be delivered on the inaugural day of the English Literary Club of your school on the topic, "The Role of Films in Society".
3. Prepare a speech on poverty, with special reference to 'My Sister's Shoes'.
4. The small investment of virtue paid back in double in the story. "The Best Investment I Ever made". In the light of the story prepare a speech on the topic. "The need for rehabilitation of delinquent youth" to be delivered in the school Assembly.
5. The Youth Welfare Organization has decided to honour Mr. John, in a public function, for the valuable contributions he has made. Prepare a felicitation speech.
6. The SPC wing of your school is conducting an awareness programmed about the dangers of 'Drug addiction and Alcoholism'. Being the SPC captain you have to deliver a speech. Prepare the speech to be delivered on the occasion.
7. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie reiterates the influence of reading British and American books in transforming her into a writer. Prepare a speech on "The Importance of Reading".
8. On the day of the fulfilment of a long chased dream Martha was extremely happy to receive the scholarship Jacket, the award for her excellence. Prepare the speech she delivered after accepting the honour.
9. Imagine that you are a classmate of Martha who achieved the scholarship jacket by her outstanding performance. You are asked to congratulate her in the valedictory function. Write down the speech that you would deliver.

Speech - Grading Indicators.

- Makes a good salutation.
- Develops the topics with supporting materials.
- Present the speaker's own views.
- Organises ideas closely related to the theme.
- Concludes the speech effectively.

News Report

Newspaper Report

Most of us are quite familiar with a newspaper report, which has been a part and parcel of lives. Every day we come across numerous dailies that bring us a world of news items. Although, we have a chance to read different forms of news items in a newspaper, yet writing reports needs application to present it in a commendable way.

Reporting is a skill that demands simple but effective words. Generally, the answers to 'when', 'where' and 'how' are supplemented in it.

This form of discourse is based on some context in the course book, where the situation demands a report on the matter. A newspaper report must have a striking headline, the date and place of the report.

Features of a good News Report

- Appropriate headline.
- Lead sentence
- Body of the News (the gist)
- Organisation of information
- Logical order and Cohesiveness.
- Appropriate Language - reporting style, passivisation, tense form etc.

Question: Imagine the noble work of Mr and Mrs Johns gets reported in one of the dailies in New York. Prepare the likely **news report**.

Answer

Saviors of Youth – The Johns

New York, September 20: The delinquent youth have finally a savior. It is the couple who have been trying relentlessly to bring back the wayward young generation into the main stream. The Johns are the ones who have been guiding these young people.

Mr and Mrs Johns, the directors of a charitable institution have been picking the delinquent and maladjusted youth from the city slums and guiding them back. Mr John is a solicitor by profession but has been thriving hard to persuade the young generation from falling prey to unlawful activities. They have been doing this noble work for the past 15 years. It is truly commendable. Youth are the future of any country and it may be one of the best things to happen for the youth to get such a timely help from the enterprising couple. They are really the saviors.

Question:

Sathyajith Ray was shooting the scene in which Goopy and Bagha met the tiger. When Mr. Thorat opened the door of the cage the tiger emerged with a loud roar and charged straight at the villagers. You are a reporter and were present at the scene. Prepare the likely news report.

Answer:

A Joyful Leap to Freedom

Notun Gram ; October 14 : The Villagers here were offered a free spectacular show by a tiger from Bharat Circus yesterday. It was brought for the shooting of the film ‘Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne’ by the famous director Satyajith Ray. The tiger kept in a cage was supposed to come out and walk very calmly before the camera. But when the shooting started, Mr. Thorat, the trainer opened the cage and it sprang out. Excited at the sudden release, it began leaping, jumping and rolling about. The crowd assembled there got a rare chance to watch this circus. As the tiger had been tied with a thin wire to an iron rod, it couldn’t attack anybody. The shooting was resumed after the tiger had calmed down.

Question: Imagine that the youth Welfare Organization awarded the Best Civilian Award to Mr. John for his selfless service he rendered to the maladjusted youth. The news appeared in one of the dailies. Attempt the news report.

Ans:

BEST CIVILIAN AWARD TO MR. JOHN

London, Nov 15: The Best Civilian Award, set up by the Youth Welfare Organization, was awarded to Mr. John who has been instrumental in bringing about remarkable changes in the lives of maladjusted and delinquent youth for the past 15 years. The derelict adolescents are taken from the juvenile courts and provided with healthy environment by John and his wife. The award committee said that the youth are healed and changed in mind and body and sent back to the world as socially responsible citizens. The couple had recently set up training centres of their own, to train the youth on different skills like handicrafts, carpentry, gardening, photography etc. On receiving the award from the Minister for youth welfare, in a function held at Oxford University Senate Hall, Mr. John expressed his gratitude to the Youth Welfare Organization.

Layout of a News Report

{A Catchy and concise headline}

{Place line}: {Date line}..... The opening sentence/explanation of the headline/most important information..... Answers most of the 5Ws-Who?

What? When? Where? Why? {The lead}

..... (Details of the News)..... most important comes first, simple and straight statements..... {body of the report} Quote in direct speech, what actually someone or witnesses said etc, {Quotations} are also part of the body of new report.....

Extra Questions

1. You are the reporter of a famous daily. You happened to visit the shooting location of Satyajith Ray's film, 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne'. What could be the report you prepare for the daily?
2. The film club of your school has conducted an exclusive film show of Majid Majidi the well-known Iranian filmmaker. Prepare a detailed news report of the show to be published.
3. The young man opened the gas in an attempt to commit suicide. Unfortunately this gas-leak resulted in a fire that spread to the neighbouring apartment. Prepare a news report of the fire.
4. Drug addiction and alcoholism are major social issues today. A programme was held in the school campus to make the public aware of the dangers of these issues. Prepare a news-report of the function.
5. Having revived from the malicious life by the doctor and others, John dedicates his life for the rehabilitation of delinquent youth. Prepare a news report about John.
6. The Americans were awe-struck when the 19 year old Nigerian girl joined the University in the US. A News Report appeared in the dailies. How would the report be?
7. The scholarship Jacket presenting ceremony was unique event in the history of Texas School. Prepare a news report of the function.
8. You are a Newspaper Reporter. You happened to hear the speech of Adichie. You prepared a news report to be published in the nextday's newspaper. How would that report be. Write the news report.
9. Suppose that a news reporter of a local daily reported the troubled life of Vanka. How would the news report be?
10. The Child Welfare Department in Moscow came to know about the sad plight of Vanka Zhukov at the shoe maker's house. They rescued him from there. Prepare the likely news - report.

News Report - Grading Indicators

Headline : Short and catchy

Place line: Date line

Lead paragraph: Factual details - time, place major events

Organization : Main points state - explained

Content : Evidences logically presented

Language used: Suitable for reporting.

Letter

A letter is a written message containing information from one party to another. There are different type of letters used for different types of communication. They may be classified as

1. Informal/personal letter- Written to relatives and friends
2. Formal/Official letter - Written to offices or concerned officials.

Essential of a letter.

1. Heading : address of the writer with date. It can be on the left or right.
2. Salutation : Courteous greeting (Dear.....)
3. Body : Content of the letter.
4. Subscription : Courteous leave taking (Yours.....)
5. Signature : Name of the writer.

The abovesaid features differ with respect to the kind of letter.

LETTER

Informal Letter

Question: After watching the fight between the cobra and the mongoose, the boy in the story, Adventures in a Banyan Tree, understood that even a wild mongoose could be beneficial to man. Imagine he shares his thoughts with one of his friends through a letter. Write the likely letter.

Answer

Ivy Cottage

Landour Cantt

Dehradun

28 April 1997

Dear Nithin,

Hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing this letter to share an interesting matter.

It was an eventful April afternoon. Don't you want to know what's special about it? It was just amazing. Can you guess anything? Ok. Let me tell you. Actually, I watched an intense fight between a snake and a mongoose today and that too stationed at my favourite place, the banyan tree. I can never forget it. Finally, the mongoose was victorious and the poisonous cobra was eventually defeated. When I told about this to my Grandfather, he was pleased too. He was in fact, happy for the mongoose because he had been feeding it with the kitchen scraps, so as to keep the snakes away. That's when I understood, why even the Grandmother had no objections if the mongoose took away the eggs from the poultry house. Moreover, Grandfather had never tried to tame the mongoose because he feels that a wild one is better than a domesticated one. This opened new thoughts in me. Really, even a wild mongoose could be beneficial to man. It is strange indeed. There are so many wild creatures all around us in the nature. They are in fact helpful to us in one way or the other. Truly it is a wonder of nature that all of us get a chance to live together helping each other in one way or the other. I will come to you with some other interesting stuff in the next letter.

As of now, I have nothing more to write. Do share something from your side. I am waiting to hear from you. Please convey my regards to your parents as well.

Yours lovingly,

sd/

(Name)

Question :

The boy in the story Adventures in a Banyan Tree was quite surprised to see the white squirrels in the hole in the banyan tree. Imagine he shares his feelings of wonder with one of his friends through a letter. Attempt the likely letter.

Ivy Cottage

Landour Cantt

Dehradun

05 January 2020,

Dear Sam,

Hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am fine over here. I would like to share an interesting experience with you.

In fact, I am very happy to write this letter. Won't you ask the reason? Why? What happened? Let me tell you.

This is the best vacation I have ever had. Really it was a wonderful experience. As you know there is a huge banyan tree over here. It is a heaven in fact. It is a home to hundreds of animals, birds and insects. Being a lover of nature, I couldn't have asked for more.

I know that the nature is wonderful and full of surprises. To my astonishment, I came across three baby squirrels in a hole of the tree and that too all of them, white. Have you ever seen such squirrels? It's really amazing. How beautiful they were! How could they be white? It is a proof of nature's wonder. There are surprises all over. Even my grandpa was amazed. But, he was able to guess the reasons though. Whatever it may be, you should also get a chance like me. Explore the nature and feel its bounty.

Nothing more to pen. Do share something from your side. Please convey my regards to your parents.

Yours lovingly,

Sd/-

(Name)

Question:

Mr. John in the story "The Best Investment I Ever Made", writes a letter to his friend describing the experience that he had with the doctor on the voyage. Write the likely letter.

Smithfeild

London

18 March 2021

Dear James

How are you ? Hope you are fine. It is very long since I heard from you. I have earnest desire to meet you. Hope we can meet soon.

I have a happy news to share with you. Do you remember a doctor one Mr. Cronin, who I had told you about, once. My saviour ! A doctor who gave me a second birth. I met him in America. After twenty five years, he was with us in our journey from New York to London. At first he did not recognise me. My wife urged me to speak to him. I felt shy at first. Even after I introduced myself, he could not recall everything. But when I narrated the incident he could remember me. When I told him about my profession and charitable work he became extremely happy. I know that he is the one who wants to see me successful in life. If I could attain anything in life, it was because of him. I shall share more when we meet again.

With love and warms regards,

Your John

Sd/-

Formal Letter

Question: Imagine you are inspired after reading the story, Adventures on a Banyan Tree and plan to plant trees around your school. On behalf of the Eco Club of your school, draft a letter to arrange for the saplings to be planted, from the Forest Department as part of the Green Campus Programme of your school.

The Secretary

Eco Club

ABC School

Kasaragod

05 June 2020

The Officer

Forest Department

Kasaragod

Respected Sir,

Sub: Green Campus Programme – requirement of saplings – Request – Regarding

The Eco Club of our school has planned to plant trees around our school campus as part of the Green Campus Programme initiated by the school. Accordingly, we intend to plant at least 100 trees all around the school campus under the auspices of the Eco Club.

So, I shall be obliged if you could kindly supply us the required saplings to accomplish this noble initiative.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Name)

Question: Satyajith Ray was troubled by the spectators who had come to watch the shooting at Notun Gram. So imagine he requests the police to control the mob at Boral. Draft the likely letter.

Satyajith Ray

Film Director

Kolkata

05 August 2019

The Sub Inspector

Police Station

Kolkata

Respected Sir,

Sub: Film making – Shooting at Boral – Request to control mob – regarding

I am Satyajith Ray, a film maker writing this letter to seek help from your kind offices.

At present the shooting of one of my movies named Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne is going on and the next location is Boral near Kolkata. We had faced a lot of difficulties when the shooting was held at Notun Gram because we couldn't control the mob. Since the scene requires a tiger, it makes our job more difficult.

So, I shall be obliged if you could kindly provide us the necessary security for the smooth functioning of the shooting at Boral and make things easier for us.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Name)

DIARY

DIARY

Diary is a personal note of one's feelings. We may list the features of diary as follows.

- Date and day
- First person narrative
- Highlighting the major events
- Expressions of personal feelings
- Unity of thought
- Use past tense for events that happened
- Use of present tense to express personal feelings
- Broken sentences possible

Question: Grandfather was very pleased to know that his grandson understood about the wonders of the nature after witnessing the strange case of the white squirrel. Imagine he writes his thoughts in the form of a diary. Write the likely **diary** entry.

Answer

Diary

24 April 1997, Tuesday

I am so happy for my grandson. I know that he is a nature lover. Even then, the strange case of the white squirrels has made him wonder once again. This nature is full of such wonders. In fact, the banyan tree has given him a chance to explore this beautiful world around us. When man lives close to the nature, then only he observes all these wonderful aspects. Since my grandson usually passes his time on the tree, he has many friends there too. The grey squirrel also falls among them. And now, the appearance of the white baby squirrels surprised him as well. It is natural for him to wonder about the white squirrels because we don't find such things every time. Really, nature and its ways are unique and my grandson understood it through this experience in a better manner. What more could I have expected! Anything learnt at such an age will stay with him for life. He will also inspire his friends to be close to the nature as well. Oh God! How blessed I am!

Question: The doctor decided to look more handsome after looking into the mirror. What was he thinking about? Prepare his diary entry for the moment.

Diary

05 January 2021, Tuesday

Wow! I am really handsome. But, can I be more handsome? May be.....What if I shave daily. I will grow a thin moustache as well to look even better. I will always have an attractive smile on my face. After all I am a bachelor. Moreover, I am a doctor too. So, my chances of getting married look better too. Who won't marry a young, handsome doctor? There may be many, who would be ready to marry me. But I would like to marry a woman doctor with a good medical practice with a lot of money. Moreover, she should be fat for a particular reason because if I made any mistake and run, she should not be able to run after me and catch me. Hey! Will anyone think it funny? Let it be. I don't care. I have decided to improve my chances of marrying anyhow. I am sure a handsome man like me has always better chances than others. Ha....haa....!

Question

The shooting at Notun Gram was an unsuccessful attempt, yet a memorable experience for Satyajith Ray. He decides to write it down in his diary. Write the likely diary entry.

Diary**Answer**

2nd January 2021, Saturday

What a cursed day it was ! How much time and money did I spend for that! Everything turned out to be futile. I felt relieved when the manager agreed to provide a tiger for shooting. Mr. Thorat was happy to bring the tiger to the location. We were really frightened at the appearance of the tiger. But it calmed down soon. Unluckily the camera failed to act. What to do now ? I can not think of cutting off that scene. I should get the tiger once again. If there was some technology to shoot that scene without a tiger..... Some day, somebody will find it out. Now my team should get ready to shoot that once again. Hope that Mr. Thorat would co-operate with us.

Question: The young man was rescued from the verge of death by the timely intervention of the doctor, the sergeant and the landlady. He was moved and his heart filled with gratitude. What would be his thoughts.

THOUGHTS

Oh! I must be grateful to the Almighty! Everything would end within a few minutes. Oh! if they had not come I would have been dead. I can hardly believe that I am still alive. I must be thankful to them who rescued me. It is hard to find good people nowadays. I am an orphan and utterly friendless. The bad company that I had, ruined my life. I am the victim of the loose society. I had to keep aloof from the bad company. The sergeant, the doctor and the landlady are really responsible for my rebirth. They gave me a fresh start and I owe a lot to them.

They showed me how one should help others. I must spend my remaining life serving others. It will be the great reward that I can give my saviours. May God bless all of them.

CHARACTER SKETCH

A character sketch is a short written description introducing the reader to a character in a story. It is a vivid description of a person, attitude, special qualities or traits, typical behaviour or response. The character sketch gives a deep insight into the personality of a person which makes him different from another person.

Character sketches do not only describe the physical appearance of a character, but also the personality, background and likes and dislikes of a character.

Question

The homeopath displays a sense of humour while narrating his experience. Prepare a character sketch of the homeopath in the story “The Snake and the Mirror”.

THE HOMEOPATH

Answer

Vaikom Muhammed Basheer’s humorous account of a homeopath and his encounter with the snake at the odd hour provides enough for loud laugh. The homeopath is a handsome bachelor. He is a very jovial person and has a sharp sense of humour.

He had just started his practice. His earnings were meagre. So he was very stingy. But he nurtures a dream that he would only marry a rich fat lady doctor so that he could become rich easily. He is a great admirer of beauty. He believes that he looks beautiful and would do everything possible to remain handsome. Even when he opened a book to read, he was tempted to look into the mirror. He wanted to make himself handsome by shaving daily and keeping a smile on his face. He shares his room with rats. When a snake fell on him he was frozen with fear. Even then he never forgets to comment humorously about the snake and its act of admiring beauty. He was not at all courageous. That is why the following day he came along with some other men to his room. The doctor even digs on his poor wardrobe essentials that the thief didn’t care to pick up the soiled vest, which has turned a nightmarish experience to a humorous account.

Question: Attempt a character sketch of Mr. John from the anecdote, ‘The Best Investments I Ever Made’.

JOHN

Mr. John is the central character of the story; ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’. In the story, he is depicted as a man in his forties, rather short in built with a fair complexion and clear blue eyes. His thin hair had actually begun to recede from his forehead. His dark suit, sober tie and rimless spectacles made him look as a serious fellow too. But his past had an immense effect on his personality after the crucial incident in his life.

John had lost his parents early. So actually, his uncle had found him a job as a clerk in an office when he was very young but in spite of getting a job, he had fallen victim to a loose company. He spent his money lavishly on betting and gambling. It put him in a difficult situation too. So, as a final gamble he steals the money from the office safe. But, being scared of being caught, he tried to commit suicide. Fortunately a doctor saved his life. The doctor gave the money to replace the stolen money from the office safe. The doctor’s great effort gave him a new life. He regarded him as a big hero in his life. It changed his life completely. Thus, he resolved to sacrifice his life for the betterment of maladjusted youth.

Overall, the character of John is an eye opener for many young people who get wayward in their lives. This character shows us that if we are determined to bring a positive change in our lives, it is definitely possible irrespective of the situation we are in.

NARRATIVE

- Narrative as a discourse intends to nurture the learners ability to tell something effectively.
- { The term ‘Narrative’ is derived from the Latin term ‘Narrate’ which means ‘to tell’ }

Features of Narrative

- Catchy headline
- Speaker’s identity and views are clearly fixed.
- Events fixed and sequenced properly.
- Time, place and context conveyed well.
- Proper introduction and conclusion
- Choose appropriate words.
- Creativity in building up the narrative
- Variety in kinds of sentences.

Question: The boy in the story, Adventures in a Banyan Tree had developed a habit of passing his time on the tree. Imagine you are asked to narrate this habit of the boy in your own words. Write the likely **narrative**.

Answer:

Tree Time

It is a common sight to see children on the trees quite often. Moreover, it is universal too. A similar situation is found in the story, Adventures in a Banyan Tree. Won’t you like to know the pastime of the boy on the tree? Let me tell it to you.

The boy had made the banyan tree his second home. This was the place where he used to spend his afternoons or the majority of his time. Usually, tree is a home to a lot of animals and birds. So, it is obvious to have a chance to befriend some creature quite easily living around them. Here as well, the boy befriends a small grey squirrel as his first friend. Soon, it came exploring around him and even used to delve into the pockets of his trousers. Different seasons bring in different beings to the trees and accordingly, it was a delight for the boy to have his companions as the red-bottomed bulbul, rosy-pastors, parrots and crows that came to visit the banyan tree. Naturally, the presence of these birds had made the banyan tree one of the noisiest places on the road. Moreover, to make the tree a more comfortable place, the boy had built a small platform, halfway up the tree.

There the boy used to prop himself up against the bole of the tree with cushions from the drawing room and then spent the afternoons there, reading books like Treasure Island, Huckleberry Finn, The Mowgli Stories, the novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs etc. It was true fun indeed. The tree time was one of the most satisfying one for the boy as well. Even he could watch everything all around the garden; his grandfather's usual antics, the grandmother doing some works and the other happenings there in. Anyways, it was an experience of a lifetime for the young boy, in fact.

Question

The story "The Snake and the Mirror" is narrated by the doctor to his friends. Imagine after reading the story, you try to narrate it to your mother. How would it be? Write the likely **narrative**.

Answer

The Homeopath and the Snake

Mother, I will tell you a story of a homeopath. He had just set up his medical practice after his studies. One summer night he returned to his house after his meal. When he entered the room he heard a sound. He thought, 'Oh rats! What a disturbance they are!' As the room was not electrified he lighted a kerosene lamp which was on the table. After changing his dress, he went to sleep. It was very hot. So, he went out to the veranda for a little air, but the wind God didn't bless him.

When he came back, his eyes got struck in the mirror. He was tempted to look at the mirror. He said, "I am very handsome. I have to shave daily." He wished to marry a fat lady who wouldn't follow and catch him. Just then he heard a 'thud' sound and felt something slither along his shoulder. He was frozen as he understood that it was a big snake. If he moved it would strike him. He sat there holding his breath. The snake then turned its head. It saw its reflection in the mirror. Like the homeopath, the snake was also conscious of its beauty. It slowly crept onto the table and moved towards the mirror. 'Oh! my God'. He felt relieved and ran away from there. When he came back the next morning from his friend's house, he saw that his house was looted by some burglars. Only his dirty vest was left behind. The homeopath felt insulted. But couldn't forget the ordeal with the snake ever in his life. It was indeed a humorous story that I will remember for a long time.

Question : Then, bending near, he spoke a few words, tensely in my ear. At that slowly the veils parted. Narrate the anecdote in your own words based on the reading of ‘**The Best Investment I Ever Made**’.

Answer :

The Doctor’s Best Investment

The narrator was a young doctor at the time and was working in London. On a foggy November night he was awakened by a loud banging on the door. When he went downstairs he saw a sergeant of police waiting for him to attend a suicide case. They walked the short distance in silence and reached at the entrance of an old building. As they mounted the creaking staircase, their nostrils were stung by the sick smell of illuminating gas. On the upper storey the land lady showed them the body of a young man stretched on a narrow bed in the attic.

With the sergeant’s help the doctor began the work of resuscitation. For an entire hour they worked hard without success. As they were about to leave, the patient got a sudden gasp. As he regained his strength he told his story. His parents were dead. His uncle helped him gain the job of a clerk in a London Solicitor’s Office. He had been in th city for only six months. He had no friends there. He had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets. He enjoyed the bad company. He had begun to bet on horses and lost all his savings. He pledged his belongings and owed the book maker a disastrous amount. He stole money from the office safe for a final gamble. But he failed in the gamble. Fearing the trail that must follow, in despair, he shut himself in the room and turned on the gas.

The three sole witnesses of the incident the doctor, the sergeant and the landlady decided to give the young man a fresh start. The sergeant decided not to report the case, the land ldady offered a months free board while the doctor decided to contribute seven pounds and ten shillings for him to put back in the office safe.

In fact, this investment turned out to be the doctor’s best investment ever.

WRITE-UP

A write-up is a written account of something or someone. Here, we would like to present a sample write-up for you to ponder about and have a better idea.

Note: Please remember to provide a heading to the Write-up.

Question: The banyan tree was home to quite a few animals and birds. It was a happy dwelling place for the boy as well, thereby symbolising an excellent example for a harmonious living. Based on the above idea, prepare a **write-up** on the need of harmony to have a peaceful living.

Harmonious Living

Every living being in this nature has its own existence. But, the kind of living depends a lot on the harmony with others. Harmonious living is definitely a door to a peaceful living by all means and is needed to maintain the equilibrium in the nature.

A tree is a home to hundreds and hundreds of living beings ranging from a little ant or an insect to even a big animal. Although there may be a fight for supremacy like the one between the mongoose and the cobra, the born enemies, yet it can never be negated that it is the rule of the planet. It is just the cycle of nature that revolves around the birth and death. But, a bird, a squirrel, a rat or a monkey may try to have a life among the trees for their living. Even, a man can have a living by the trees. The fruits may be a food for the beings but in turn, the seed in it waits to be dispersed accordingly. The boy in the story had made the banyan tree as his resting place which truly shows man's charm to find respite in nature.

Harmony is the essence for a happy living in the nature and whenever disturbed, has invited its wrath, in one way or the other. Harmony with nature is the need of the hour for life to exist in future on this beautiful planet, Earth. It may be better if Man understands it the sooner.

Question:

According to Satyajith Ray, shooting a scene with an animal is a difficult task. He narrates one such experience in 'Project Tiger'. Prepare a write-up detailing the difficulties Ray faced in shooting the scene with a tiger for the film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne'.

(Hints : Scene with a tiger - approaches Bharath Circus Company - tiger brought to the bamboo grove - difficult to control the tiger - tiger calms down - shoots the scene - too dark - retake.)

Answer

Movie with Animals - A Challenge

Satyajith Ray faced a great challenge while using a tiger to shoot the film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne'. He planned a scene in which Goopy and Bagha wandering through the forest are shocked to see a tiger. But the tiger walks away without paying any attention. In order to find a tiger to shoot the scene, Ray went to Bharat Circus which was visiting Calcutta at that time. The Circus manager agreed to send a tiger for shooting along with its trainer Mr. Thorat. The shooting was taking place at Shiuri in Birbhoom. The tiger had to come out of a thick bamboo grove, walk around for some time, look at the camera and go back. Ray asked Mr. Thorat whether the tiger would behave as desired when let free. Mr. Thorat was not confident because he had never let the tiger free. But the tiger should not be seen along with the tiger in the film. So Mr. Thorat suggested that a thin, strong wire can be tied around the tiger's neck. But it would make the hair on the tiger's neck appear flattened.

As a solution to this problem a collar made of Tiger skin was attached to the tiger's neck and the wire was fixed on his collar.

Two caged tigers were brought in a lorry to Notun Gram. The camera was fixed on the tripod. People were directed to stand away. Mr. Thorat fixed an iron rod about thirty feet away on the ground. He tied the tiger's wire to the rod. But when the cage was opened the tiger sprang out and started running instead of walking. Later the tiger calmed down and Ray took the shots.

The scenes were found too dark when examined later. The camera had not worked properly. So the scenes had to be shot again. This time Ray found a bamboo thicket in the village called Boral near Calcutta. Mr. Thorat came with the tiger once again and the whole village came to watch. But when the cage was opened, the tiger sprang out with a loud roar and all the villagers melted away. Luckily the tiger calmed down soon. Finally, Ray could successfully take his shots to complete the shooting.

Framing Questions

Usually we try to interrogate anyone with a set of questions. It may be through Question- Word Questions (Wh-Questions) or Yes/No Questions. While framing questions for a specific purpose of an interview, it should be relevant and sequential. Questions follow a particular structure and it is mandatory to consider a sentence as a question on such grounds.

Question – Word Questions (Wh-Questions) –

Structure – QW + Aux + Sub + mv

QW - Question Words – What, When, Why, Who, Where, How etc

Aux – Auxiliary Verb – am, is, are, do, does, did, has, have, had or can, could, may, will etc

mv – Main Verb – Actions

Sub - Subject

Examples

1. Where did you study?
2. Why don't you consult a doctor?
3. Where is my book?
4. Who gave this bag to you?
5. Why can't I go the circus?

Question Word	Auxiliary verb	Subject	Main Verb
Where	did	you	study
Why	don't	You	consult
Where	is	my book	
Who	(did- hidden auxiliary)	this bag	gave
Why	can't	I	go

Yes/No Questions –

Structure – Aux + Sub + mv

Aux – Auxiliary Verb - am, is, are, do, does, did, has, have, had or can, could, may, will etc

Sub - Subject

mv – Main Verb – Actions

Examples

1. Did you understand?
2. Have you finished your work?
3. Does the writer say so?
4. Is Monday a holiday?
5. Shall I go to my friend's house?

Auxiliary Verb	Subject	Main verb
Did	you	understand
Have	you	finished
Does	the writer	say
Is	Monday	
Shall	I	go

Question: Imagine you got a chance to interview the famous film director, Satyajith Ray after he successfully completed the shooting of the movie, Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Frame six suitable questions for the occasion.

1. What made you think of making a movie with a tiger?
2. Was it difficult to arrange for the tiger?
3. How did you manage the tiger at the shooting location?
4. Are you satisfied after completing this project?
5. Will you think of making another movie with an animal?
6. When do plan to begin your next movie?

Question

Ray completed the shoot successfully. Before the premiere of the film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne', he was interviewed by a film journalist. Prepare six questions for the interview.

Answers

- 1) Which is your favourite film ?
- 2) Which was your most successful film ?
- 3) What was the motivation behind your decision to take a film with animals ?
- 4) What were the difficulties you faced when you shot the tiger scene ?
- 5) How long did it take to complete the shooting of the film "Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne" ?

Conversation

Conversation or dialogue is a form of interactive, spontaneous communication between two people or more. As writing dialogues deals with the communicative aspect of language, one needs to present an apt exchange of words. Any short utterance too, can be used for an effective communication instead of lengthy sentences.

The following questions may help the learners to write the conversation.

- Who are the persons to be engaged in the conversation?
- Who will start the dialogue?
- What will be the reply?
- What are they talking about?
- Who will conclude the dialogue and how?

The following expressions can be used in a conversation.

Wow!

Alas!

Hi!

Hello!

Ho!

Sh!

See

Look

Question words used in a conversation

What

When

How

Who, Whose, Whom

Where

Why

How many

How far

How Long

How often

Questions can begin with am, is, are, was, were, has, have, had, do, does, did, will, would, shall, should, can, could etc.

The following short forms can be used in a conversation.

I am-I'm

I have-I've

do not-don't

cannot-can't

willnot-won't

shall not-shalln't

she will-she'll

He will-He'll

It is-It's

he is-he's etc.

Question tags can be used in the conversations like

I'm-aren't I?

You are-aren't you?

Question: The boy was amazed to see the white baby squirrels in the hole of the banyan tree. Imagine he speaks to his grandfather about them. Write the likely conversation between the two. (5 exchanges)

The boy: Grandpa.....Grandpa....I saw something really strange.

Grandpa: What is it?

The boy: Can the squirrels be white in colour?

Grandpa: Yes. This nature is full of such wonders. The rat and the squirrel belong to the same family. We can say that they are relatives.

The boy: Oh! Is it? May be. The white rat was a frequent visitor to the banyan tree.

Grandpa: Then, the white rat may be the father.

The boy: If it is so then this world is truly strange. In fact, it is wonderful.

Grandpa: I agree my dear....White squirrels are rare. I am also equally amazed as you. I too haven't seen white squirrels before.

The boy: Really! I can't believe it. Anyway the nature has many surprising things in its store for sure.

1. Satyajith Ray meets the manager of the Bharath Circus asking a trained tiger for shooting his film. Prepare a conversation.

Satyajith Ray : Good morning Sir,
Manager : Good morinnng. How can I help you ?
Satyajith Ray : Can you please arrange a tiger for me ?
Manager : A tiger !
Satyajith Ray : Yes, I need a tiger for my film.
Manager : Really
Satyajith Ray : I need it for my film.
Manager : How long do you need it ?
Satyajith Ray : Only for two hours.
Manager : Ok. I can give you.
Satyajith Ray : Thank you sir.

Question

The Sergeant, the landlady and the narrator had a plan in their minds to save the pitiful life of the youth in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' who had almost thrown away his life. Write the likely conversation among the three. (at least six exchanges)

Answer

Conversation

The Sergeant : Thank God! What a miraculous escape!
The landlady : No doubt. But he will take time to recover.
The Narrator : How can we help him?
The Sergeant : I am not going to report the case.
The landlady : Won't it be risky?
The Sergeant : Yes it is risky. But if I report it, he may have to face the court proceedings.
The landlady : I'd be glad to offer him free boarding until he recovers.
The Narrator : That's great! if you wouldn't mind I'll pay his debts, seven pounds ten shillings.
The landlady : That's kind of you.
The Narrator : It's my pleasure to help him.
The Sergeant : Sometimes, these things just change ones life .
The Narrator : Hope so. God willing, everything will be fine.

Gist of the Lessons
ADVENTURES IN A BANYAN TREE

Rskin Bond's story Adventures in banyan tree depicts a perfect harmony between man and nature. The boy, the true lover of nature finds pleasure in nature. He makes friendship with a grey squirrel and becomes a frequent visitor of the old banyan tree. It is turned out to be the abode of his learning and enjoyment. One day he happened to be the witness of a fierce fight between a cobra and a mongoose. The cobra was a trained fighter. . But it was conquered by the mongoose. The boy used to take his father's pet rat with him to the banyan tree. The friendship between a squirrel and the white rat is also pictured very beautifully in this story. The story highlights the importance of preserving nature and the need for developing a positive attitude towards all the living beings in nature. The story also brings forth a lot of moral messages like bravery, confidence, willpower, sense of victory and surrender.

THE SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

It is the story of a homeopath. He is a lover of beauty. He wants to look more handsome. He has decided to shave every day. He wants to grow a thin moustache and keep a pleasant smile on his face. He would like to marry a fat woman so that she will not be able to run after him, if any problem arises. The lesson tells us his strange experience. One evening he had supper at a restaurant and got back to his rented room. When he opened the door, he heard the familiar sound of rats. He took off his coat and rested in his chair. He heard something fallen on the floor. It sounded a rubber tube. Yet he turned his head to see what it was. By that time, a cobra had crawled up to his shoulder. It slid down his left arm and coiled round above his elbow. The cobra stood there with its hood spread out. The doctor was facing death quite near.

If he moved a bit the cobra would strike him. So he left himself on the chair like a stone image. After some time, it crawled down and moved towards the mirror. The homeopath got up, sprang out to the yard and rushed to his friend's house. The next day he returned to his room with his friend. But, he found all his belongings robbed away.

PROJECT TIGER

Satyajith Ray wanted to shoot his new film "Goopy Gyne Bhaaga Byne" with a trained tiger. He approached the Bharath Circus to arrange a tiger to use in his film. He asked the permission of the manager. He gave permission to use it. Then they made arrangements with the ringmaster Mr. Thorat to bring the tiger.

Ray and his team found a suitable bamboo grove in Notun Gram, a small village. Mr. Thorat reached the village with two well fed tigers. It was brought in the lorry specially designed to bring them. He faced greater challenges to shoot the film with the tiger. He understood that it was difficult to shoot the film with a tiger. It has to play a great role in the film. Ray was doubtful of the success of film.

When the cage was opened, the tiger jumped at the crowd with a loud roar. Even, the whole village had come to see the shooting. All the people ran away. The tiger behaved improperly. Nothing went as he planned. It rushed at the on lookers. Luckily the tiger calmed down but the camera had failed. When the tiger became normal, they took the whole scene again. It was a difficult task for them but was finally accomplished.

The Best Investment I Ever Made

The narrator was on a voyage out from New York. On board, he came across a couple, Mr. and Mrs. John. Mr. John had been waiting to speak to the narrator. He introduced himself as a solicitor by profession, who had been on a visit to the settlement houses in New York to deal with the cases of backward, maladjusted and delinquent youth. The introduction leads to a recollection of past from the life of Mr. John.

The incident took place quite back, around quarter a century. The narrator had just set in a practice in London. One foggy November night, at about 10 o'clock, he was awakened by a loud banging on the door. It was a sergeant of police who brought a case of suicide into notice. Both of them hurried towards a building owned by a landlady where they came across the body of a young man in the attic of the building.

The doctor tried his best for an hour and thirty minutes to bring the man back to his conscious. On enquiry, it was known that the young man had lost his parents and had become a victim of a troubled adolescence. He was forced to steal a paltry sum of seven pounds and ten shilling from his office. Unable to face the consequences he had taken the extreme step of suicide by turning on the gas in his room.

Finally, the three people, the landlady, the Sergeant and the doctor resolved to help the young man. The landlady offered a month free boards, the Sergeant didn't register a case and the doctor agreed to pay the paltry sum of seven pounds and ten shillings to put back in the office safe.

Hence the nominal sum secured the best investment to the narrator, which did a world of good in the life of the narrator. In fact an immensely profitable one.

LANGUAGE ELEMENTS

Formation of questions

The following Question words are used What, How, At what time

Who	-	Person
Whom	-	Object of the verb
Whose	-	Possession
What	-	Object /idea/action
Which	-	Choice
When	-	time
Where	-	place
Why	-	reason
How many	-	quantity
How much	-	amount/price
How long	-	duration/length
How far	-	distance
How often	-	Frequency
How old	-	age

Helping Verbs

Present		Past	
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
is, am	are	was	were
does	do	did	
has	have	had	
will		would	
shall		should	
can		could	
may		might	

must
used to
ought to
need
dare

Splitting of a verb

- Wash → do + wash
- Washes → does + wash
- Washed → did + wash
- drink → do + drink
- drinks → does + drink
- drank → did + drink

Pattern of a question

Question word + helping verb + Subject + Verb + Object + Rest part of the sentence.

Fill up the blanks with suitable question word to get the underlined words as answers.

1. Vanka was a nine year old boy
..... was Vanka?
2. Vanka took from the cupboard a bottle of ink and a pen.
..... did Vanka take from cupboard?
3. Vanka took from the cupboard a bottle of ink and a pen.
..... did Vanka take the bottle of ink and pen?
4. Zhivarev was a small, lean old man
..... was Zshivarev?
5. In the day time he slept in the back kitchen.
..... did he sleep in the back kitchen?
6. The master beat me because by mistake I went to sleep while rocking their baby.
..... did the master beat you?

7. They must cost a hundred rouble each.
..... must they cost?
8. Miss Olga, Vanka's favourite was the busiest of all.
..... was the busiest of all?
9. We need the tiger for a couple of hours for the shooting.
..... do you need the tiger for shooting?
10. He was in his early 40's
..... was he?

Fill up the blanks with suitable verb forms

1. The Principal waited for me to speak.
Who for her to speak.
2. Vanka was a nine year old boy.
How Vanka?
3. In the day time he slept in the back kitchen.
When he in the back kitchen?
4. She spoke in a trembling rush?
How..... she.....?
5. The shooting will take place near Shiouri.
Where..... the shooting.....?
6. I want a pencil.
What you
7. I went there to meet Omega
Why you there?
8. I like the red pen.
Which pen you

Yes/No Questions

1. Yes, it is alive
Is it alive?
2. No, It was not beautiful
Was it beautiful?
3. Yes, They were working in USA
Were they working in USA?
4. Yes, I like oranges
Do you like oranges?
5. Yes, He hates tea.
Does he hate tea?
6. No, She did not go to his uncle's house
Did she go to his uncle's house?

Frame Yes/ No Questions : Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Verb

1. It is raining.
.....?
2. He can speak Hindi
.....?
3. They have gone to the park
.....?
4. She will go there
.....?
5. He was running fast
.....?
6. He jumped into the pond
.....?
7. He drove fast
.....?
8. She looks pretty ?
.....

9. She lives in Kochi
.....?
10. The brought Ice cream
.....?
11. She rose early in the morning
.....?
12. She washed her dress well
.....?

QUESTION TAGS

Study the following sentences.

The day is good, isn't it?

He was strong, wasn't he?

Raju played well, didn't he?

They will sing a song, won't they?

Mary isn't an athlete, is she?

Rahul and Sona didn't study well, did they?

You are an Indian, aren't you?

Note: Identify the helping verbs and write it first. If the statement is negative write the positive forms of the helping verb. If the statement is positive use the negative form of the helping verb. Then use the subject in its pronoun form. If no helping verb use do, does/did suitably.

Play = do+play

Plays = does+play

Played = did + play

Pronoun form

Raju - he

Rani - she

India - it

Rahim & Sabitha - they

us - we

Match the following

1. Rahul is tall, has he?
2. Daya and Laya are friends, Shall we?
3. Dog barks loudly, isn't she?
4. Barking dog seldom bites, don't we?
5. Shyla is a beautiful lady, does it?
6. Manoj cries for food, doesn't it?
7. Let's dance, aren't they?
8. Please close the window, isn't he?
9. He has never seen Tajmahal, doesn't he?
10. We study English, Will you?

Tag questions

Fill in the blanks:

- The car is in the garden,?
- You are Sreedev,?
- My brothers were in the library yesterday,?
- We could dance well,?
- He has been to America recently,?
- He will tell her the truth,?
- Reeta isn't interested in drawing,?
- They aren't good at singing,?
- Tom wasn't afraid of Jerry,?
- They were not able to cross the bridge,?
- I couldn't run well,?
- We haven't read all the books,?
- She hasn't told me the truth,?
- The girls won't go,?
- She hadn't danced well,?

They play well,?

He plays well,?

He played well,?

Raheem and Neethu were well,?

Rashmi washes well,?

We washed well,?

My cat won't stay in the Kennel any longer,?

She did not open it,?

The tiger will kill the boar soon,.....?

He doesn't open the cover,?

You don't come to the party,?

If Clause

If you study well (pass)

If you study well you will pass

Verb (V₁) will + V₁ → will pass.

If you studied well (pass)

If you studied well you would pass.

If you had studied well you would have passed.

had + (V₃) would have + (V₃)

If he studies (V₁) well he (will + V₁)

If I had (V₂) money (buy)

If he runs (reach)

If you go by a taxi (reach)

If you went by a taxi (reach)

If you had gone by a taxi (reach)

If it stops raining (go)

If it stopped raining (go)

If it had stopped raining (go)
If I had not gone to child, my child (die)
If I had not grown in Nigeria I (think) same about Nigeria.

DIALOGUE COMPLETION

A dialogue with some missing parts is given. The learner is asked to complete the dialogue using words/ phrases/sentences etc. The structures evaluated are:

- Framing questions (Wh /Yes or No)
- Question tags
- The more....the more
- If-clause
- You had better....
- as though
- unless
- so...that
- neither.....nor, etc.

Question : Complete the conversation suitably.

Varun : You look so worried, a?

Doctor : Yes, A snake coiled round my arm.

Varun : b?

Doctor : I sat like a granite.

Varun : If the snake had bitten you, c

Doctor : Yes. I had no medicines at home.

Varun : d?

Doctor : No, I didn't.

Varun : You had better e

Doctor : I was terribly frightened. So I couldn't do anything.

Ans a) don't you ?

b) What did you do ?

c) You would have died.

d) Did you kill the snake ?

e) get someone's help

1. Complete the conversation suitably.

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Zahra :(a).....?

Ali : I lost the shoes in the market.

Zahra :(b).....?

Ali : Yes, I did search them.

Zahra : How irresponsible you are!

Ali :(c).....

Zahra : Don't give excuses.

Ali : I am not giving excuses. For the time being you can use my sneakers.

Zahra :(d).....

Answers

(a) Where did you lose my shoes?

(b) Didn't you search them?

(c) I had kept them in between the boxes very safely, but later they were not there.

(d) Ok. I will use your sneakers, then.

2. Friend : You seem very frightened,?
Doctor : A snake fell on me. If I had moved it
Friend :?
Doctor : I escaped somehow.
Friend : You had better
Doctor : Thank you I shall stay here today.

3. Mr. Thorat :?
Ray : We need it for a couple of hours.
Mr. Thorat :?
Ray : The shooting will take place at Shiuri.
You can set the tiger free in the bamboo, grove,?
Thorat : No, If it is tied with a thin wire,
.....?
Ray : Will the wire be visible?
Thorat : No, if the wire is thin
Ray : Thank you, You can use so thin a wire.....

4. Zahara :?
- Ali : If lost your shoes in the vegetables shop.
- Zahara : Ali, you have some nerve,?
- I will tell dad.
- Ali : If you tell dad,
- Zahara :?
- Ali : You can use my sneakers.
-
5. Mr. Jones : You are Dr. A.J.Cronin,?
- Doctor : Yes, I am?
- Mr Jones : I am Mr. Jones. Don't you still remember me?
- Doctor : I cannot. But if you tell me specifically.....
- Mr. Jones : Sir, I am Mr. Jones from Landon.
- You had saved me from a suicide attempt quarter a century ago.
- Doctor : Would you mind.....
- Mr. Jones : Yes, I shall tell you in detail.
-
6. Schmidt : Martha, you are getting the scholarship jacket,?
- Martha : Yes sir, But if you had not argued for me,?
- Schmidt :?
- Martha : Grandpa told "If you pay for it, Martha a scholarship jacket.
- Schmidt : He is really sensible?

Word pyramid

Expansion of a Noun Phrase

Constituents

1. Noun Phrase
2. Determiner (Det)
3. Adjective (Adj)
4. Prepositional phrase (Prep.Phrase)
5. Relative Clause

Structure

Noun Phrase
Det + Noun Phrase
Det + Adj + Noun Phrase
Det + Adj + Noun Phrase + Prep. Phrase
Det + Adj + Noun Phrase + Prep. Phrase + Relative clause

eg:

boy
a boy
a good boy
a good boy in the class
a good boy in the class who studies well.

Analysis :

1. Noun - boy
2. Determiner - a
3. Adjective - good
4. Prepositional Phrase - in the class
5. Relative Clause - who studies well.

Constituents:

1. Noun : Naming words
eg : bag, school, boy etc.
2. Determiner : Articles - a, an, the
Possessives - my, our, your, his, her their, its
Demonstratives - this, that, these, those
3. Adjective : Describing words
eg : bad, good, beautiful etc.
4. Prepositional Phrase : A noun phrase beginning with a preposition.
Preposition - eg: in, on, to, by etc.
Noun phrase - eg: a boy, the boy
Prepositional phrase - eg: in the class
5. Relative Clause : A clause beginning with a relative pronoun or an adverb.
Clause : A meaningful combination of words that can stand alone and express complete thought. (having its own subject and predicate)
Relative Pronoun : eg: who, which, that, where, when, how, why, etc.
6. Construct a word pyramid using the word, 'pen' following the given pattern.

Noun phrase

Determiner + Noun Phrase

Determiner + Adjective + Noun Phrase

Determiner + Adjective + Noun Phrase + Prepositional Phrase

Determiner + Adjective + Noun Phrase + Prepositional Phrase + Relative Clause

(a)

pen

a pen

a beautiful pen

a beautiful pen in the pouch

a beautiful pen in the pouch which is red in colour.

(b)

pen

that pen

that attractive pen

that attractive pen in the shop

that attractive pen in the shop which seems costly

(c)

pen

my pen

my blue pen

my blue pen on the table

my blue pen on the table that I missed yesterday.

Sentence Patterns / Sentence Structures

1. S + V
2. S + V + O
3. S + V + C
4. S + V + A
5. S + V + O + O
6. S + V + O + C
7. S + V + O + A

Note: Only 7 basic structures have been discussed here.

Constituents

S - Subject - Noun Phrase

V - Verb - Verb Phrase

O - Object - Noun Phrase

C - Complement - Adjective Phrase

A - Adverbial - Adverbial Phrase

Note: Object could be a Direct Object or Indirect Object. Most often Direct objects are things and Indirect Objects are persons.

Analyse the following sentences.

1. The little boy cried.

S + V

2. The mongoose hates snakes.

S + V + O

3. The lions were hungry.

S + V + C

4. Mr. Thorat went into the cage.

S + V + A

5. Ray gave the manager a cheque.

S + V + O + O

6. The fight made the boy happy.

S + V + O + C

7. The doctor kept the book on the table.

S + V + O + A

Constituents at a glance

Sl. No	Subject	Verb	Object	Complement	Adverbial
1	The little boy	cried			
2	The mongoose	hates	Snakes		
3	The lions	were		hungry	
4	Mr. Thorat	went			into the cage
5	Ray	gave	the manager/a cheque		
6	The fight	made	the boy	happy	
7	The doctor	kept	the book		on the table

1. Frame sentences according to the given sentence pattern.

(a) S + V + O

(b) S + V + C

Ans : (a) My friend likes ice cream.

(b) Some children are busy.

Phrasal Verbs

The section of phrasal verbs becomes important because one needs to understand the contextual use of relevant phrases. The verbal part of the phrase may change according to tense of the sentence. (e.g.; **turn** up may change to **turned** up accordingly)

Phrasal Verbs are a combination of the following –

Verb + Preposition

Verb + Adverb

Verb + Preposition + Adverb or Verb + Adverb + Preposition

Example

Put on (Put – Verb, On – Preposition)

Put off (Put – Verb, Off – Adverb)

Put up with (Put – Verb, Up – Adverb, With – Preposition)

Question: Fill in the blanks using suitable phrasal verbs from the bracket given below.

The doctor (a)..... to do his duty when the sergeant requested him. They..... (b)..... walking over a distance and reached an old building. The Landlady showed them the way to the attic. There lay the body of a young man, still. The doctor had actually(c)..... to save the young man. So, he tried his best. Even after one hour, he didn't (d)..... It was his passion that made him..... (e)..... the trouble.

(go on, get over, give up, set off, turn up)

Answer

- a. Set off
- b. Went on
- c. Turned up
- d. Give up
- e. Get over

Question: Fill in the blanks using suitable phrasal verbs from the bracket given below.

Adichie (a).....to become a writer. She tried to (b).....her wish and ideas through her writings. She(c).....her thoughts to convey it to all. The people accepted them and acknowledged her. She has been (d).....the good work to enrich the literary world.

(carry on, put across, make up one's mind, jot down)

Answer

- a. made up her mind
- b. put across
- c. jotted down
- d. carrying on

Familiarise these Phrasal Verbs

1. Bring about = Cause to happen (കാരണമാവുക)
2. Bring up = educate and provide care (വളർത്തുക)
3. Bring out = publish (പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുക)
4. Call for = demand (ആവശ്യപ്പെടുക)
5. Call out = summon (വിളിച്ചു ചേർക്കുക)
6. Call on = Visit a person (സന്ദർശിക്കുക)
7. Call at = Visit a place (സ്ഥലം സന്ദർശിക്കുക)
8. Carry on = Continue (തുടരുക)
9. Carry out = Perform (നിർവ്വഹിക്കുക)
10. Come across = meet by chance (അവിചാരിതമായി കണ്ടുമുട്ടുക)
11. Come forward = Present oneself (മുന്നോട്ടുവരിക)
12. get back = return to a place (തിരിച്ചെത്തുക)
13. get in = arrive (എത്തിച്ചേരുക)
14. get on = make progress (മെച്ചപ്പെടുത്തുക)
15. get along = manage (കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുക)
16. give in = surrender (കീഴടങ്ങുക)
17. give up = abandon (ഉപേക്ഷിക്കുക)
18. go by = pass (കടന്നുപോകുക)
19. go on = continue (കാരണമാവുക)
20. go through = read (വായിക്കുക)
21. look after = take care of (സംരക്ഷിക്കുക)
22. look down on = despise (അവജ്ഞയോടെ നോക്കുക)
23. make out = understand (മനസ്സിലാക്കുക)
24. make up = compensate (പരിഹരിക്കുക)
25. put across = communicate (ആശയവിനിമയം നടത്തുക)
26. put down = suppress (അടിച്ചമർത്തുക)/write (എഴുതുക)
27. put forward = suggest (നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുക)
28. put off = postpone (പിന്നീട് ഒരവസരത്തിലേക്ക് മാറ്റി വെക്കുക)
29. put up = stay, build (തങ്ങുക, നിർമ്മിക്കുക)
30. put on = wear (ധരിക്കുക)
31. put out = Extinguish (കെടുത്തുക)
32. put up with = tolerate (സഹിക്കുക)
33. set off = Start (തുടങ്ങുക)
34. set out = begin (തുടങ്ങുക)
35. takedown = write (എഴുതുക)
36. be taken aback = embarrassed (അമ്പരന്നുപോവുക)
37. turn down = reject (നിരസിക്കുക)
38. turn up = arrive or appear. (എത്തിച്ചേരുക)

Cloze

Generally, this section covers articles, prepositions, conjunctions and relative pronouns or adverbs.

Articles: a, an, the

Prepositions: in, on, to, by, for, with, across, from, into etc

Conjunctions: and, that, but, or, because etc

Relative Pronoun: who, which, that, whose, whom

Relative Adverb: where, when, why

Question: Fill in the blanks using suitable words from the brackets.

People ____ various walks of life throng shopping malls on weekends. The majority is the young community ____ finds it one of the favourite hangouts. It's ___ place where we can spend our leisure time. The recent trend among the younger generation is very common all over. Even ____ smaller cities are having malls now. We are ___ for some changes and this is quite visible too.

(a, that, in, the, from, on)

Answer:

People from various walks of life throng shopping malls on weekends. The majority is the young community that finds it, one of the favourite hangouts. It's a place where we can spend our leisure time. The recent trend among the younger generation is very common all over. Even the smaller cities are having malls now. We are in for some changes and this is quite visible too and can't be denied.

Extra Question

Fill in the blanks using suitable words from the brackets

Halfway up the tree, the boy had built _____ small platform _____ which he would often spend the afternoons _____ it wasn't too hot. He could read there, propping himself up against _____ bole of the tree with cushions taken from the drawing room. Treasure Island, Huckleberry Finn _____ The Mowgli stories made up my bag of very mixed reading.

(the, in, on, and, a, when)

1. Fill in the blanks suitably.

The doctor opened door and went inside. He heard strange sound. But, he didn't mind it. He used share the room with the rats. Being dark, he lit the lamp sat on the chair.

(and, the, a, an, to)

2. Fill in the blanks suitably.

No sooner had the younger brother gone the forest, then he found river, swam across it there on the other side was the she - bear, fast asleep. He took his cubs and ran up the mountain without looking back. When he reached the top of the mountain, the people came out meet him.

(to, the, into, and, but)

Articles - a, an, the

Prepositions - eg: to, for, of, by, across, into etc.

Conjunctions - eg : and, but, while, either or, neither ... nor, so that

Relative Pronoun/Adverb - eg: who, which, that, when, where, why

I Fill suitable articles.

1. It is long day.
2. It is interesting story.
3. doctor felt afraid.

II Fill suitable prepositions.

1. I like read books
2. The duster is the table.
3. Martha came to school 10.00 am.
4. The house is made bricks.

III Fill suitable Conjunction.

1. Vanka wrote a letter posted it.
2. Ali was not sad he cried.
3. the class leader the assistant should bring the chalk.
4. Harthal caused problems to people was peaceful.

IV Use suitable Relative Pronouns / Adverb

1. The student won the jacket is Martha.
2. Moscow is the place Vanka lived.
3. The doctor saw the snake had coiled round his arm.
4. The chocolates are very tasty were brought from Dubai.

Reported Speech

<u>Direct</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Reported</u>
is/am	was/were	I	she/he
are	were	you	she/he/they
have/has	had	we	they
was/were	had been	me	her/his
will/shall	would	you	her/his/them
may	might	us	them
this	that	my	his/her
these	those	your	her/his/them
now	then	our	their
here	there	yesterday	the last day
before	ago	next day	the following day
today	that day	last day	the previous day
tomorrow	the next day		

Read the following conversation

Satyajith Ray : Why did you bring two tigers ?

Mr. Thorat : I decided to play it safe.

Now, complete the following sentences.

- a) Satyajith Ray asked Mr. Thorat.....
- b) Mr. Thorat replied

Answers

- a) Satyajith Ray asked Mr. Thorat why he had brought two tigers.
- b) Mt. Thorat replied that he had decided to play it safe.

Read the conversation give below and answer the questions that follow.

Doctor : What do you want ?

John : I want to speak to you.

- a) What did Doctor ask John ?
- b) What did John reply ?

Answers

- a) Doctor asked John what he wanted.
- b) John replied that he wanted to speak to him

Read the following conversation and answer the questions given below.

Doctor : What are you ?

Mr. John : I am a solicitor by profession

- a) What did Doctor ask Mr. John ?
- b) What did Mr. John reply ?

Answer

- a) Doctor asked John what he was.
- b) John replied that he was a solicitor by profession.

Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow.

Doctor : Please help me ?

Friend : Why are you panicking ?

- a) What did the doctor ask his friend ?
- b) What was his friend's reply ?

Answer

- a) Doctor requested to help him
- b) His friend asked him why he was panicking.

Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow.

John : Do you know me Doctor ?

Doctor : Your voice is quite familiar to me.

- a) What did John ask doctor ?
- b) What was doctor's reply ?

Answer

- a) John asked the doctor whether he knew him.
- b) Doctor replied that his voice was quite familiar to him.

Read the following Conversation and answer the questions.

Boy : Grandma, I found your knitting.

Grandma : Where did you find it ?

- a) Boy said to grandma
- b) Grandma asked

Answer

- a) Boy said to Grandma that he had found her knitting.
- b) Grandma asked the boy where he had found it.

Read the following conversation and answer the questions.

Boy : Grandfather, there's a surprise for you.

Grandfather : Wow! I haven't seen white baby squirrels ever before.

- a) Boy said to grandfather.....
- b) Grandfather exclaimed.....

Answers

- a) Boy said to grandfather that there was a surprise for him.
- b) Grandfather exclaimed that he hadn't seen white baby squirrels ever before.

Read the dialogues given below and answer the questions that follow.

Friend : Is your wife really fat ?

Homeopath : She is a thin woman.

- a) What did the friend ask the homeopath ?
- b) What did the homeopath reply ?

Answer

- a) The friend asked the homeopath whether his wife was really fat.
- b) Homeopath replied that she is a thin woman.

Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow.

Master : Did you steal cucumbers from the farm ?

Vanka : No master, I didn't.

- a) What did Master ask Vanka ?
- b) What did Vanka reply ?

Answer

- a) Master asked Vanka whether he had stolen cucumbers from the farm.
- b) Vanka replied that he hadn't stolen.

Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow.

Satyajith Ray : Will it attack any of my actors ?

Thorat : No, it won't attack any one.

- a) What did Satyajith Ray ask Thorat ?
- b) What did Thorat reply ?

Answer

- a) Satyajith Ray asked Thorat whether it would attack any of his actors.
- b) Vanka replied that it wouldn't attack any one.

Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow.

Doctor : The snake coiled on my arm

Friend : Did you kill the snake ?

- a) What did the doctor tell his friend ?
- b) What did the friend ask ?

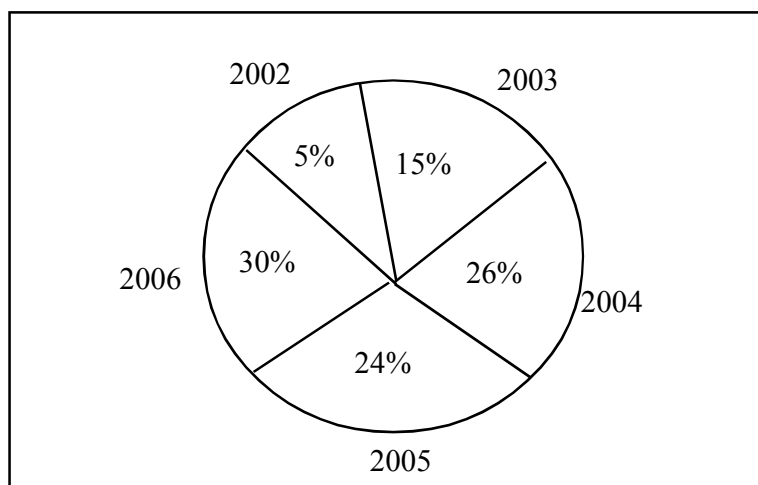
Answer

- a) The Doctor told his friend that the snake had coiled on his arm.
- b) The friend asked him whether he had killed the snake.

STUDY SKILLS

Anaysing and Interpreting Data

The following diagram show the percentage of children who failed in the board of exam in different years. Examine the diagram and answer the questions that follow.



1. Which year did the school acquire the best result?
2. What was the percentage in the year 2004?
3. Write whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'.
 - A. The school had a very good result in the year 2006 when compared to other years.
 - B. The failure percentage in the year 2004 is less than that of 2005.
4. In which year did the school acquire the worst result?

Study the table below and answer the questions that follow.

Film	Year	Production	Actor
Here comes the Navy	1934	Warner Brothers	Lou Edelman
Lost Horizon	1937	Columbia	Frank Capra
One Foot in Heaven	1941	Warner Brothers	H&B Wallis
The snake pit	1948	20th Century Fox	Robert Bassier
Roman Holiday	1953	Paramount	George Stevens

1. Which films in the list are produced by Warner Brothers?
2. If you want to see the performance of George Stevens which film will you see?
3. Who is the hero in Lost Horizon?
4. In which year was Roman Holiday released?
5. Name the company produced the movie The Snake Pit?

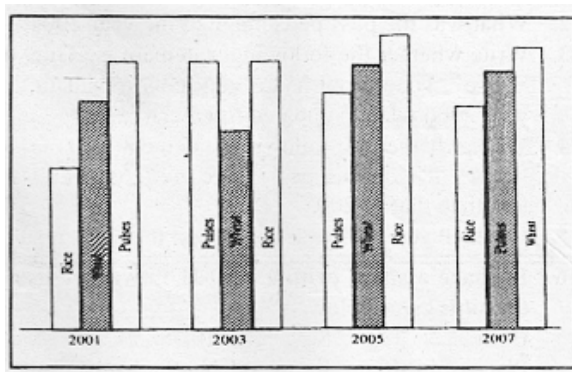
Study the table that shows the details of mountains in India (more than 800 metres hieght)

Mountains Mount	Metres	Feet	Range	Nearby countries
Everest	8848	29029	Himalayas	Nepal, Tibet
K2	8611	28251	Karakoram	Pakistan
Kanchanjunga	8568	28169	Himalayas	Close to Nepal Tibet (India)
Lhotse	8516	27940	Himalayas	Nepal, China Tibet
Makalu	8462	27762	Himalayas	Nepal, China

Now answer the questions that follow:

1. Which mountain belongs to Karakoram range?
2. What is the height of Makalu Mountain?
3. Which is the highest mountain given in the table above?
4. Which mountain range shares the border of three neighbouring countries?
5. Which is the highest mountain in India?

Study the graph showing the quantity of Food Grains used in the years from 2001 to 2007 and answer the questions that follow.



1. Which year did people use the least of rice?
2. Which year did people use the most of wheat?
3. In which years did the consumption of pulses reach the maximum?
4. Write the year in which the use of pulses and rice was the same.
5. Compare the use of Rice and Wheat in 2005 and 2007.

Read the names of the books given below and answer the following questions.

<p>Sentence structure exercise</p> <p>Thomas & Thomas</p> <p>Victory publishing house</p>	<p>Words for daily use'</p> <p>Anuragh Visakh</p> <p>Orbit International</p>
<p>Nature cure of diabetes</p> <p>Dr. Krishnan Kani</p> <p>Pinnacle books</p>	<p>Tricks in snooker</p> <p>Amal Seth</p> <p>Orbit International</p>

1. Which book will you advise to a person who has high blood sugar?
2. Name the publisher of the book on a game?
3. Which book will you suggest to your friend who wants to improve his knowledge of English grammar?
4. Suggest the book that enhances vocabulary skills.
5. Which of the publishers has more than one book to its credit?

The following table gives you some information about a group of students. Read it carefully and answer the questions given below.

Name	Rekha	Sunil	Shaju	Veena
Age	15	14	14	13
Height	139	130	132	115
Weight	45 Kg	43 Kg	46 Kg	40 Kg
Brothers	1	1	0	0
Sisters	0	0	1	0
Hobbies	Reading	Gardening	Cycling	Videogames
Fathers	Farmer	Tailor	Clerk	Postman
Mother	Nurse	Housewife	Teacher	Peon

1. Who is the shortest member in the group?
2. How does Veena spend her leisure time?
3. How tall is the eldest member in the group?
4. Whose mother works in a hospital?
5. What is Sunil's father?

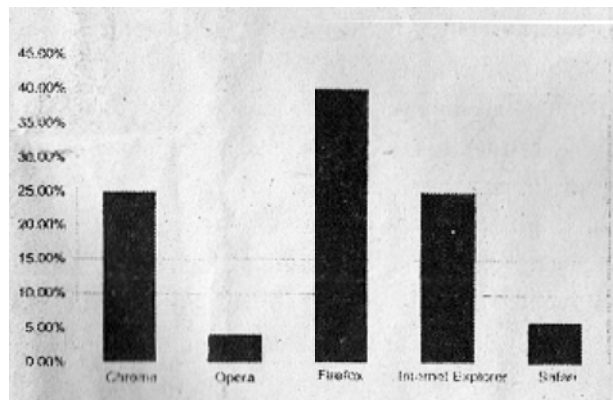
Study the Notice and answer the questions

<p>STUDENT POLICE CADET WING Kerala State (Estd: 2011) announces the Annual Passing out Ceremony of SPC Officers at police Training Centre, Thycaud, Thiruvananthpuram on 2016 December 20, Wednesday at 3 p.m.</p> <p><i>Highlights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passing out parade of SPC officials - Honouring the officials with Medals <p><i>Sponsored by</i> Kerala State Police Department.</p>

1. What is the programme mentioned in the notice?
2. Mention the 'venue' of the programme?
3. How often is the passing out ceremony conducted?
4. When did the SPC Wing come into existence?
5. What are the highlights of the programme?

The chart given below shows the trend in the use of different browsers to search the internet

Analyse it and answer the questions that follow.]



1. Which browser is used the maximum according to the chart?
2. Which are the two browsers used by the same number of people?
3. Which browser is used the least?
4. Compare the percentage of the users of Chrome and Firefox.
5. What percentage of people use Chrome for browsing?

Given below are two famous movies of 'Walt Disney Creations', together with the names of some of their characters. Go through the list and answer the questions that follow.:

The Jungle book (1967)	Aladdin (1992)
Mowgli - an abandoned boy Baloo - a fire spirited bear.	Aladdin-the central character Princess Jasmin- Aladdin's love interest
Bagheera - a complacent black panther	Genie-one of Aladdin's mates.
Shere Khan - a fierce Bengal tiger	Rajah - Jasmine's pet tiger
Kaa - a fierce python	Abu - Aladdin's best friend
King Louie - a hyperactive	Jafar - the villian
Orang - utan	

1. Mowgli and Baloo are characters that figure in the movie.....
2. Who is Aladdin in love with?
3. The name of the hyperactive ape in 'The Jungle Book' is
4. What words are used to describe Bagheera?
5. The only animal character in Aladdin is

The following are the online advertisements of some Tour Operators. Study the details and answer the questions that follow:

Tourient Travels	Miles of smiles	My happy Journey
<p>You can book flights hotels, car rentals activity plans and full holiday packages</p> <p>Enjoy the best of tourism with touri-ent a name tourism oriented like no other.</p>	<p>Our title is derived from ensuring that our customer are happy about the services of provided to them.</p> <p>We have customised and unique packages for international tours such as to Thailand Europe, East Asia, Austrellia and Newzealand. We regularly review our management procedures and evaluate service delivery.</p>	<p>My happy journey was established with thesole aim offering the most exclusive and memo rable experience to travellers and vacation ers. Since its inception in 2007, our company has surpassed many milestones.</p> <p>We are an ISO certified company with comfort able travel options, wonderful resturantsand shopping places which our clients would love to know to make their travel experience.</p>

1. Which company was established in 2007?
2. Which tour operator says it wants to ensure customer satisfaction?
3. Which company should we opt for if we want to make an international trip?
4. Which company is ISO certified?
5. Which tour operator offers full holiday packages?
6. Name the company that conducts reviews of services delivered.
