

**English 2019
Delhi Set-3**

General Instructions:

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

Question 1

Read the passage given below:

1. All of Earth's oceans share one thing in common: plastic pollution. Discarded plastic bags, cups, and bottles make their way into the sea. Today, it seems that no part of the ocean is safe from plastic trash. In recent years, oceanographers have searched in vain for a pristine marine environment. They have found plastic everywhere they have looked. " It is a common global problem, we can't point to a single habitat or location with no plastic."
2. Plastic harms wildlife and introduces dangerous chemicals into marine *ecosystems* –communities of organisms interacting with their surroundings. Once plastic enters the environment, it lasts a long time. Scientists are working to prevent plastic pollution from entering the sea.
3. When people litter, or when trash is not properly disposed of, things like plastic bags, bottles, straws, foam beverage cups get carried to the sea by winds and waterways. About 80 percent of ocean plastic originates on land. The rest comes from marine industries such as shipping and fishing.
4. In 2015, engineer Jenna Jambeck at the University of Georgia and other researchers calculated that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into the ocean from coasts every year. That's the equivalent of a full garbage truck of plastic being dumped into the sea every minute. If current trends in plastic production and disposal continue, that figure will double by 2025. A report published by the World Economic Forum last year predicts that by 2050, ocean plastic will outweigh all the fish in the sea.
5. In today's world, plastic is everywhere. It's found in shoes, clothing, household items, electronics, and more. There are different types of plastics, but one thing they all have in common is that they're made of *polymers* – large molecules made up of repeating units. Their chemical structure gives them a lot of advantages : they're cheap and easy to manufacture, lightweight, water-resistant, durable, and can be moulded into nearly any shape.
6. Unfortunately, some of the properties that make plastics great for consumer goods also make

them a problem pollutant. Plastic's durability comes in part from the fact that unlike paper or wood, it doesn't *biodegrade*, or break down naturally. Instead it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. These tiny pieces, known as *microplastic*, can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.

7. Another problem with plastics is the other chemicals they contain, like dyes and flame retardants. When plastic isn't disposed of properly, these additives end up in the environment. Plastic also tends to absorb harmful chemicals from its surroundings. "It's like a sponge for *persistent organic pollutants*". These long-lasting, toxic substances include pesticides and industrial chemicals. If plastic absorbs the chemicals, and marine organisms eat the plastic, they may be exposed to higher concentrations of these contaminants.

8. One of the biggest impacts of plastic pollution is its effect on sea life. Seals, sea turtles, and even whales can become entangled in plastic netting. They can starve to death if the plastic restricts their ability to move or eat. Or the plastic can cut into the animals' skin, causing wounds that develop severe infections.

9. Sea turtles eat plastic bags and soda-can rings, which resemble jellyfish, their favourite food. Seabirds eat bottle caps or chunks of foam cups. Plastic pieces may make an animal feel full, so it doesn't eat enough real food to get the nutrients it needs. Plastic can also block an animal's digestive system, making it unable to eat.

10. Plastic and its associated pollutants can even make it into our own food supply. Scientists recently examined fish and shell-fish bought at markets in California and Indonesia. They found plastic in the guts of more than a quarter of samples purchased at both locations. In organisms that people eat whole, such as sardines and oysters, that means we're eating plastic too. In larger fish, chemicals from plastic may seep into their muscles and other tissues that people consume.

11. One way to keep the ocean cleaner and healthier is through cleanup efforts. A lot of plastic waste caught in ocean currents eventually washes up on beaches. Removing it can prevent it from blowing out to sea again. Beach clean-up is ocean clean-up.

12. Cleanup efforts can't reach every corner of the ocean or track down every bit of microplastic. That means it's critical to cut down on the amount of plastic that reaches the sea in the first place. Scientists are working toward new materials that are safer for the environment. For example, Jambeck and her colleagues are currently testing a new polymer that breaks down more easily in seawater.

13. "Individual actions make a big difference," says Jambeck. Disposing of plastic properly for recycling or trash collection is a key step. "And simple things like reusable water bottles, mugs, and bags really cut down on waste," she says. Skipping straws or using paper ones helps too. Ocean pollution can seem overwhelming, but it's something everyone can help address. This is a problem we can really do something about.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:

- (i) Percentage of ocean plastic that originates from land is:
(a) 20% (b) 50%
(c) 80% (d) 25%
- (ii) In which year did Jenna Jambeck and others researchers calculate that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into ocean every year?
(a) 2018 (b) 2015
(c) 2005 (d) 2010
- (iii) Plastic is not biodegradable because it is made up of:
(a) low atomic particles
(b) tiny particles
(c) strong big particles
(d) large molecule polymers
- (iv) Sea turtles eat:
(a) plastic bottles
(b) plastic bags and soda-can rings,
(c) bottle caps
(d) chunks of foam cups
- (v) Scientists bought fish and shell-fish for examination at markets in:
(a) China and Russia
(b) Pakistan and Afghanistan
(c) California and Indonesia
(d) Australia and Brazil

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) Which articles made of plastic generally cause pollution in the sea?
(ii) How does plastic in oceans harm marine ecosystems?
(iii) How is microplastic formed?
(iv) Why is plastic compared to a sponge?
(v) What is the biggest impact of plastic pollution on sea life?
(vi) How are scientists trying to reduce the plastic pollutants?

1.3 Answer any **three** of the following questions in **25-30** words each:

- (i) How does plastic waste enter the oceans?
(ii) How is it true to say that plastic is everywhere in today's world?
(iii) Which property of plastic makes it a problem pollutant?
(iv) What has scientists Jambeck suggested for having cleaner and healthier ocean?

1.4 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

- (i) unsafe (para 2)
- (ii) rubbish/junk (as a noun) (para 3)
- (iii) shaped/formed (para 5)

SOLUTION:

1. 1.1 (i) (c) Percentage of ocean plastic that originates from land is 80%.

(ii) (b) In 2018 Jenna Jambeck and the other researchers calculated that at least 8 million tons of plastic trash is swept into ocean every year.

(iii) (d) Plastic is not biodegradable because it is made up of large molecule polymers.

(iv) (b) Sea turtles eat plastic bags and soda-can rings.

(v) (c) Scientists bought fish and shell-fish for examination at markets in California and Indonesia.

1.2 (i) Discarded plastic bags, cups and bottles are the plastic articles that generally cause pollution in the sea.

(ii) Plastics in oceans last for a longer duration and hence introduces dangerous chemicals into marine ecosystem that result in harming the marine lives.

(iii) Plastic doesn't biodegrade or break down naturally. Instead, it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. This way microplastic is formed which can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.

(iv) Plastic is compared to a sponge because a sponge has absorbing qualities, similarly, a plastic can also tends to absorb harmful chemicals from its surroundings.

(v) The biggest impact of plastic pollution on sea life is that it can make Seals, turtles and even whales entangles in plastic netting. As a result, these animals can starve to death and moreover the plastic can cut into the animals' skin causing wounds that develop severe infections.

(vi) Scientists are trying on working towards new materials that are safer for the environment. They are testing a new polymer that breaks down more easily in seawater.

1.3 (i) When people litter, or when trash is not properly disposed of, things like plastic bags, bottles, straws, foam beverage cups get carried away to the sea by winds and waterways. This is how the plastic waste enters the ocean.

(ii) It is really true to say that plastic is everywhere in the world today as it can be found in basic accessories of life such as shoes, clothing, household items, electronics and even more.

(iii) The property of plastic which makes it a problem pollutant is that it doesn't biodegrade or break down naturally. Instead, it just fragments, or breaks into tiny pieces over time. These tiny pieces, known as microplastic, can potentially stick around for hundreds or perhaps even thousands of years.

(iv) Scientist Jambeck said that 'Individuals actions make a big difference'. She suggested that disposing of plastic properly for recycling or trash collection is a key step. And, simple things like reusable water bottles, mugs and bags really cut down on waste and skipping straws or using paper ones helps too. These are the things suggested for having a cleaner and healthier ocean.

1.4 (i) dangerous

(ii) litter

(iii) moulded

Question 2

Read the passage given below:

1. Getting enough sleep is as important as taking time out to relax. A good night's sleep is essential for preserving the health of your brain and gives you the best chance to meet the coming day with a razor-sharp mind. An average person needs about six to eight hour sleep a night - although it is also true that you need slightly less than this, as you grow older-another advantage of aging stress and sleep deprivation often feed on each other, since stress tends to make it harder for you to fall asleep at night and sleep deprivation in itself causes stress.

2. Eventually, too little sleep can dramatically interfere with the performance of your memory - something you obviously want to prevent. If you are not getting enough sleep, try going to bed 30 to 60 minutes earlier than your normal bed time for a few days. Lie down on the bed and try to relax by dissociating yourself from your daily routine work. This is normally enough to catch up on any sleep deprivation.

3. If, however, you suffer from insomnia you should seek the advice of your doctor, the chances are it is already affecting your ability to remember recall information - and if you are struggling to improve your memory scores, this could be at the root of your problem. Prolonged periods of insufficient sleep can deplete your immune system, make you more accident prone and even cause depression - this can also reinforce a more negative outlook on life, which can contribute to your stress burden. The good news is that your memory and mood should automatically improve once you improve your sleep patterns. Tackle your sleep issues and everything else should fall into place.

4. Because stress management is so essential to maximize your brain, power, if you are not in the habit of setting aside time to relax, make it a priority to do so. Even a minute or two of deep breathing can start to work wonders. Often the best ideas and memories can come to you when you are in a state of relaxation as it is during these moments that your brain stores, processes and

plays with the information it has received.

5. Meditation has long been part of religious and spiritual life, specially in Asia. Today, more and more people are adopting it in Western countries also, for its value in developing peace of mind and lowering stress. There is some evidence that regular meditation can have real sleep gain and health benefits particularly in terms of protecting your brain against aging.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.

2.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 100 words.

SOLUTION:

2. 2.1

SLEEP AND ITS IMPORTANCE

1. NEED OF ENOUGH SLEEP

1.1 Good Night Sleep is Ess.

1.1.1 Preserves the health of brain

1.1.2 Best chance to meet the next day with pos. attitude

1.2 Six to eight hour sleep a night

1.2.1 Less than six to eight in older age

1.3 Sleep depr. causes stress.

2. SLEEP DEPRIVATION - AFFECTS MEMORY

2.1 Perf. of memory is affected

2.2 Prevent laying late in bed

2.2.1 Try to lay in bed 30-60 min. than normal time

2.2.2 Try to relax with no thoughts in mind

3. INSOMNIA

3.1 Cnslt. a doc. in case of insomnia

3.2 Affects ability to remember

3.3 Struggling to sleep for longer duration - root of insomnia

3.4 Prolonged Insufficient sleep

3.4.1 Deplete immune system

3.4.2 Makes one more accident prone

3.4.3 Causes depression

3.4.2 Gives a neg. outlook towards life.

4. STRESS MANAGEMENT - METHOD OF RELAXATION

4.1 Essential for maximizing brain pow.

4.2 Make it priority to relax

4.1.1 A minute or two of deep breathing

4.1.2 Best ideas and memories come during this relaxation time.

5. MEDITATE TO REGAIN SLEEP

5.1 Meditation - A part of rel. and spiritual life.

5.2 Adopted in Western Countries

5.2.1 Because it develops peace of mind

5.2.2 Helps in lowering stress

5.3 Evid. that sleep reg. meditation can restore sleeping problems

Abbreviations:

Ess. - Essential

nxt- Next

pos. - positive

depr. - deprivation

Perf. - Performance

cnslt. - Consult

pow. - power

rel. - religious

Evid. Evidence

reg. - regular

2. 2.2

Summary

Sleep is important for health. It is essential to relax one's mind with good sleep to ensure proper working of mind and body. An average person should sleep around six to eight hours a night. Lack of sleep affects the working of brain as the brain responds slowly and remains stressed and brings in many other diseases. If one finds it difficult to sleep on time, then he or she can make an effort to sleep by laying in bed 30-60 minutes earlier than the usual timings and can try to relax for coping up the issue of sleep deprivation. Lying in bed to relax the mind is an essential thing because it helps in getting away from the tasks of daily routine. In case of insomnia, one should definitely take the advice of a doctor because prolonged periods of insufficient sleep can result in adverse effects such as improper functioning of immune system, more accident prone and negative outlook of life. Stress management is essential to enhance the working of brains and thus one can do it by inhaling and exhaling method for few minutes while facing stress issues. Moreover, meditation is one of the easiest ways to develop peace of mind and lowering the stress level. Many Asian countries have adopted this as it helps in attaining the real sleep again and helps in protecting the brain against growing old and stresses up.

Question 3

You are Principal of National Public School, Jaipur. You require a TGT (Maths) for your school. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than **50** words for the 'Situations Vacant' column of 'The National Times' stating essential and desirable qualifications, experience etc of the candidates.

OR

Arts Club of your school is going to organize a drawing and painting competition. Write a notice in not more than **50** words, to be displayed on the school notice board, inviting students to participate in it. Give all the necessary details. You are Rishab/Ridhima, Secretary, Arts club, Sunrise Public School, Gurugram, Haryana.

SOLUTION:

SITUATIONS VACANT

National Public School, Jaipur invites applications for the post of TGT (maths). Candidates with a Masters/ Ph. D degree in Mathematics and at least 4 years of experience of teaching in a school affiliated to the CBSE Board can come for an interview on 7th and 8th March 2019 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. For further details contact the reception: 9800000000

Or

SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURUGRAM

NOTICE

1st March 2019

DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION

This is to inform all the students that the school is going to organise a Drawing & Painting Competition, as per the following schedule:

Date & Day: 8th March, 2019, Friday

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Venue: School Auditorium

Interested students are requested to register their names with their respective class teacher latest by 6th March 2019. For further details, please contact undersigned.

Rishabh

(Secretary, Arts Club)

Question 4

You have realized the necessity of education and financial independence of women for their family, society and in turn for the nation. Write a letter to the Editor, "The National Times"

highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun/Taruna, B-7/9, Mall Road, Delhi.
(100-125 words)

OR

You bought a refrigerator two months ago from Mohan Sales, Ashok Vihar, Bangalore. It has developed certain problems regarding its functioning. Cooling has stopped and it is making a lot of noise. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager asking him for immediate repair/replacement of the same. You are Sachin/Shashi, 61 Pratap Enclave, Bangalore. (100-125 words)

SOLUTION:

The Editor
The National Times
147, Lajpat Nagar
Delhi 110006

2nd March 2019

B-7/9, Mall Road,
Delhi - 110001

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Importance of education of women leading to a better status for them

Through the columns of your esteemed newspapers and as the voice of every woman, I would like to talk about the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. In the present era, it is not only important for the women to be educated for the sake of gaining knowledge but it is also a means of providing them with better status in the society. Women today, are competent enough and are ready to work as equals with men.

Educating women is just the first stepping stone towards their empowerment. Better status in the society means equal respect, income and standard of living. All of this has become of vital importance in a world like ours.

Thus, I would request you to please publish this letter and make the people aware of the importance of education for liberating the women of our generation so that they can stand as equals and conquer the world.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Truly,
Taruna

OR

Sachin

61, Pratap Enclave
Bangalore – 560034

2nd March 2019

The Manager
Mohan Sales

Ashok Vihar
Bangalore – 560024

Dear Sir/ Madam

Subject: Complaint against order number 0000123456

Two months ago, I bought a Whirlpool Supercool-Self Defrost Refrigerator 550L from your shop. The purchase was made on 1st January, 2019 and a copy of the receipt is attached with the letter.

The refrigerator is not functioning properly: its cooling has stopped and it is making a lot of noise. Despite, the technician's visit last week to repair the product, the refrigerator failed to function properly.

As the refrigerator is under full warranty period, kindly replace it at the earliest.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Truly
Sachin

Question 5

Write a debate in **150 - 200** words either for or against the motion : 'Capital Punishment should be abolished'.

OR

Regular practice of yoga is useful in maintaining good health. it is also important for good concentration and peace of mind. You are Shivam/Shabnam.

Write a speech in **150 - 200** words to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school, highlighting the impact of yoga in our life.

SOLUTION:

For the motion -

Capital Punishment should be abolished. It mainly refers to the authorisation to kill someone for

the crime that has been committed by him or her. In simple terms, 'Capital Punishment' is 'Death Penalty'. This punishment is not at all irreversible or irreparable unlike other punishments. It violates the right to live which is the ultimate right of every human. It violates the right not to be subjected to any tormenting or cruel punishment.

Capital Punishment also undermines the human dignity which is actually inherent to every human being. The main idea behind capital punishment is to stop the crime and instil a fear in the criminals about the punishment but that hardly affects their mentality because capital punishments really lack its deterrent effect which is commonly and usually referred by its advocates.

There are evidences that Capital Punishment is being supported by the masses, but it doesn't mean that putting a break to God gifted life is correct. The support of the public for the capital punishment is mainly their keen desire to be free from crime or to build a crime-free nation. And, there exists more effective and powerful ways to stop crime. The government should take decisions to highlight the incompatibility of the capital punishment with proper human rights and dignity.

OR

Good morning teachers and my dear friends, I am Shivam and today I stand in front of you all to speak about the impact of yoga in our life. According to the Vedas, the literal meaning of the word 'Yoga' is 'Union'. It provides an ultimate reward by getting united with the Universe which unfolds infinite benefits for our mental and physical health.

Regular practice of yoga is really important to maintain good health. There are numerous benefits of practising yoga on a daily basis. It is important for good concentration and peace of mind. It helps in stabilising the emotions. Yoga helps in keeping body fit and fine. It increases the flexibility in the body and also helps in building muscle strength. Yoga provides a kind of relief from all the physical illnesses. The regular following or practice of different postures, that is *asans* strengthens the body and keeps one happy and well.

The practice of breathing methods, that is, *pranayama* provides a serenity to the mind and keeps one calm and composed. By doing it correctly, one experiences an increased ability to understand things clearly and perfectly. The practice of meditation helps in attaining inner peace. Hence, yoga is required in every aspect of one's life. It definitely helps in the development of self-discipline and self-awareness. Thus, everybody should practice yoga irrespective of his or her age, health, or any other issues of life.

Question 6

People like to travel to their places of work in their own cars. It is comfortable and they also reach their destinations more or less in time. However, use of private vehicles leads to pollution and traffic jams and it is expensive also. Air-conditioned public buses, which are smaller in size, seating 15 - 20 people and tickets, reasonably priced can be a boon for the people. Write an article in **150 - 200** words on the topic, 'Need of better Public Transport'. You are Resham/Rehana.

OR

Your school held a two-day Diwali Mela in the school grounds. Various food stalls were put up by the students. On the second day, there was a song and dance programme. Prizes were awarded to the participants. However, there were no fireworks. You are Amit/Amrita. Write a report on the event in **150 - 200** words for your school magazine.

SOLUTION:

Public transportation is one of the best means of commuting. Not only it is helpful in terms of the state earning revenue, but also can be a great way to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Use of private vehicles leads to pollution and traffic jams and it is expensive also. Use of public transportation would help in creating lesser traffic jams and congestion, but also in lesser pollution. The more, the number of people using public transportation, the harder the government shall try to make the experience better. Not only it is easier on the pockets, but also can be a great way to reduce fuel consumption.

Air-conditioned public buses, which are smaller in size, seating 15 - 20 people and tickets, reasonably priced can be a boon for the people. Public transport is way more environmentally friendly mode but it needs high cost of investment and management. Hence, government should take certain initiatives to enhance the working of public transport in a way more better manner for pollution free and clean surroundings.

Public transport are convenient, quicker and even cheaper. There are no parking issues that need to be faced while travelling in a public transport. Hence, public transport should be developed.

OR

Diwali Mela
By Amrita

ABC School
New Delhi, 02 March, 2019

ABC School, Delhi organised a two-day Diwali Mela in the school grounds. The dates of the event were 26-27 November. The entry was allowed in the mela between 10:00am to 5:00 pm. The chief-guest on the occasion was Mr. K.S. Sharma, the MLA of the district. The event was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest. He then spoke about the festival, Diwali and then went around to experience the mela. The students of class XI and XII volunteered to manage the mela and also to escort the chief guest to his car later on.

On the first day of the mela, students were wearing the colourful dresses. Various food stalls were put up by the students. There were many different items which were handmade such as notebooks, paper bags, *diyas*, greeting cards, gift boxes, photo frames, candles, etc. Some of the volunteers were standing at distances with placards showing the ill-effects of bursting crackers such as noise pollution and air pollution. Students from other schools were also allowed to enter with the ticket. So, the first day was filled with excitement and fun.

On the second day, there was a song and dance programme. Students danced gracefully and sang melodiously. All of them were giving a moral lesson. There was also a mini-dance competition which was organised in the evening specifically for the students of classes 1-5. It was really amazing. Students from class 4 won this competition. Our principal gave a speech at the end of the function. She urged the students not to play with fireworks on this festival of peace and tranquillity.

The principal also announced that the amount received from selling the food items and other items on the stalls will be used to donate in a NGO for the betterment of its residents. After the speech, the programme came to an end with a noble gesture. So, overall it was a great success.

Question 7

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile ...

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) What was the poet's childhood fear?
- (iii) What is the poetic device used in lines 1-2?
- (iv) Explain : 'late winter's moon'.

OR

..... The stunted, unlucky heir
Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,
His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim class
One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,
Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

- (i) Who is the unlucky heir?
- (ii) What has he inherited?
- (iii) Who is sitting at the back of the dim class?
- (iv) How is he different from rest of the class?

SOLUTION:

- (i) The poem is 'My Mother at Sixty Six' and the poet is 'Kamala Das'.
- ii) The poet's childhood fear was that she would lose her mother some day. Like all other children she too had the fear of being apart from her mother and not being able to see her. While she sat behind her mother in the car and looked at her pale face, she could see her childhood fear turning into reality. She sensed that she might not be able to see her mother alive at her next visit

and thus, she stood silently at the airport waving to her mother without uttering a word other than her only desire to see her soon in proper health.

iii) The poetic device used is a simile.

(iv) With the growing age, the poet's mother has started losing all her vitality and radiance. The poet uses the simile of 'late winter's moon' for her mother to indicate her approaching death.

Winter, being the last season of the year, is synonymous with lifelessness and dormancy. And, a winter's moon is also pale-white in colour bearing close resemblance with her mother who, having lost all her strength and beauty, looks 'wan' and 'pale' to the poet. Her mother, too, is in the last phase of her life.

OR

(i) The 'unlucky heir' refers to the student coming to the elementary classrooms.

(ii) He inherited destiny, twisted bones, illnesses, malnutrition and sunken eyes.

(iii) At the back of the dim class one small child is sitting at the back who is referred to as unnoted, sweet and young.

(iv) He is different because his eyes were full of dreams like a squirrel.

Question 8

Answer any four of the following question in **30-40** words each:

(i) How did M. Hamel make his last lesson a special one? What did he emphasize in it?

(ii) Which two incidents in the life of William Douglas before he was ten years old created an aversion in his mind to water?

(iii) Why did Gandhiji not accept C.F. Andrews' help during the Champaran movement?

(iv) How did the Tiger King 'manage to kill' the hundredth tiger?

(v) What was Hana's role in Dr. Sadao's life when he brought home an injured American Soldier?

(vi) We can't approve of? Jack's attitude towards his wife. Comment.

SOLUTION:

(i) Mr. Hamel was about to confer his last French lesson to his students. He was very sad about the fact. Still, as a tribute to his profession and to the last French lesson, which he was about to teach, he dressed himself up with fine clothes. During the other times, the villager had never shown much interest in attending their French classes and so their places used to be empty. But on that particular day, they almost crammed the classroom. They sat in their own places noiselessly. They paid special attention to every word of Mr. Hamel on that day. It was as if they wanted to give an accolade to their master, Mr. Hamel, for his forty years of faithful service as well as to their motherland, which was no more theirs as a result of the defeat.

(ii) Douglas refers to the incident at the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool where he almost drowned as a "misadventure." The author was about ten or eleven years old at the time and had barely begun to learn swimming, primarily by aping others. As he was thrown suddenly into the water by someone and he couldn't swim, he started drowning. The struggle to come to the surface and to

avoid getting drowned left him with a deep fear of water which deprived him of enjoying water-related activities for many years.

(iii) 1- Gandhi Ji felt that Indians should be able to stand on their own feet, and taking help from an Englishman showed the weakness of heart.

2- Gandhi Ji did not want to break rules but also wanted to help the farmers.

(iv) When the Maharaja shot the tiger, the bullet missed it and the tiger fainted from the shock of the bullet whizzing past. The Maharaja left and the hundredth tiger was later killed by his deewan from a short distance of one foot, without missing his mark because he feared that if the Maharaja would know about the tiger being alive, he would banish the deewan from his kingdom.

(v) Hana was to play the role of a nurse during the operation that Sadao was going to perform on the white man. She first went to the linen shelves to fetch towels. There was also to be old pieces of matting so that the blood would not ruin the fine floor covering. She went out to the back veranda where the gardener kept strips of matting with which to protect delicate shrubs on cold nights and took an armful of them. Then she was asked to help him turn and wait till he washed the man's back carefully. Then she was asked to administer the anesthetic if it was required even though she had never done so before. She choked and then retched upon seeing the wound but she came back and applied the anesthetic nevertheless. She crouched close to the sleeping face of the young American noting his features and contemplating upon the antecedents of the prisoner.

(vi) Jack wishes to help his wife but certain prejudice comes in his way of actually doing it. He had some preconceived notions. Such attitude was not acceptable. Because such an attitude would result in the fact that the help from others will not be forthcoming, and any bias or prejudice would make one intolerant and fanatic opinions are not conducive to the overall growth. His attitude towards his life portrayed a kind of negativity which shows that the ideals of harmony and peace will be curtailed.

Question 9

Answer any one of the following in **120-150** words:

(i) What kind of life did children living in Seemapuri lead?

(ii) How did the crofter tempt the peddler to steal his money? How did it change the peddler's life?

(iii) How did Sophie tell her father and her brother about her 'meeting(s)' with Danny Casey? How did each of them react?

SOLUTION:

(i) Seemapuri in Delhi, is home to 10,000 rag-pickers, mostly Bangladeshi refugees who came here in 1971. These people live in mud structures with roofs made of tin and tarpaulin. The ration cards which allow them to buy grains and the garbage are their means of survival. They believe that their transit shacks are a better place than their native villages that provide no food. Once in a while, the children manage to find coins and rupee notes in the garbage heaps. The author notices how such occasional findings help the children to cling on to hope and life.

(ii) The Crofter offered food and shelter to the peddler, generously but while doing so he kept boasting about himself, his cow and his earnings. The peddler stole the money from the old crofter because basically, he was a thief. He believed that one should steal from others because others were indifferent to his needs. The old crofter had shown him the money and this gave enough temptation to steal the money and be off with it.

(iii) Geoff was Sophie's elder brother. She informed him that she had met Daney Casey, the famous footballer, while she was looking at the dresses at Royce's window. When she saw that her brother did not believe her, she gave him a description of Daney's physical appearance. She said that he had green eyes and that he was not as tall as her brother thought him to be. She also told him that Daney had promised her to give his autograph when he meets her the next time. Geoff does not believe what Sophie says about her meeting. He calls it "the unlikeliest thing [he] ever heard". Sophie's father said that Danny Casey would have a lot of distractions in his career as a football player. He is good and could be as good as Tom Finney or even better in the future but for that, he would have to keep away from the distractions.

Question 10

Answer **any one** of the following in **120 – 150** words:

- (i) Derry and Mr. Lamb both are victims of physical impairment, but their attitudes towards life are completely different. Elaborate.
- (ii) Write a character sketch of the Governor of Oxford Prison based on the story, 'Evans Tries an O-Level'.
- (iii) Why did Bama stroll in the market place instead of hurrying back home? Describe the sights she enjoyed seeing there.

SOLUTION:

(i) While Derry had his face half burnt, Mr. Lamb had a tin leg and both of them were looked at with pity and disgust by people. Derry was a teenaged boy with a pessimistic and cynical attitude towards life. He was reserved and withdrawn because how society treated him. His face had been disfigured by acid and that is the reason why he avoided the company of others because he thought of himself as a monstrosity. He chose to be lonely because he was sick of the insensitivity of people around him. He believed that no one loved him and even his mother loved him because she was biologically programmed to do so, it was her duty rather than her will to love him.

Mr Lamb was an old man with a tin leg who was ridiculed by callous children as 'Lamey Lamb.' However, Mr Lamb's deformity had made him develop a positive attitude, unlike Derry. He worked hard to rise against all adversities, he had learned to walk and climb ladders, he made friends with everyone and lived in a house with no curtains and open doors, welcoming one and all who came his way. He took his deformity as a challenge because he believed human beauty lied in inner strength rather than outward appearance.

(ii) The Governor was a man who took his job very seriously, which was a little more than could be said about his colleagues and subordinates. There is no denying the fact that he knew very well the prisoners who were under him, most of all Evans. He suspects the latter to be up to

something when he requests to take the O-Level examination, although he did admit the possibility that Evans was actually interested. The Governor's astuteness is evidenced by the precautionary measures he takes in rendering Evans harmless and his thorough search of McLeery. However his astuteness bordered on paranoia, as he himself realised after some time when he found himself imagining Evans to attempt a Batman leap suffocating McLeery with a blanket. He begins unravelling when Evans escapes (or seems to anyway) despite all the precautions and he begins blaming his subordinates. He recovers eventually and manages to foil Evans's plan and the latter is visibly disheartened when he finds the Governor waiting for him at the Golden Lion. As he finds out, although a little late, the Governor had indeed been clever in working out the entire plan of Evans' for his first escape. However, in his exhilaration at having at last outsmarted Evans, he misses the fact that Evans had men even amongst the guards assigned to escort him back to prison - which is how he escapes for the final time.

(iii) Although the distance from her school to her home could be covered in ten minutes, it took Bama thirty. This was because she took her time, walking leisurely watching the fun and the games, the oddities and the novelties on the way on the streets, in the shops and in the bazaar.

Question 11

Answer **any one** of the following question in **120-150** words :

- (i) Why Was Mrs. Hall happy to have a guest at 'Coach and Horses' Inn? How did the stranger behave at the inn?
- (ii) Describe Mr. Marvel's meeting with the mariner at Port Stowe. What kind of person was the mariner?
- (iii) How did Dunstan Cass meet his end?
- (iv) Describe the circumstances under which Silas Marner had to leave Lantern Yard.

SOLUTION:

(i) Mrs. Hall felt that it was a stroke of luck that she had a guest at Iping during the winter time. Moreover, the stranger was no haggler, and paid for his room up front. Thus she decided that she would take him in as a guest at her inn. The stranger behaved in a suspicious manner as he was covered from head to toe when he arrived at the inn in Bramblehurst. The brim of his soft felt hat hid every inch of his face except the shiny tip of his nose. His shoulder and chest were covered with snow and a white crest of snow had formed on the luggage that he carried. He asked not to be disturbed by anyone because he did not want his secret to be revealed.

(ii) Mr Marvel met a Mariner at Port Stowe. He was an elderly gentleman who had stepped out of the inn carrying a newspaper. He Mr Marvel met a Mariner at Port Stowe. He was an elderly gentleman who had stepped out of the inn carrying a newspaper. he observed Mr Marvel carefully, with an observant eye and then started discussing the weather with him. he then spoke about the extraordinary events and anecdotes of an invisible man mentioned in the paper. Mr Marvel was about to spill the beans about the invisible man when he was stopped abruptly by

Griffin. When Marvel told him that the tales about the invisible man were all a hoax, the Mariner was upset with Marvel for letting him believe that there was an invisible man and ranting about him!

(iii) Dunstan Cass and his brother Godfrey were left carefree by their father Squire Cass which made Dunstan's idle mind to think about evil things. He has a negative character and kept going with his evil thoughts. It was like he got away doing bad everytime which basically encouraged him to do more. He persuaded his brother to marry Molly, blackmailed him for money and told him to sell the horse. The more and more he demanded, the more it worked out for him and kept it going. He killed the horse with his cowardice and eventually stole Silas gold. But with all this, he had unfortunately landed in his own death by falling into the stone pit. He didn't let others lead a life nor could he live long to live his.

(iv) Lantern Yard and Raveloe were two different towns, both religiously and socially. People in Lantern Yard were more inclined toward religiousness but not friendly whereas people in Raveloe were more friendly but not that religious. When Silas lived in Lantern Yard, he was happy. He had many friends and he was preparing to marry a beautiful girl. He was hard working and courteous. He moved out of Lantern Yard and went to Raveloe when Dane tossed him out of the village. In Raveloe, his life was completely different. He had no friends, he stayed alone at his home full day. In a course of time he turned into a cold and bitter man who was focused on saving money and hoarding it. He lost interest in socialising. He enjoyed only in one thing, i.e. Counting his money. In the middle of the story, Lantern Yard grew in size and people worked even harder, but there was pollution as well which grew and no one bothered about that. On the other hand, Raveloe was not growing in terms of industrialization but they were more careful about their personal joy and well-being. Silas was the only person who was into industry work and was earning a lot of money. The change came in Silas's life when Eppie came in his life, she brought back the concern of human relationships in his life.

Question 12

Answer **any one** of the following questions in **120-150** words:

- (i) How does the novel, 'The Invisible Man' highlight the theme of corruption of morals in the absence of social restrictions?
- (ii) Compare and contrast Griffin (the invisible man) and Dr. Kemp as scientists and also as members of society.
- (iii) George Eliot has portrayed Godfrey as a morally weak character. Comment.
- (iv) In 'Silas Marner', describe the role of Dolly Winthrop.

SOLUTION:

(i) Griffin is a brilliant scientist who does many experiments. He uses his invention to turn himself invisible. During the course of his experiments, he displays no compassion for the cat who suffers miserably as Griffin does experiments on it. He kills his father and instead of

feeling guilty, he justifies his actions by calling his father a sentimental fool! He flouts all social restrictions and norms by stealing, cheating and even killing people. He attacks Kemp and anyone else who refuses to assist him to realise his evil intentions. His actions exhibit how morally degraded and self-centred he has become. "The invisible man " truly highlights the theme of corruption of morals in the absence of social restriction.

(ii) Griffin was alienated from his peers as a child both because he was abjectly poor and because he was an albino whose very physical appearance marked him out as different. However, he was also a brilliant chemist who had won the medal for that subject at school. On the one hand, Griffin was extremely talented and had the ambition to match his talent. On the other hand, his physical and social circumstances were strongly against his chances of success. In his words - "You have only to think! And I, a shabby, poverty-struck, hemmed-in demonstrator, teaching fools in a provincial college, might suddenly become - this." While it was impossible for Griffin to resist that temptation, Kemp never came across such a temptation, not only because he had not made the same scientific breakthrough, but also because his success came to him easily. If not the hero in the conventional sense of the word, Griffin is definitely the protagonist of the novel, something that is evidenced by its title.

(iii) Godfrey is a kind man but is weak and flawed. He has no strength or courage when it comes to standing up to his brother and his father and is easily dominated by them. When his wife dies, he allows his child to be taken by Silas and does not claim responsibility for her. However, he still sees Eppie as his daughter and wants to make her life as comfortable as possible. He helped in expanding Silas's cottage, gave them beds to sleep on and later on even promised a new garden for Eppie. He feels a constant guilt for not acting as a father figure for Eppie.

(iv) Dolly Winthrop is a kind and helpful woman, she was the wife of Ben Winthrop, a wheelwright. She helps Silas and treats Eppie like her God-mother. She brings Cakes for them and requests him to eat and also pleads him not to do weaving on Sundays. She also guides Silas about how to take care of a child when he starts taking care of Eppie. She remains like a trusted advisor for Silas for life. Silas also trusts her and takes her advice whenever he needs, whether for himself or for Eppie. She also helps Silas to trust the world.