

CBSE Class X English (Language and Literature) Set 3 (2/5/3)

Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :80	Total Questions :11
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General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

(i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.

(ii) This question paper contains THREE sections -

SECTION - A : Reading Skills

SECTION - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

SECTION - C : Literature Text Book

(iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section - A

1. Read the following passage carefully :

(1) The words probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics may sound like variations of the same thing, but what a difference a prefix makes. The first is a category of health-promoting microbes. The latter two groups are types of beneficial molecules. But all three biotics are critical for supporting the community of microscopic organisms that live in the gastrointestinal tract, known as the gut microbiome. With both beneficial and harmful bacteria living in the human body, these diet-related factors the biotics help tip the balance in the positive direction. It is important to understand their differences, as you'll see, because each of these factors serves a distinct purpose even as they work together.

- (2) Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these biotics , which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract. A growing body of scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics, and postbiotics, with improvements in metabolic diseases including obesity and cholesterol abnormalities depressive symptoms and poor sleep quality, among many other conditions.
- (3) Besides promoting general gut health, consuming food rich in probiotics can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea, prevent travel vitamins and increase nutrient absorption, and decrease the risk of common infections. In fact, when consumed regularly, probiotics have been found to reduce the occurrence of upper respiratory tract infections (like the common cold).
- (4) Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics. The most common ones include Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium, of which there are dozens of strains. "You have to match what it is you're concerned about with the probiotic you should use," says Gregor Reid. Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics.
- (5) Some foods, such as yogurt, kefir, kimchee, and fermented soybeans and kombucha naturally contain probiotics. But here's where things get complicated: not all fermented foods or yogurts contain probiotics, Reid says. As a consumer, a good starting point is to look for the if specific strains of bacteria are listed, because then you'll know you're getting the right stuff.
- (6) Simply put, prebiotics are sources of food for those beneficial microbes the probiotics. They are typically a form of carbohydrate or fiber to digest. As a result, they move through the digestive tract to the intestine, where beneficial bacteria (probiotics) can feast on them.
- (7) When you consume foods that are rich in probiotics and prebiotics, the microbes in your gut consume the undigestible prebiotic fiber and produce bioactive compounds called postbiotics. They are ultimately the endgame that we want they affect how our gut operates and keeps the good bacteria there and the bad bacteria out.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

(i) Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards probiotics?

(A) Probiotics, prebiotics and postbiotics are variations of the same thing, with just a difference of a prefix.

(B) All fermented foods or yogurts naturally contain probiotics.

(C) All three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome.

(D) Only probiotics are important as they can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea.

Correct Answer: (C) All three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome.

Explanation: The author emphasizes that probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics all play essential roles in maintaining gut health, with each contributing to the balance and function of the gut microbiome.

Quick Tip

Look for keywords in the passage that highlight the importance of all three types of biotics rather than just probiotics alone.

(ii) According to the writer, health benefits of all the 'biotics' extend beyond the digestive tract. Rationalise your response in about 40 words.

Answer: The author explains that the health benefits of probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics are not limited to gut health. They positively affect other systems in the body, including the immune and nervous systems, improving overall well-being.

Quick Tip

The passage highlights the broader impact of biotics on general health, not just digestive health.

(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. To get the right probiotic and to match requirement, it is important to see the label for ———.

Correct Answer: live and active cultures bacteria

Explanation: The writer stresses the importance of choosing probiotics based on the specific strains of bacteria they contain, as different strains serve different health purposes.

Quick Tip

Always check the label for specific strains of bacteria to ensure that the probiotic fits your health needs.

(iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (A) (E) below, identify two sets of antonyms.

- (A) increase and decrease
- (B) probiotic and postbiotic
- (C) beneficial and harmful
- (D) feast and fermented
- (E) consuming and digestive

Correct Answer: (A) increase and decrease (C) beneficial and harmful

Explanation: "Increase" and "decrease" are direct opposites, as are "beneficial" and "harmful."

Quick Tip

Antonyms are pairs of words that have opposite meanings. Pay attention to contrasting words in the passage.

(v) Complete the sentence appropriately. The author wants to stress the fact that there is not just one type of beneficial bacteria considered as probiotic, in fact, some probiotics have ——.

Correct Answer: Dozens of strains

Explanation: The author highlights that various probiotics have different roles depending on the part of the digestive system they affect.

Quick Tip

The passage explains that different probiotics are tailored to address various areas within the gut.

(vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, the importance of prebiotics for the human gut and how they are related to probiotics.

Answer: Prebiotics play a vital role by providing nourishment for probiotics, helping them thrive and work effectively. They support the growth of beneficial bacteria in the gut, which enhances the overall health of the digestive system.

Quick Tip

Prebiotics and probiotics work together to improve gut health, with prebiotics helping probiotics perform better.

(vii) As a consumer, if you want to pick a probiotic product, what is the most important thing to keep in mind?

- (A) Any fermented product that contains probiotics.
- (B) Checking the label for specific strains of bacteria.
- (C) All products under "probiotics" section in a grocery store are safe to pick.
- (D) Checking the label which clearly says "probiotics" is sufficient.

Correct Answer: (B) Checking the label for specific strains of bacteria.

Explanation: The author advises consumers to check for specific strains of bacteria to ensure that the probiotics in the product suit their needs.

Quick Tip

It's crucial to choose probiotics based on specific strains, as different strains have varied effects on health.

(viii) "Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these 'biotics', which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract." As per this statement from the passage, how relevant are the 'biotics' for humans?

- (A) Their relevance has been proven by scientific evidence.
- (B) Not very relevant as more study is needed.
- (C) Their relevance cannot be generalised for everyone.
- (D) Only probiotics are relevant for humans.

Correct Answer: (A) Their relevance has been proven by scientific evidence.

Explanation: The statement indicates that the benefits of probiotics have been demonstrated and their positive effects extend beyond the digestive system.

Quick Tip

The passage emphasizes scientific backing for the importance of probiotics, supporting their relevance for overall health.

2. Read the following passage carefully :

(1) After more than two years of halted travel, India's tourism and hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India — like in other countries — in the past two years.

(2) Indians are now travelling with a vengeance — 'revenge travel', as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.

(3) According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.

(4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.

The table below shows foreign travel by Indians for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019	2020	2021	2022
Business	14.7 L	2.6 L	1.2 L	4.6 L
Job	25.2 L	7.1 L	8.3 L	21.4 L
Residency	89.5 L	28.9 L	34.6 L	72.5 L
Education	5.8 L	2.6 L	4.4 L	6.5 L
Tourists	63.8 L	13.1 L	12.8 L	30.8 L
Visit	42.1 L	10.1 L	15.1 L	40.9 L
Medical	1,448	390	545	1,253
Pilgrimage	8.8 L	1.1 L	4,139	4.6 L
Others	2.6 L	54,775	58,767	1.6 L
Total	2.5 Crore	66.2 L	77.2 L	1.8 Crore

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

(i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2.

We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because _____.

Answer: The situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes because both activities reflect a surge in enthusiasm and a strong desire to indulge after being restricted for a long period.

Quick Tip

Both situations involve people eagerly engaging in activities after being confined, illustrating the craving for freedom after restrictions.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. The statement that, "Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019, is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).

Correct Answer: fact, objective detail

Explanation: The statement provides verifiable data about tourism's contribution to the GDP and job creation, which is factual and objective, rather than subjective.

Quick Tip

When a statement provides measurable or verifiable data, it is classified as a fact and objective detail.

(iii) Justify the following in about 40 words.

After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.

Answer: After prolonged lockdowns and restrictions, many people feel a sense of liberation when they can finally travel. The ability to travel internationally represents a return to normalcy, freedom, and exploration, making it a highly anticipated experience for many.

Quick Tip

The long duration of lockdowns created a pent-up demand for travel, making international trips even more appealing after restrictions were lifted.

(iv) Based on the given table, for which purpose did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019?

Answer: Based on the table, Indian foreign travel increased in 2022 for leisure and vacation purposes as compared to 2019.

Quick Tip

Look for trends in the table that reflect increases in specific categories such as leisure travel.

(v) "The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations." Which 'industry' is being talked about here?

Answer: The 'industry' being referred to is the tourism and travel industry.

Quick Tip

The reference to trends like micro-holidays and workcations suggests the context of tourism and travel, which evolved due to the pandemic.

(vi) As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022? State any one inference that can be drawn from this.

Answer: In 2019, the maximum number of Indians traveled abroad for leisure, and in 2022, the trend continued with leisure as the primary purpose of travel.

Inference: Leisure travel has remained the dominant reason for foreign travel for Indians in both years, highlighting a strong desire for relaxation and exploration post-pandemic.

Quick Tip

Look for patterns in the table and make inferences based on consistent trends in travel purposes.

(vii) Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study? (Answer in about 40 words.)

Answer: Students today are choosing to go abroad for better educational opportunities, exposure to international cultures, and access to high-quality resources and teaching methods. Studying abroad provides them with a global perspective and enhanced career prospects.

Quick Tip

Students opt to study abroad for academic excellence, cultural experience, and future career advantages.

(viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage?

- (A) International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.
- (B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.
- (C) Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (D) The study needs to include experts from the Tourism Department to offer any

recommendations for further research.

Correct Answer: (B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.

Explanation: The passage focuses on the excitement of Indians to travel internationally after the restrictions of the pandemic, highlighting the eagerness to experience the freedom of travel again.

Quick Tip

The key takeaway from the passage is the growing enthusiasm among Indians for international travel, indicating a shift back to normalcy and a renewed desire for exploration.

Section - B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE SKILLS

Grammar

3 (i): Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter:

I am also enclosing documents _____ (mention) our terms and conditions with this letter.

Please go through the same and if you have any doubts regarding that, please feel free to call or meet me personally.

Correct Answer: mentioning

Solution:

The present participle "mentioning" is appropriate here as it functions as an adjective describing the enclosed documents.

Quick Tip

Use the present participle form of the verb ("-ing") when it acts as an adjective to describe a noun.

3 (ii): Read the given sentence from a book review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

Its flexible to ferry up to seven adults made the Banana Boat hugely appealing.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Solution:

Error	Correction
flexible	flexibility

The correction is changing "flexible" (adjective) to "flexibility" (noun) to fit the sentence structure correctly.

Quick Tip

Use "It's" for "it is" or "it has," and "Its" for possession.

3 (iii): Mihika and Nitesh had a conversation about a shopping mall they recently visited.

Report Mihika's question:

Do you remember that cafe where we had a croissant?

Correct Answer: Mihika asked Nitesh if he remembered the cafe where they had a croissant.

Solution:

In reported speech: 1. The question "Do you remember" changes to the past tense "if he remembered." 2. Pronouns are adjusted appropriately ("we" becomes "they").

Quick Tip

For reported speech, change the tense of the verb and adjust pronouns based on the context.

3 (iv): Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of a notice on the school notice board:

Students who want to participate in the Annual Day ----- (could/may/should) report to the Auditorium Hall at 12:30 pm tomorrow.

Correct Answer: should

Solution:

The modal verb "should" is correct here as it indicates a recommendation or instruction for the students to follow.

Quick Tip

Use "should" to give advice or make recommendations, especially in formal instructions.

3 (v): Identify the error and supply the correction for the given pop-up appearing on a website's home page:

This site use cookies. By continuing to use our website, you are agreeing to our privacy policy.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

Solution:

Error	Correction
use	uses

The subject "This site" is singular, so the verb must agree with it by using the singular form "uses" instead of "use."

Quick Tip

Ensure subject-verb agreement by using singular verbs for singular subjects and plural verbs for plural subjects.

3 (vi): Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Always check the forecast so that you can be prepared for weather changes. Temperature may drop and wind may increase as you ----- higher.

- (A) climb
- (B) will climb
- (C) climbed
- (D) climbing

Correct Answer: (A) climb

Solution:

The present tense "climb" is appropriate because the sentence refers to a general fact or condition about altitude and weather changes.

Quick Tip

Use present tense when referring to general truths, facts, or habitual actions.

3 (vii): Read the dialogue between Sameer, a passenger, and the flight attendant regarding delay in flight landing:

Sameer: At what time are we landing in Mumbai?

Flight Attendant: Sorry for the inconvenience, sir. The flight will be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rain.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Sameer asked the flight attendant about the time they would be landing in Mumbai. The flight attendant apologized for the inconvenience and replied that -----.

- (A) the flight would be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rains
- (B) there would be a delay in flight landing
- (C) there will be a delay by a few hours
- (D) the flight could be delayed by a few hours

Correct Answer: (A) the flight would be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rains

Solution:

In reported speech: 1. The future tense "will be delayed" changes to the past future tense "would be delayed" to reflect the shift in time.

2. The additional phrase "due to heavy rains" remains as it provides a reason for the delay.

Option (A) is the most accurate as it correctly conveys the tense and meaning of the original dialogue while maintaining grammatical consistency.

Quick Tip

When converting direct speech to reported speech:

- 1. Change "will" to "would" for future tense actions.
- 2. Ensure that pronouns and additional phrases align with the narrative structure.

3 (viii): Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line of a Policy document:

Material featured on this website should be reproduced free of charge. However, the material has to be reproduced accurately and is not to be used in a derogatory or misleading context.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(A)	should	may
(B)	however	therefore
(C)	has	have
(D)	material	materialism

Correct Answer: (A) should → may

Solution:

The word "should" implies obligation or necessity, whereas "may" is more appropriate for a policy document as it indicates permission or possibility rather than a requirement.

Quick Tip

Ensure subject-verb agreement by identifying whether the subject is singular or plural. Use "has" for singular subjects and "have" for plural ones.

3 (ix): Report the following dialogue between a teacher and her student, by completing the sentence:

Teacher: Why have you not completed your homework?

Student: There was a long power cut in my locality, and our inverter battery also ran out.

The teacher asked the student why he had not completed his homework. The student answered that

Solution:

That there had been a long power cut in his locality and their inverter battery had also run out

Quick Tip

When converting to reported speech:

1. Change simple past to past perfect for actions that occurred earlier.
2. Adjust pronouns to match the narrative perspective.

3 (x): Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of a notice, posted on a school notice board:

*As per the given schedule, the Students Council election of the school for the current session
..... held on 23rd May at 2:30 pm.*

- (A) may be
- (B) should be
- (C) can be
- (D) will be

Correct Answer: (D) will be

Solution:

The future tense "will be" is appropriate as the sentence specifies a scheduled event in the future.

Quick Tip

Use "will be" to indicate certainty about a planned event in the future.

3 (xi): Complete the line in this poem by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The world is transforming at a rapid pace

With rising technology and heaps of e-waste.

Nations today are in a rat race

For producing more radioactive waste.

- (A) caught up

- (B) catching up
- (C) caught
- (D) catching

Correct Answer: (A) caught up

Solution:

The phrase "caught up" fits the context as it indicates that nations are entangled in an intense competition or "rat race."

Quick Tip

Use "caught up" to describe involvement or entanglement in an activity, often with negative connotations.

3 (xii): Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in a laptop's user guide:

This guide describes features that are common to most products. Some features cannot be available on your computer.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

Solution:

Error	Correction
cannot be	may not be

The phrase "cannot be" is incorrect as it indicates impossibility, which is not suitable here. "May not be" is the correct phrase as it conveys uncertainty about feature availability.

Quick Tip

Use "may not" to indicate possibility or uncertainty rather than impossibility.

4 (A): The roads in your locality have developed big potholes after the rains and have not been repaired. Despite several complaint letters to the civic authorities, the problem is still unresolved. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concern and suggesting measures to resolve the problem and drawing attention of the concerned authorities.

Answer:

**17, Crown Apartments,
Harsh Vihar, Akash Nagar**

[Date]

To,

The Editor

Name of Local Daily

City Name

Subject: Urgent Need for Repairing Potholes in the Local Roads

Dear Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to the deplorable condition of roads in our locality. The recent rains have created numerous potholes, making the roads unsafe for pedestrians and vehicles. Despite multiple complaints to the civic authorities, no action has been taken. I urge the authorities to repair the roads immediately and ensure proper drainage systems to prevent future damage. Your support in highlighting this issue will compel the authorities to act promptly.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Quick Tip

When writing formal letters: 1. Address the problem clearly in the subject line. 2. Use polite language and suggest actionable solutions. 3. Keep the content concise and structured.

OR

4 (b): As Jignesh Silva/Punkhuri Shukl of 648, Sec-19, Sadar Nagar, you feel very unhappy and annoyed with the way bikes and cars are haphazardly parked in front of residential units causing inconvenience to residents. Write a letter to the RWA of your society in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to remove the nuisance.

Answer:

**648, Sec-19,
Sadar Nagar
[Date]**

To,
The President
RWA of Sadar Nagar
City Name

Subject: Request to Address Haphazard Parking Issues in Our Society

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention the inconvenience caused by haphazard parking of bikes and cars in front of residential units. This not only creates chaos but also poses safety risks for pedestrians, especially children and elderly residents.

I suggest allocating designated parking areas and penalizing violators to resolve this issue.

Regular monitoring of parking spaces can ensure adherence to rules. I hope you will take immediate steps to address this nuisance and restore order in our society.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

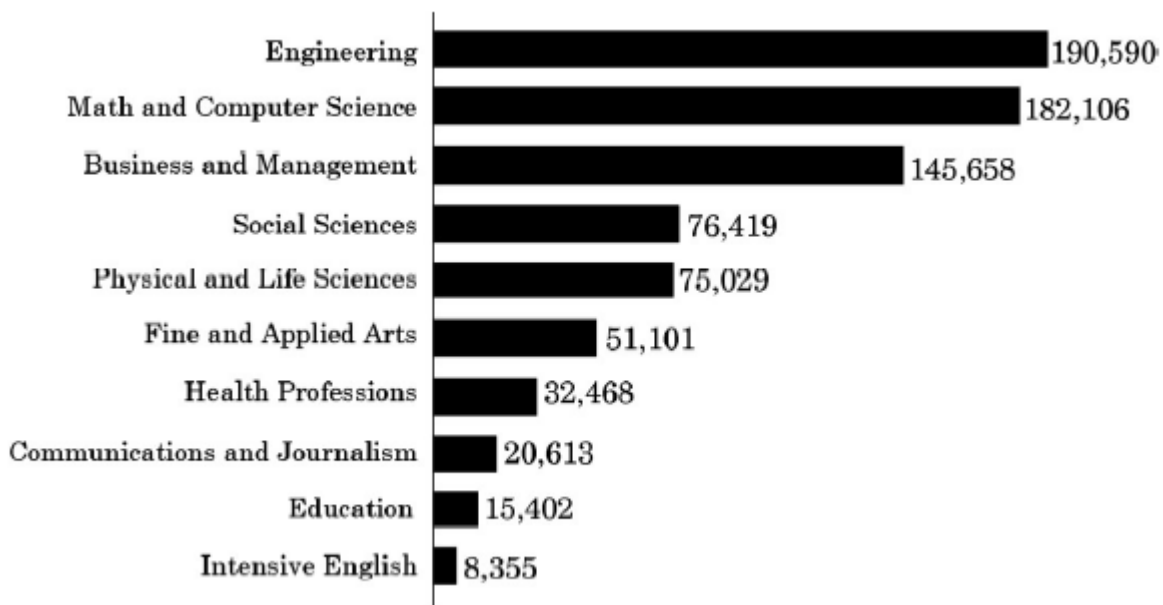
Jignesh Silva/Punkhuri Shukl

Quick Tip

For letters addressing local issues: 1. Clearly describe the problem and its impact. 2. Suggest practical measures for resolution. 3. Use a professional tone throughout the letter.

5. Attempt any one from (A) and (b) given below :

5 (A): Many Indian students go abroad for higher studies. The following graph shows the most popular fields of study for Indian students studying abroad in the academic year 2020–21. Analyze the graph and write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, by selecting features that support your analysis.



Solution:

The graph highlights the most popular fields of study among Indian students studying abroad

in 2020–21. Engineering leads with 190,590 students, followed closely by Math and Computer Science at 182,106. Business and Management is the third most popular field with 145,658 students.

Fields like Social Sciences (76,419) and Physical and Life Sciences (75,029) also attract significant numbers. However, Fine and Applied Arts (51,101) and Health Professions (32,468) have comparatively fewer students. Communications and Journalism (20,613) and Intensive English (8,355) are the least pursued fields.

The data indicates a strong preference for technical and business-related fields, reflecting the demand for these disciplines in global job markets.

Quick Tip

When analyzing graphs: 1. Focus on the top-ranking and least-ranking data points. 2. Identify patterns or trends in the data. 3. Provide a conclusion based on the analysis.

5 (b): Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the situation and probable reasons that lead children to become a part of the child labour force.

CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA



For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 5 (b) :

Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour

deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analysing the situation and circumstances that lead children to become a part of the child labour force.

1. bottles collection 46%
2. shoes polishing 20%
3. car washing 12%
4. cleaning 7%
5. dishwashing 7%
6. selling and wood collection 7%
7. begging 1%

Solution:

The pie chart highlights the various types of odd jobs performed by child labourers in India. Bottle collection accounts for the highest percentage at 46%, followed by shoe polishing at 20%. Car washing makes up 12%, while cleaning, dishwashing, and selling and wood collection each contribute 7%. Begging accounts for only 1%.

The data reflects that children are often pushed into labour due to poverty, lack of education, and familial responsibilities. Bottle collection and shoe polishing dominate as they require minimal skills and are easily accessible. The cycle of child labour perpetuates poverty as children miss out on education, restricting their opportunities for a better future.

Quick Tip

When analyzing pie charts: 1. Focus on the largest and smallest segments. 2. Explain the implications of the data. 3. Provide a concise conclusion that ties the data to broader societal issues.

Section - C

LITERATURE

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two, (A) or (b) :

(A) We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination. Never, never, and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another. The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement. Let freedom reign. God bless Africa! (Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom)

(i) State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given context:

”We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation.”

Answer: Nelson Mandela is expressing a sense of pride and triumph in the achievement of political freedom after a long struggle. This statement suggests his role in the leadership of the movement that brought political emancipation to South Africa.

(ii) State True or False: When Mandela says, ”God bless Africa,” he intends to mean well-being and welfare of only black people in South Africa.

Answer: False.

Mandela’s statement, ”God bless Africa,” refers to the well-being of all people in Africa, including both black and non-black citizens, symbolizing his vision of unity, equality, and peace for the entire continent.

(iii) ”Nelson Mandela’s speech is full of optimism”. Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract.

Answer: Mandela’s speech is filled with optimism as he speaks of overcoming oppression and achieving political freedom. His words reflect hope for a future free from poverty, discrimination, and suffering, emphasizing the importance of unity and a glorious achievement for all people.

(iv) Which phrase would correctly complete the given sentence from the extract:

”The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.”

Answer: The phrase would be: ”the triumph over apartheid and the achievement of equality and freedom in South Africa.” This highlights the lasting and monumental significance of the victory for justice and equality.

Quick Tip

- When analyzing a literary extract, look for key themes such as hope, triumph, or unity.
- Inferences should be drawn from the tone and language of the speaker.
- Remember, Mandela's speeches often carry messages of peace, equality, and unity, which can help you with interpreting his words correctly.

(b) The expected call came within a few days. Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time anything.

I had made my plans in advance. The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation.

(i) Which of the following is not a reason why Mr. Herriot thinks Tricki needs to be taken out of the house for a period?

- (A) He wanted to keep Tricki away from Mrs. Pumphrey.
- (B) He wanted to keep Tricki under observation.
- (C) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki.
- (D) He wanted to improve Tricki health.

Answer (C) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki.

Solution: The main reasons for taking Tricki out of the house were to keep him under observation and to improve his health, not to experiment on him.

(ii) What was the main reason for Mrs. Pumphrey to be distraught? Answer in about 40 words.

Answer: Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught because Tricki, her beloved dog, refused to eat, even his favourite food. He had bouts of vomiting, spent all his time lying on the rug, and showed no interest in going for walks, causing her great concern.

(iii) State True or False: When Mr. Herriot says, "I had made my plans in advance" - what he actually means is, he had already seen this trauma coming for Tricki.

Answer : True.

Explanation:

Mr. Herriot had anticipated Tricki's decline in health and had already planned to take him to the hospital to help him recover, showing that he foresaw the situation and prepared in advance.

- (iv) Which of the following best describes Mrs. Pumphrey?** (A) unkind and inconsiderate
(B) impractical but compassionate
(C) anxious and ambitious
(D) fearful but confident

Correct Answer: (B) Impractical but compassionate.

Solution: Mrs. Pumphrey was deeply attached to Tricki and showed great love and compassion for him. However, her attachment sometimes made her impractical in caring for him, as she was overfeeding and overindulging him, which contributed to Tricki's condition.

Quick Tip

- Pay attention to the motivations and actions of characters to deduce the correct answers. In this case, the focus is on Mr. Herriot's practical approach and Mrs. Pumphrey's emotional attachment.
- For True/False questions, consider the context of the statement and the character's previous actions to determine its validity.
- When answering about character traits, look for descriptions that combine both actions and feelings to get a complete understanding of their personality.

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two, (A) or (b) :

**(A) In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,**

**The epistemology of loss, how to stand up
Knowing what every man must one day know
And most know many days, how to stand up.
(The Ball Poem)**

(i) Fill in the blank with one word.

When the speaker says "People will take balls, Balls will be lost always, little boy", his tone is _____.

Answer: Instructive/Practical/Realistic/Matter-of-fact

The tone of the speaker is realistic and instructive, as he is teaching the boy an important life lesson about loss and resilience. The statement is made in a matter-of-fact manner, indicating that loss is an inevitable part of life, and one must learn to cope with it.

(ii) The poet says that money is external. What inference can be drawn from this statement? Answer in about 40 words.

Answer: The phrase "money is external" implies that money is not an inherent part of a person's true self. It suggests that material wealth is separate from one's inner character and that it doesn't define a person's worth or identity.

(iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards material possessions?

- (A) indifferent
- (B) emotional
- (C) casual
- (D) respectful

Correct Answer: (A) indifferent

Explanation :

The speaker's attitude towards material possessions is casual, as he views them as transient and unimportant. The casual tone used throughout the poem suggests a sense of indifference or a lack of attachment to material things.

(iv) Identify the poetic device used in "And no one buys a ball back".

Answer: Alliteration.

Explanation: Alliteration is the repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of closely connected words.

In this line:

"buys a ball back" contains the repetition of the 'b' sound. This repetition creates a rhythmic effect and enhances the musicality of the poem. Thus, the correct answer is Alliteration.

Quick Tip

- In tone-based questions, look for clues in the speaker's language and the emotions expressed. A casual tone is often characterized by relaxed or nonchalant language.
- Inference questions require you to think beyond the text and focus on the implied meaning. Consider the larger message of the poem or statement.
- Poetic devices often give depth to the text. Look for actions or descriptions that attribute human qualities to non-human things or abstract ideas, as in personification.

(b) Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Amanda!

(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;

life in a tower is tranquil and rare;)

(Amanda)

(i) What is the central idea of the poem as reflected in the lines above? Answer in about 40 words.

Answer : The central idea of the poem reflects the speaker's longing for freedom and escape from constraints. The lines suggest a desire for autonomy and a break from societal pressures or limitations, often depicted through the dream of transformation.

(ii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. "Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!" tells us that the mother's attitude is _____.

- (A) loving
- (B) relaxed
- (C) authoritative
- (D) thoughtful

Correct Answer: (C) authoritative.

Solution: The option "authoritative" fits the context, as it aligns with a peaceful, laid-back attitude, which might describe the mood in the context of the poem.

(iii) Identify any one poetic device used in the above extract.

Solution:

Repetition - Amanda

Metaphor - Amanda compares herself to Rapunzel.

Allusion - Amanda's character is alluded to the character of Rapunzel

(iv) For what reason does Amanda imagine herself to be Rapunzel?

Answer: Amanda imagines herself to be Rapunzel to escape from the constraints of her daily life. Rapunzel, with her freedom and isolation in a tower, symbolizes an ideal of independence and solitude that Amanda longs for in her own life.

Quick Tip

- In central idea questions, focus on the key emotions or desires expressed in the poem. Look for the core theme the poet is conveying.
- For completion questions, choose the option that fits the tone or mood of the passage, often indicated by adjectives or actions in the text.
- Poetic devices such as imagery, personification, and metaphor create deeper meaning and emotional resonance. Look for descriptive language that appeals to the senses.
- To understand why a character imagines being someone else, focus on the character's desires or frustrations and how they wish to escape or transform their circumstances.

Question 8. Answer any four of the following five questions in 40 50 words each :

(i): Maxwell decides to keep an otter as a pet. Elucidate with reference to the fact that owning a pet is a life of commitment.

Solution:

In "Mijbil the Otter," Maxwell's decision to keep an otter highlights the responsibilities involved in pet ownership. Owning a pet demands commitment, care, and patience. Maxwell ensures Mijbil's comfort, adapting his lifestyle to meet the otter's needs. He faces challenges, such as transporting Mijbil and ensuring its safety in unfamiliar environments. This story illustrates that owning a pet is not merely about companionship but also about dedicating time and effort to its well-being. Maxwell's experiences emphasize that pet ownership requires love, responsibility, and readiness to face unforeseen difficulties.

Quick Tip

When analyzing themes in stories: 1. Identify the central idea or responsibility. 2. Support your analysis with specific incidents. 3. Conclude with a moral or life lesson.

(ii): "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humor and entertainment in the poem?

Solution:

Ogden Nash creates humor in "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" by presenting a cowardly dragon as the protagonist, contradicting the conventional image of a fierce dragon. The other characters, Belinda and her brave pets, mock Custard for his cowardice, adding to the comic effect.

The humorous twist occurs when Custard defeats the pirate, proving his bravery while the others are paralyzed with fear. Nash uses playful rhymes, exaggeration, and irony to enhance the entertainment value, making the ballad engaging and thought-provoking.

Quick Tip

When analyzing humorous elements: 1. Focus on contradictions or unexpected behaviors. 2. Highlight the use of literary devices like irony or exaggeration. 3. Relate the humor to the overall theme or message.

(iii): Justify the title of the play "The Proposal" with reference to the characters and plot.

Solution:

The title "The Proposal" is apt as the play revolves around a marriage proposal between Lomov and Natalya. Despite their constant arguments over trivial issues, the proposal remains the central theme. Lomov visits Natalya with the intention of proposing, but their quarrels nearly derail his plan.

Ultimately, the proposal is accepted, highlighting the humorous yet realistic nature of relationships. The title reflects the central conflict and resolution, emphasizing the social and personal significance of marriage in the characters' lives.

Quick Tip

When justifying a title: 1. Relate it to the central theme or conflict. 2. Explain how the title reflects the characters' actions or decisions. 3. Conclude with its relevance to the plot resolution.

(iv): Why does the author say that the presence of the Baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential? Justify with reference to "A Baker from Goa."

Solution:

In the story "A Baker from Goa," the author highlights the essential role of the baker's furnace in the daily lives of villagers. The furnace symbolizes tradition and sustenance, as it provides fresh bread for various occasions like weddings, festivals, and feasts. Bread is an integral part of the Goan lifestyle, and the baker's furnace ensures its availability.

The baker also holds an important social status in the village. His regular visits with his basket of bread create a sense of community. The furnace, thus, is not just a means of livelihood but also a vital part of Goan culture and tradition, making its presence indispensable in the village.

Quick Tip

When answering questions on cultural significance:

1. Highlight the cultural or societal role of the subject.
2. Provide examples from the text to support your points.
3. Conclude by linking the subject to its broader impact.

(v): The poem, “A Tiger in the Zoo” moves from the zoo to the jungle, and back again to the zoo. What effect does the poet want to bring out with this? Elaborate.

Solution:

In “A Tiger in the Zoo,” the poet juxtaposes the tiger’s life in captivity with its life in the wild to emphasize the stark contrast between freedom and confinement. In the jungle, the tiger is powerful, majestic, and free, symbolizing the essence of nature. However, in the zoo, it is caged and restricted, reduced to a mere shadow of its former self.

This movement between the zoo and the jungle highlights the emotional and physical suffering of the tiger in captivity. The poet seeks to evoke empathy for the tiger, urging readers to reflect on the impact of human actions on wildlife. The imagery of the jungle versus the zoo underscores the need for conservation and the ethical treatment of animals.

Quick Tip

When analyzing contrasts in poetry:

1. Identify the themes or ideas being contrasted.
2. Explain the emotional or symbolic impact of the contrast.
3. Relate the contrast to the poet's broader message or intent.

Question 9. Answer any two of the following three questions in 40 50 words each :

(i) One should never judge a book by its cover. Explain with reference to Ausable and how he outwits Max with his presence of mind.

Answer: Ausable outwits Max by using his presence of mind. Max, who judges Ausable based on his appearance and his supposed weakness, is fooled into thinking that Ausable is vulnerable. However, Ausable uses his wits to trick Max, demonstrating that one should not judge others by their outward appearance.

(ii) "Horace Danby is a thief who was cheated by another thief." Justify.

Answer: Horace Danby is a thief with a conscience, but he is ultimately cheated by the woman who deceives him into believing she is a trustworthy accomplice. This irony underscores the theme of trust and betrayal in the story.

(iii) How can one say that Ebright's curiosity / inquisitiveness drove him to become a scientist?

Answer: Ebright's natural curiosity about the world led him to explore science from a young age. His fascination with butterflies and his desire to understand the mechanisms behind their life cycle drove him to pursue scientific research, ultimately shaping his career as a scientist.

Quick Tip

- In central idea questions, focus on the key emotions or desires expressed in the context.
- For completion questions, write the text from the textbook itself, often indicated by adjectives or actions in the text.
- To understand why a character imagines being someone else, focus on the character and how they wish to showcase .

Question 10. Answer any one of the following two questions in 100 120 words :

(A) You have been asked to present an evaluation of the approaches of both, the Baby Seagull and the Pilot who was lost in the clouds, towards achieving their dreams of conquering the skies.

Write this presentation draft including your insights, comparing the approaches of both.

You may begin this way: One acknowledges that both, the Seagull and the Pilot, wanted to however,

(Reference: Two Stories About Flying)

Answer:

Presentation Draft: Comparison of Approaches Towards Achieving Dreams

One acknowledges that both, the Baby Seagull and the Pilot, wanted to conquer the skies and achieve freedom. However, their approaches were different, shaped by their circumstances and emotional states.

The Baby Seagull, initially fearful and unsure, learns through perseverance and gradual exposure to risk. Overcoming its fear, the Seagull finally takes flight, realizing that the sky is no longer a threat but an opportunity for freedom. Its approach is incremental, marked by self-doubt followed by self-discovery.

In contrast, the Pilot in "The Pilot Who Was Lost in the Clouds" faces an immediate life-or-death situation, demonstrating resilience in an intense crisis. With limited resources,

the Pilot uses survival instincts and determination to navigate through the clouds. The Pilot's approach is pragmatic, driven by necessity rather than exploration.

Both characters demonstrate courage, but while the Seagull's journey is one of emotional growth, the Pilot's is a struggle for survival and clarity.

Quick Tip

In comparing characters with different approaches to achieving dreams, consider emotional growth versus survival instincts. The Baby Seagull shows personal development, while the Pilot's actions are motivated by a need for survival.

OR

(b) You have been chosen to address the school assembly, to speak on the epistemology of loss and the resilience of the human spirit during times of crisis. Prepare the speech draft, with reference to the commonality of themes in 'The Ball Poem' by John Berryman and 'From the Diary of Anne Frank'.

You may begin this way :

Good morning everyone.

Today, I'd like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how to deal with loss and the resilience of the human spirit required during times of crisis.

You may end this way :

To conclude, I'd like to say that..... . Thank you.

Answer:

Speech Draft: Epistemology of Loss and Resilience

Good morning respected Principal, teachers, and my dear friends.

Today, I stand before you to reflect upon the epistemology of loss and the resilience of the human spirit during times of crisis. Both "The Ball Poem" by John Berryman and "From the Diary of Anne Frank" offer profound insights into how loss shapes us and how we, as human beings, respond to it.

In "The Ball Poem," the poet expresses the idea that loss, though painful, is an inevitable part of life. The young boy loses his ball, but through this loss, he learns the impermanence of

material possessions and comes to understand the deeper reality of life. The resilience in the poem is reflected in his acceptance and emotional growth.

Similarly, in "From the Diary of Anne Frank," Anne Frank's diary chronicles the painful loss of her world—her freedom, her safety, and her sense of normalcy. Yet, Anne's resilience is evident in how she continues to write with hope, despite her circumstances. Both works teach us that while loss may break us, it also becomes a path to inner strength and emotional maturity.

Thank you.

Quick Tip

When discussing themes of loss and resilience, focus on how characters react to their struggles. Both "The Ball Poem" and "From the Diary of Anne Frank" show that loss can lead to emotional growth and strength.

Question 11. Answer any one of the following two questions in 100 120 words : (A) Imagine that Bholi writes a diary entry, exploring the themes of 'Girl Child' and 'Impact of Education', in the context of her own experiences.

Write this dairy entry, as Bholi.

Answer:

Bholi's Diary Entry

Date: [Enter Date]

Today, as I sit here writing my thoughts, I reflect on how much my life has changed. Once, I was just an ignored and neglected girl, who was considered a burden because of my looks, my speech, and my perceived shortcomings. I was born a girl, and because of that, I was never valued in the eyes of society.

But everything changed when I went to school. At first, I was nervous, afraid of being laughed at. But my teacher, with her kindness, taught me not to fear. She helped me realize that I had the power to learn, to speak, and to stand up for myself. Through education, I found a new sense of worth, a purpose I never knew existed. Education helped me see that a girl can be as strong and capable as anyone.

I feel proud today. I am no longer Bholi, the girl who was seen as a burden. I am Bholi, the girl who can speak, who can think, and who can change her life through knowledge. Education is the key, and I will always treasure it.

Bholi

Quick Tip

When writing a diary entry for a character like Bholi, focus on their emotional transformation and how key themes like education and gender influence their development.

OR

(b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of his/her experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.

In light of the above information, trace the character arc of Griffin in H.G. Wells' 'Footprints without Feet'.

Answer:

Character Arc of Griffin in 'Footprints Without Feet'

Griffin, in H.G. Wells' "Footprints Without Feet," undergoes a significant character arc. Initially, he is portrayed as a brilliant scientist, but his obsession with invisibility drives him into a world of crime and recklessness.

At the beginning of the story, Griffin's transformation into an invisible man is seen as a triumph of science. However, as he begins to use his newfound power for personal gain, his character takes a darker turn. His arrogance, sense of invincibility, and disregard for the welfare of others lead him to commit acts of violence and theft.

As the story progresses, Griffin's character arc shows the consequences of his actions. His sense of isolation and the increasing difficulty in maintaining his invisibility highlight the tragic downfall of a man who let his pursuit of power consume him. Ultimately, Griffin's arc is one of self-destruction, where his brilliant mind is overshadowed by his moral decay and greed.

The story serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of unchecked ambition and the loss of

humanity in the pursuit of knowledge.

Quick Tip

When tracing a character arc, focus on how a character's initial traits evolve as a result of their decisions, actions, and interactions with others. Griffin's arc is shaped by his misuse of power and eventual downfall.
