



SIMPLIFIED MATERIAL
CLASS 10th
SUBJECT ENGLISH
(2025-26)



TIME : 3 HOURS

THEORY : 80 MARKS

CCE : 20 MARKS

TOTAL : 100 MARKS

STRUCTURE OF QUESTION PAPER

S.NO.		MARKS DISTRIBUTION (80 MARKS)
	Section A Reading Comprehension	
1.	(a) Unseen Reading Comprehension (4 MCQs) (b) Unseen Poster Based Comprehension (4 MCQs)	(4q×1m=4 marks) (4q×1m=4 marks)
	Section B : Objective Type Questions	
2.	It will consist of 6 objective type questions carrying one mark each. Objective type question may include questions with One word to one sentence answer, Fill in the blanks, True/False or multiple choice type questions. English Main Course Book (3 questions) English Supplementary Reader (3 questions)	(6q×1m=6 marks)
	Section C : English Textbooks	
3.	English Main Course Book : Prose (a) Short Answer Type Questions (3 out of 5) (b) Long Answer Type Questions (1 out of 2)	(3q×2m=9 marks) (1q×4m=4 marks)
4.	English Main Course Book : Poetry (a) Stanza (2 out of 3 questions) (b) Central Idea/ Long Answer Type Question (1 out of 2)	(2q×2m=4 marks) (1q×4m=3 marks)
5.	English Supplementary Reader Short Answer Type Questions (3 out of 5)	(3q×3m=9 marks)
	Section D : Vocabulary	
6.	Pair of Words, Idioms, Proverbs, One Word Substitution and Correct the Sentence	(4q×1m=4 marks)
	Section E : Grammar, Translation and Composition	
7.	(a) Translation from English to Punjabi/Hindi (any 3 out of 5) (b) Translation from Punjabi/Hindi to English (any 3 out of 5)	(3q×1m=3 marks) (3q×1m=3 marks)
8.	Do as directed: Grammar	(10q×1m=10 marks)
9.	(a) Message/ Notice Writing (1 out of 2) (b) Advertisement/ Note-making (1 out of 2) (c) Paragraph (1 out of 2) (d) Letter writing (1 out of 2) (any two from personal, business and official)	3 Marks 3 marks 4 marks 7 marks

MAIN COURSE BOOK

L1. THE HAPPY PRINCE

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. The drops were coming from the eyes of the Happy Prince.
2. The son of the seamstress was crying because he wanted to go to Egypt. (false)
3. The poor seamstress was given the ruby by the swallow.
i) gold ii) sapphire iii) ruby iv) oranges
4. Who ordered to pull down the statue of the Happy Prince?
i) Mayor ii) swallow
iii) seamstress iv) playwright
5. The statue of the Happy Prince was decorated with diamonds. (false)
6. Who was sent to bring the two most precious things from the city?
i) Mayor ii) God iii) angel iv) match-girl
7. The man in the garret was writing a play.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the statue of the Happy Prince stand?

Ans: It stood on a tall column/ pillar.

2. How was the statue decorated?

Ans: It was decorated with gold and a red ruby.

3. Where was the Swallow going?

Ans: The swallow was going to Egypt.

4. Why did the swallow put up between the feet of the Happy Prince?

Ans: Because it was a good position with fresh air.

5. Where were the drops coming from?

Ans: The drops were coming from the eyes of the Happy Prince.

6. Why was the Happy Prince crying?

Ans: Because he could see the problems of the people.

7. Describe the seamstress in the words of the prince.

Ans: She was poor. Her face was thin.

8. Why was the seamstress' little boy crying?

Ans: Because he had fever. He was hungry also.

9. How did both the Happy Prince and the Swallow help the seamstress?

Ans: They helped her by giving her the ruby.

10. Why did the Swallow feel warm?

Ans: Because he had done a good action.

11. What troubled the young man in the garret?

Ans: Cold and hunger troubled him.

12. How was the young man helped?

Ans: He was helped with a sapphire.

13. Why was the match girl crying?

Ans: Because her matches were spoiled.

14. The Swallow said to the prince, "I will stay with you always." Why?

Ans: Because the Happy Prince was blind now.

15. How did the poor Swallow manage to live in so much cold?

Ans: The poor Swallow managed to live by flapping his wings.

16. Why was the statue of the Happy Prince pulled down?

Ans: Because it was not beautiful now.

17. What were the two most precious things in the city?

Ans: The lead heart of the Happy Prince and the dead swallow were the two most precious things in the city.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Why was the prince called the Happy Prince?

Ans: The Happy Prince was a beautiful statue. It stood on a tall column. When the prince was alive, he was always happy. He was never sad. Therefore, everybody called him the Happy Prince.

2. "I cannot choose but weep." Why did the Happy Prince say so?

Ans: The Happy Prince was a beautiful statue. It stood on a tall column. When the prince was alive, he was always happy. But now he could see the problems of the people. But he could not help them. Therefore, he could not choose but weep.

3. Comment on the remark- 'The living always thinks that gold can make them happy.'

Ans. Gold here means money. Money makes the mare go. The living thinks that money is the most powerful thing in the world. Therefore, the living always thinks that gold can make them happy.

4. Why did the Mayor dislike the statue so much?

Ans: The Happy Prince was a beautiful statue. It was decorated with gold. It stood on a tall column. He could see all the problems of the people. He gave away all his gold to help the people. He was no longer beautiful now. That's why, the Mayor disliked the statue so much.

5. Write a short note on the sufferings of the poor people in the city?

Ans: The Happy Prince was a beautiful statue. It stood on a tall column. He could see the problems of the

people in the city. The people in the city were very poor. The seamstress was poor. Her son was ill. Cold and hunger troubled the playwright. The little match girl was also very poor.

6. What is the message conveyed by the author?

Ans: The message conveyed by the author is that the service of people is the service of God. The living thinks that gold can make them happy. The Happy Prince also believed so when he was alive. But later, he realized that the real happiness lies in the service of people.

L2. WHERE IS SCIENCE TAKING US?

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Modern drugs have decreased the average span of life of human beings. **(false)**
2. Machines give us more and more hours of leisure.
i) hard work **ii) leisure** iii) life iv) health
3. Name two non-material things mentioned in the lesson. **Ans. Mercy, charity**
4. According to the writer, Science is doing 'less than nothing for material things'. **(false)**
5. Which age group is overcrowded today?
i) childhood (ii) middle age group
(iii) upper age group (iv) none of these
6. Science has helped man to live longer.
i) forever ii) no more **iii) longer** iv) a short life

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Why does the author of 'Where is Science Taking Us' say that Science is doing less than nothing?

Ans: Because it is doing nothing for non-material things.

2. What are machines doing for the humans?

Ans: Machines are saving man's time and energy.

3. What is the greatest triumph of Science?

Ans: The greatest triumph of the Science is to provide food, clothing and shelter to all the people.

4. What are the consequences of war?

Ans: War causes death and destruction.

5. "Today the upper age group is overcrowded." Why?

Ans: Because average life of human has increased.

6. What has happened to the ethics and morals in the modern world?

Ans: The morals and ethics are declining in the modern world.

7. What is really needed in the world today?

Ans: A small advance in charity, justice and mercy is needed today.

8. Why does the author of 'Where is Science Taking Us' wish to live another hundred years?

Ans: Because life is becoming more and more interesting.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. List the material triumphs of Science and the non-material necessities to make the world a better place.

Ans. The greatest triumph of Science is to provide food, clothing and shelter to all the people. Science has made machines. But Science is doing nothing for non-material things. The morals and ethics are declining in the modern world. A small advance in charity, justice and mercy is needed today.

2. What should be the ultimate aim of Science?

Ans: Science has provided food, clothing and shelter to all the people. Science has made machines. But Science is doing nothing for non-material things. The morals and ethics are declining in the modern world. A small advance in non-material things should be the ultimate aim of Science.

L3. SECRET OF HAPPINESS

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Which illustration was used by the professor of Psychology? **Ans. Burning glass**
2. Who declared to give sermon against fear?
i) professor of Psychology **ii) Gilberton Chesterton**
iii) Author iv) Kagawa
- 3. Moral** values are needed in the world today.
4. The author found an elephant when he flung open the door. **(false)**
5. We should have faith that **God** is always with us.
i) God ii) somebody iii) everyman iv) nobody
- 6. Faith** in God gives us real peace of mind.
i) fear ii) hatred **iii) faith** iv) anger

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Which is the greatest day in any individual's life?

Ans: When he begins to realize himself.

2. What enthralled the student in the Psychology class?

Ans: The student was enthralled to learn about the failure of an average man.

3. Did the boy change as a result of the realization?

Ans: Yes, he changed.

4. What is there in the personality of every man?

Ans: There is a great store of unused power in the personality of every man.

5. How can weak personalities become strong?

Ans: Weak personalities can become strong with the use of inward power.

6. What would Chesterton preach if he had just one sermon to deliver?

Ans: He would preach against fear.

7. What are the different types of fear experienced by the people?

Ans: People experience fear of ill health, losing money and future.

8. What did the author of 'Secret of Happiness' find when he flung open the door?

Ans: He found a small Chipmunk.

9. How can one have a real escape from fear?

Ans: One can have a real escape from fear by having deep faith in God.

10. What was the priceless secret discovered by Mr Kagawa?

Ans: One can have a real escape from fear by having deep faith in God.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Describe, in your own words, how the professor changed the total attitude of the student.

Ans. The student was good at sports. But he was not good at studies. One day the professor explained how an average man fails in his life. The student was enthralled to learn about the failure of the average man. Thus, the professor changed the total attitude of the student.

2. Write a small paragraph on 'The Proper use of Human Energy.'

Ans: The author says an average man fails because he fails to control his powers. There is a great store of unused power in the personality of every man. Weak personality can become strong with the use of inward power.

3. Relate the incident of North Woods in your own words.

Ans: One day, the author was alone at home. He heard some noises outside his house. He thought there were some gangsters out there. But when he opened the door, there was a small rat.

4. Write, in brief, the message given by Mr. Kagawa.

Ans: People experience many fears like fear of ill health, losing money and future. Mr. Kagawa was a Japanese scholar. He says that one can have a real escape from fear by having deep faith in God.

**L 4. A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS
OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. The signs of richness were everywhere in their house. (false)

2. What did Della buy for Jim as a Christmas gift?

i) jeans ii) set of combs iii) watch iv) watch-chain

3. The proud possession of Jim was gold watch.

i) salary ii) Della iii) gold watch iv) flat

4. Who did not have enough money to buy a Christmas present?

i) Jim ii) Della iii) both of them iv) none of them

5. Della sold her hair for twenty dollars.

6. What did Jim buy for Della as a Christmas gift?

i) jeans ii) set of combs iii) watch iv) watch-chain

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Why was Della crying?

Ans: Because she did not have enough money to buy present for her husband.

2. Describe the poverty of Della's house.

Ans: The house was small. The sofa was small. Their clothes were old.

3. What type of present had Della planned for Jim?

Ans: She had planned for something nice and fine for Jim.

4. What were the two prized possessions of Jim?

Ans: Jim's gold watch and Della's long hair.

5. Describe the present Della bought for Jim.

Ans: She bought a platinum watch chain for Jim.

6. How did Della manage to buy the gift?

Ans: She sold her hair.

7. What did Della think when she looked at herself in the mirror?

Ans: She felt nervous.

8. What was Jim's reaction on seeing Della's hair gone?

Ans: He simply looked at her with a strange expression on his face.

9. What explanation did Della give to Jim for getting her hair cut?

Ans: She said she did not have enough money to buy present for him.

10. What was in the package that Jim had brought for Della?

Ans: A set of combs.

11. How had Jim managed to bring the present for Della?

Ans: He sold his gold watch.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Expenses has been greater than she had calculated. Why?

Ans: Della wanted to buy a Christmas present for her husband. She had been saving for several months. But she could save only one dollar and eighty seven cents. She could not save more because expenses had been greater than she has calculated.

2. Describe the incident of Della's selling her hair in your own words.

Ans: Della wanted to buy a Christmas present for her husband. But she did not have enough money for that. She had been saving for several months. But she could save only one dollar and eighty seven cents. So she sold her hair to buy a Christmas present for her husband.

3. Why was Della pleased with her selection of the present for Jim?

Ans: Della wanted to buy a Christmas present for her husband. She had planned for something nice and fine for Jim. She searched the whole town. She found a platinum chain for Jim's gold watch. It was simple but well made.

4. Why does the storywriter call Jim 'a poor fellow'?

Ans: Jim was only twenty years old. His income was very small. He earned only twenty dollars a week. The rent of the house was eight dollars a week. The house was in poor condition. So, the story writer calls Jim 'a poor fellow'.

5. What do you think about the expression in Jim's eyes? Was it shock, surprise or anger? Why?

Ans: Della sold her hair to buy a Christmas gift for her husband. When Jim came home, he simply looked at her with a strange expression on his face. It was not shock, surprise or anger.

6. Both of them gave each other the gift of rare love. How? Explain.

Ans: Jim's gold watch and Della's long hair were the two most precious things in their house. Della sold her hair to buy a Christmas gift for Jim. Jim sold his watch to buy a Christmas gift for Della. Thus, both of them gave each the gifts of true love.

L5. SOME GLIMPSES OF ANCIENT THOUGHTS AND PRACTICES

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Some scholars laughed at Ashtavakra's deformed body.

i) joke ii) friend iii) luck iv) deformed body

2. In ancient India, the woman was always considered a goddess. (True)

3. Gods went to Lord Vishnu in desperation. (True)

4. Who was losing in the battle between gods and demons? **Ans. Gods**

5. What did Saint Dadhichi advise the gods to make?

i) an arrow ii) a sword iii) bones iv) none of these

6. Shivaji bowed his head before the woman.

i) man ii) woman iii) teacher iv) king

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What caused desperation to the gods?

Ans: Gods were losing in a fight against demons. That caused desperation to the gods.

2. Who did the gods go to in desperation?

Ans: They went to Lord Vishnu in desperation.

3. What did the Lord advise them?

Ans: He advised them to make a powerful sword.

4. What was the sacrifice of saint Dadhichi?

Ans: He sacrificed his life to defeat demons.

5. What is the real spirit behind the yajnas performed in our homes?

Ans: The real spirit behind yajnas is 'This does not belong to me'.

6. What does the tradition of feeding birds and animals prove?

Ans: It proves Indians believe in the unity of life in all forms.

7. Why did some scholars laugh at Ashtavakra?

Ans: They laughed at his misshapen body.

8. How did Ashtavakra react?

Ans: He was very angry.

9. What did Vivekananda say to the lady who laughed at his simple dress?

Ans: He said character of a man makes him great not his clothes.

10. What was the status of women in the ancient India?

Ans: The status of women was very good in ancient India. She was worshipped as a goddess.

11. Why did Shivaji bow his head before the woman who was brought to him as a gift?

Ans: He bowed his head to restore the respect of the woman.

12. Why, according to you, were the wars fought in the Mahabharata and Ramayana sacred?

Ans: They were fought to protect the respect of women.

13. What does Lord Rama's meeting with a Bheel woman and eating the tasted berries show?

Ans: This shows there was never any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and profession.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Why, according to the author, should those people be ashamed of themselves who believe in female foeticide?

Ans. According to the author, those people should be ashamed of themselves who believe in female foeticide. The status of women was very good in ancient India. She was worshipped as a goddess. Shiva ji bowed his head to restore the respect of a woman. The wars of Ramayana and Mahabharata were fought to protect the respect of women.

2. How does the author support the idea of the victory of the good over the evil?

Ans: Once gods were losing in a fight against demons. That caused desperation to the gods. They went to Lord Vishnu in desperation. He advised them to make a powerful sword. They went to saint Dadhichi. Saint Dadhichi sacrificed his life to defeat demons. Thus, the author supports the idea of the victory of the good over evil.

3. What is the basic difference between the position of women in society in the ancient times and now?

Ans: The status of women was very good in ancient India. She was worshipped as a goddess. The wars of Ramayana and Mahabharata were fought to protect the respect of women. Now, the status of women is not good. The woman is not worshipped as a goddess. She is fighting to protect her respect in the society.

4. What does the practice of 'langar' stand for? Explain.

Ans: The practice of 'langar' stands for equality. It gives the message that we should eat only after we have shared our meal with others. This idea of sharing is not

for food only. All the resources and funds should be shared equally.

5. Give an example to prove that in ancient India, there was no discrimination on the basis of caste.

Ans: There was never any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and profession in ancient India. Lord Rama ate tasted berries from a Bheel woman. This shows there was never any discrimination on the basis of caste.

**L6. THE HOME COMING
OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. What was the name of Phatik's brother?

Ans. Makhan

2. Phatik's uncle lived in Calcutta.

i) Mumbai ii) Dehradun
iii) Calcutta iv) Chandigarh

3. Phatik's aunt welcomed Phatik in her home. (false)

4. Phatik's mother did not like his ways.

i) mother ii) sister iii) student iv) neighbours

5. Phatik wanted to move a log from its place.

6. Phatik's last words were 'mother, holidays have come.'

i) friends ii) aunt and uncle iii) brother iv) holidays

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who was Phatik?

Ans: He was the ring leader among the boys of the village.

2. What was the new mischief Phatik thought of?

Ans: He planned to roll away the log from its place.

3. Why were Phatik and his friends annoyed with Makhan?

Ans: Because he refused to obey Phatik.

4. What was Phatik's 'new manoeuvre'?

Ans: His new plan was to move Makhan and the log over together.

5. Why did Phatik beat Makhan even in the presence of his mother?

Ans: Because he lied to the mother.

6. Was Makhan speaking the truth?

Ans. No, he was not speaking the truth.

7. Why did Phatik's mother want to send him away to her brother's house?

Ans: Because she thought he would put Makhan in danger one day.

8. How was Phatik received by his aunt?

Ans: His aunt was not happy. She did not welcome him.

9. Why couldn't Phatik do well at school in Calcutta?

Ans: Because he was the most backward boy in the school.

10. How did Phatik's aunt behave on learning about the loss of his book?

Ans: She was very angry. She scolded him.

11. What was the immediate reason for Phatik's departure from his uncle's house?

Ans: He had malaria. He did not want to upset his aunt.

12. Why did Bishamber send for his sister?

Ans: Because Phatik was very sick. He was looking for his mother.

13. What were Phatik's last words?

Ans: His last words were, "Mother, the holidays have come."

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. How does Phatik feel when he is at Calcutta?

Ans: He does not feel happy from the first day in Calcutta. His aunt is not happy. She does not welcome him. When he loses his book, she is very angry. She scolds him. In school also, he does not feel happy. He is the most backward boy in the school.

2. Why does Bishamber want to take Phatik to Calcutta?

Ans: Phatik is the ring leader among the boys of the village. His mother is always angry with him. Bishamber wants to help her sister. She also wants to send him away to her brother's house. She thinks he will put Makhan in some danger one day.

3. Who is responsible for Phatik's death?

Ans: Phatik's mother, his uncle and aunt are responsible for his death. His mother was always angry with him. That made him leave his home. Bishamber did not realize that a child of fourteen could not live without his mother. And at last, his aunt's behaviour broke his heart.

4. Write a character-sketch of :

Ans: **a. Bishamber:** Bishamber is the brother of Phatik's mother. He lives in Calcutta with his family. He loves his sister. He wants to help his sister by taking Phatik to Calcutta. But he cannot take care of Phatik in Calcutta.

b. Makhan: Makhan is Phatik's younger brother. He is his mother's favourite. The mother always take his side.

According to the mother, he is as good as gold. Makhan is a clever boy. He lies to his mother. He saves himself and puts Phatik in trouble.

c. Phatik's aunt: Phatik's aunt lives in Calcutta. She has two sons. She does not like Phatik. She does not welcome him. She is rude with Phatik. When Phatik loses his book, she is very angry and scolds him. Her behaviour broke his heart.

d. Phatik's mother: She is a widow. She takes care of his two sons at her own. She is happy with Makhan. But she is unhappy with Phatik because she thinks he will put Makhan in danger one day.

5. Give a pen-portrait of Phatik.

Ans: He is the ring leader among the boys of the village. He does not like Makhan much because he always put him in trouble. He is very happy to go to Calcutta with his uncle. But he does not feel happy from the first day in Calcutta. He dies in the end.

6. Describe the quarrel between Phatik and Makhan.

Ans: One day, Phatik planned to roll away a log from its place. Makhan refused to obey Phatik. He sat on the log. Phatik ordered the boys to move Makhan and the log over together. The boys did that and Makhan fell off the log. He beat and kicked Phatik. Then he went home crying.

**L7. THE MAKING OF THE EARTH
OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. Moon is the satellite of Earth.

i) universe ii) oceans iii) Mars **iv) Earth**

2. From where do the planets get light? **Ans. Sun**

3. The planets twinkle at night. **(false)**

4. All the hollows of the earth were filled with water when it rained heavily.

i) dust ii) snow **iii) water** iv) light

5. How many years did the Earth take to cool down?

i) thousand **ii) millions** iii) hundred iv) none of these

6. Planets have natural satellites. **(True)**

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What are planets?

Ans: The heavenly bodies that move around the sun are called planets.

2. Define solar system.

Ans: The sun and the planets make a system which is called solar system.

3. How can you distinguish between planets and stars?

Ans: Stars twinkle but planets do not twinkle.

4. Why do the stars twinkle?

Ans: Because their rays pass through many layers of atmosphere.

5. How was earth formed?

Ans: A bit of sun shot out and became earth. It was very small. So, it started to cool.

6. How were oceans and seas formed?

Ans: After the Earth cooled down, the rain filled all the great hollows on the earth. Thus, ocean and seas were formed.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Write a short note of about 100 words on the making of the earth.

Ans: Earth was a part of sun. A bit of sun shot out and became earth. It was very small. So, it started to cool. After the Earth cooled down, the rain filled all the great hollows on the earth. Thus, ocean and seas were formed.

2. Write a few words on the happy family of the sun.

Ans. The sun and the planets make a system which is called solar system. The heavenly bodies that move around the sun are called planets. The sun is a star. Eight planets move around this big star.

L8. THE RULE OF THE ROAD OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. What is liberty?

- i) personal affair ii) social contract
iii) both of these iv) none of these

2. What was the author reading during the journey?

Ans. A blue-book

3. We should interfere in the liberty of others. (false)

4. The stout old lady was walking in the middle of road.

- i) road ii) pavement
iii) railway track iv) none of these

5. The policeman at Picadilly Circus is the symbol of liberty.

i) liberty ii) tyranny iii) anarchy iv) none of these

6. A reasonable consideration for the rights of others is the foundation of social conduct.

- i) duties ii) friends iii) rights iv) relatives

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Why was the stout old lady walking down the middle of a road?

Ans: Because she thought she was free to walk anywhere.

2. How was the stout old lady mistaken about liberty?

Ans: She thought she was free to walk anywhere.

3. What does the policeman at Picadilly Circus symbolize?

Ans: He symbolizes freedom.

4. Can we do whatever we feel like doing?

Ans: No, we cannot do whatever we feel like doing.

5. What was the writer reading during the journey?

Ans: He was reading a 'Blue-book' during the journey.

6. Why did the writer of 'The Rule of the Road' need a reasonable silence in the compartment?

Ans: Because he was reading a 'Blue Book'.

7. Who disturbed the writer of 'The Rule of the Road'?

Ans: The person who talked much disturbed the writer.

8. What was the intruding passenger talking of?

Ans: He was talking randomly on many subjects.

9. What is the basis of social contract?

Ans: Thinking about the rights of others is the basis of social contract.

10. 'We should be a judicious mixture of both.' What does the writer of 'The Rule of the Road' mean by his statement?

Ans: The writer means that we must be a judicious mixture of anarchism and socialism.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of the essay 'The Rule of the Road'?

Ans: This is a very good essay. It gives a very good message. The writer says that we cannot do whatever we feel like doing. Thinking about the rights of others is the basis of social contract.

2. Describe, in your own words, how the writer was disturbed during his train journey.

Ans: Once the writer was travelling in a train. He was reading a Blue-book. He needed silence to read the book. But a man who talked much disturbed the writer. He was talking randomly on many subjects.

3. 'Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract.' Explain in 50-60 words.

Ans: The writer says that liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract. The writer says that we cannot do whatever we feel like doing. Thinking about the rights of others is the basis of social contract.

CENTRAL IDEAS OF POEMS

1. CHARACTER OF A HAPPY MAN—Sir Henry Wotton

This is a very beautiful poem. It gives a very good

message. A happy man is honest. He is truthful. He has faith in God. He is content with whatever he has.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. A happy man envies none.
i) none ii) his friends iii) everyone iv) the rich
2. A happy man obeys the rules of goodness.
i) traffic ii) king **iii) goodness** iv) government
3. A happy man is afraid of death. **(false)**

2, DEATH THE LEVELLER – James Shirley

This is a very beautiful poem. It gives a very good message. Death is very powerful. Death is a great leveller. All are same before Death. Only good deeds remain after death.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Ultimate fate of all human beings is death.
i) old age ii) life iii) youth **iv) death**
2. What lives after death?
i) name **ii) good deeds** iii) fame iv) glory
3. The glories of blood and state are just shadows. **(True)**

3. A BALLAD OF SIR PERTAB SINGH –

Sir Henry Newbolt

This is a very beautiful poem. It gives a very good message. Castes are man-made. All men are same. Humanity is the true caste of all mankind.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Sir Pertab Singh lived in Rose-red House.
i) Red-rose ii) Black-rose
iii) Rose-red iv) Rose-blood
2. Sir Pertab Singh's friend was an English soldier.
i) an Indian ii) a Chinese
iii) an English iv) a Pakistani
3. According to the priests, Pertab Singh lost his caste forever. **(True)**

4. RAZIA, THE TIGRESS – Keki N Daruwalla

This is a very beautiful poem. It gives a very good message. Man is killing wildlife. Animals are our friends. We should not kill them. We should learn to co-exist with other creatures on this planet.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Razia, the Tigress has two cubs.
i) two ii) three iii) four iv) five
2. Sheru was an expert on winds.
i) hunting **ii) winds** iii) racing iv) aiming at birds
3. Razia was not afraid of poachers. **(false)**

5. WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR –

Rabindranath Tagore

This is a very beautiful poem. It gives a very good message. The poet prays for his country. The poet prays for his countrymen. He wants his countrymen to live without fear.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Everyone should have right to education. **(True)**
2. The poet prays for a land where mind is without fear.
i) mind ii) body iii) knowledge iv) truth
3. To whom does the poet pray in this poem?
i) people ii) king **iii) God** iv) none of them

SUPPLEMENTARY READER

1. BED NUMBER - 29

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Naeem was in the hospital when the author regained his eyesight. **(false)**
2. Who did the author meet in the hospital ward?
i) Naeem ii) Bobby Gillian iii) Subbiah iv) Della
3. The author regained his eyesight after the third operation.
i) first operation ii) second operation
iii) third operation iv) fourth operation
4. The author was a painter before he lost his eyesight.
5. The author knew that Naeem was also blind. **(false)**
6. Naeem urged the author to re-start painting.
i) dancing ii) singing iii) studying iv) painting

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. How did the author of 'Bed Number-29 lose his eyesight?

Ans: He was hit by a car and lost his eyesight.

2. What did the author of 'Bed Number- 29' do before he lost his eyesight?

Ans: He was a painter.

3. Who did the author of 'Bed Number-29' meet in the hospital ward? Why was he there?

Ans: He met Naeem in the hospital. He was there for the treatment of his eyes.

4. When did the author regain his confidence and how?

Ans: The author regained his confidence when Naeem praised his paintings.

5. What happened when the author's second operation failed? Who consoled him then?

Ans: The author got upset. Naeem consoled him.

6. How did the author of 'Bed Number-29' get the money to get operated the third time? Who helped him?

Ans: He got the money by selling his paintings. Naeem helped him. He bought his paintings.

7. Where was Naeem when the author regained his eyesight?

Ans: Naeem had left the hospital then.

8. Did the author know that Naeem was also blind like him? Give reasons to support your answer.

Ans: No, the author did not know that Naeem was also blind like him. Because Naeem described the scenes in detail.

9. Why could Naeem not get his treatment done?

Ans: Because he had spent all his money in buying the paintings of the author.

10. How did the author feel when he learnt that Naeem had left the hospital because he had no money for the treatment?

Ans: The author got upset. His eyes were filled with tears.

11. How could Naeem describe different seasons in detail?

Ans: Naeem was a painter and he had painted four seasons.

12. What does the message "The goddess of art smiled on me..... and then it vanished" mean?

Ans: It means Naeem once had a dream to become an artist, but he lost it because of his blindness.

2. HALF A RUPEE A WORTH OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Subbiah was a rice merchant. (True)

2. Subbiah had five children.

i) two ii) three iii) four iv) five

3. Where did Subbiah's wife take the man?

Ans. Godown

4. Subbiah died in a road accident. (false)

5. Subbiah's profit increased during the war.

i) increased ii) decreased

iii) go down iv) did not change

6. Subbiah was buried under the bags and died. (True)

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. How did Subbiah manage to get rice during the drought?

Ans: He managed to get rice from villages.

2. 'Those were the days when Subbiah loathed the rice bags?' Which were those days? Why did he dislike the rice then?

Ans: He loathed the rice bags when he worked under his father. He disliked the rice because he did not want to stay in the shop.

3. Rice was in his blood' means:

Ans: He knew all about rice.

4. How did Subbiah's profits increase during the war? Did he follow the rules laid down by the government? How did he tackle the officers?

Ans: Because of scarcity he sold the rice at high price. He did not follow the rules. He bribed the officer.

5. Besides selling rice what else did Subbiah do to earn more?

Ans: Subbiah also lent money at high interest.

6. Who came to buy rice one evening when Subbiah was about to go home? Did he give rice to him? What did he say?

Ans: A poor man came to him. At first, he told him that he had some other business. But in the end, he agreed to give rice.

7. How much rice did Subbiah agree to sell to him and for how much?

Ans: He agreed to sell him half seer of rice for half a rupee.

8. Why did Subbiah ask the man to wait? What reasons did he give?

Ans: He didn't want to show his secret godown. So he told that he had to bring rice from other man

9. Where did Subbiah go to get the rice?

Ans: He went to the secret godown.

10. Did the man wait for Subbiah for long? How do you know?

Ans: The man waited for Subbiah for long time. He waited till morning.

11. Where did the man go then? Where was he taken and by whom?

Ans: The man went to Subbiah's house. He was taken to the secret godown by Subbiah's wife.

12. How did Subbiah die?

Ans: Rice bags fell on him. He died under them.

3. ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Robert lost the money on races. (false)

2. To whom did Bobby Gillian give his one thousand dollars?

- i) Butler **ii) Miss Hayden**
iii) lawyers iv) Miss Lotta Lauriere

3. Robert Gillian offered a **diamond pendant** to Miss Lotta Lauriere.

4. Robert Gillian received one million dollars from his uncle's will. (**false**)

5. The blind man was selling **pencils** on the walkside.

- i) books **ii) pencils** iii) pens iv) notebooks

6. Who was Miss Lotta Lauriere? **Ans. An actress**

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Who gave \$1000 to Robert Gillian? Who did the money belong to? Why was it given to him?

Ans: Lawyer Tolman gave \$ 1000 to Robert Gillian. The money belonged to Robert's uncle. It was written in his will.

2. Why was Bobby Gillian not happy with the money given to him?

Ans: Because it was a very small amount.

3. What was the condition laid down by the lawyer?

Ans: Bobby Gillian would have to give the spending details of \$ 1000.

4. Who else got the money and how much?

Ans: The butler, the housekeeper and Miss Hayden got ten dollars each.

5. Why was Old Bryson not serious in giving suggestions to Gillian? What were the suggestions given?

Ans: Because Bryson didn't like him. He suggested him to buy a home, to give milk to one hundred babies or to buy pendant for Miss Lotta Lauriere.

6. Which one did Gillian accept? What did he do then?

Ans: Gillian accepted to give a diamond pendant to Miss Lotta Lauriere. Then he went to meet her.

7. Who was Miss Lotta Lauriere? Did she welcome Gillian's coming? Was she happy with his offer? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans: Miss Lotta Lauriere was an actress. She didn't welcome Gillian's coming. She was not happy with his offer. It was a cheap thing for her.

8. What did Gillian ask the driver of the cab? Did he like his answer? How do you know?

Ans: Gillian asked him how he would use one thousand dollar. He didn't like his answer.

9. Who did Gillian talk to next? Why?

Ans: Gillian talked to a blind man. Gillian asked him how he would use one thousand dollar.

10. After talking to the blind man Gillian went to :

Ans: b) the lawyers

11. Why did Gillian give his money to Miss Hayden? What did he ask her to give him and why?

Ans: Because he wanted to help her. He asked for a piece of paper to write a note.

12. What did Robert Gillian write in his note?

Ans: He wrote that he paid \$1000 to the best and dearest woman on the earth.

13. Why did Robert Gillian go to the lawyers again?

Ans: He went to give the spending details of \$1000.

14. What had Robert Gillian's uncle written in the post-script of his will?

Ans: He had written if Robert had spent \$1000 wisely, he would get another \$5000.

15. Why did Gillian not get the rest of the money? Was he sorry for his action?

Ans : He told the lawyer that he had spent \$1000 on horse races. He was not sorry for his actions.

4. THE DYING DETECTIVE

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. What was Watson by profession? **Ans. A doctor**

2. Holmes got the illness from some **Chinese sailors**.

i) Chinese sailors ii) Indian sailors

iii) English sailors iv) Russian sailors

3. Smith sent Holmes an infected sharp spring in **an ivory box**.

i) a silver box **ii) an ivory box**

iii) a golden box iv) a red box

4. Victor Smith killed Culverton Smith. (**false**)

5. Holmes did not want Watson to touch his things.

(**True**)

6. Who was charged with the murder of his nephew?

i) Mrs Hudson ii) Morton **iii) Smith** iv) Watson

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who was Mrs. Hudson? Why did she go to Watson's house?

Ans: She was the landlady. She went to bring Watson.

2. Where did Holmes get the illness from? When did he get it?

Ans: Holmes got the illness from Chinese sailors when he was working on a case.

3. What was Holmes' condition when Watson saw him?

Ans: Holmes was in serious condition. He had fever and red cheeks.

4. Why did he not let Watson examine him?

Ans: Holmes was very sick. He did not want Watson to get sick.

5. Till when was Watson asked to stay in Holmes house?

Ans: Watson was asked to stay in Holmes' house till six o'clock.

6. Why did Holmes not let Watson touch his things? What did Watson think about Holmes then?

Ans. There was a poisonous spring in the box. Watson thought that Holmes was really very sick.

7. What did Holmes ask Watson to do before leaving his room?

Ans. Holmes asked Watson to put money in the pocket and place some other things on the table.

8. Who was Culverton Smith? Why did Holmes want him for the treatment of his disease?

Ans: Culverton Smith was a planter. Holmes wanted to catch him.

9. What did Holmes ask Watson to say to Mr. Smith?

Ans: Holmes asked Watson to say Smith that his condition was very serious.

10. Did Smith welcome Watson calling on him? How do you know?

Ans: Smith did not welcome Watson calling on him. His butler told Watson that he was not at home.

10. Why did Watson not come back with Smith?

Ans: Because Holmes had asked him not to do so.

11. Why did Smith ask Watson when he finally met him?

Ans: Smith asked him about the health of Holmes.

13. Did Smith go near Holmes to examine him? How do you know?

Ans: Smith did not go near Holmes to examine him. He could not know that Holmes was just acting.

14. Who was Victor Smith? What had happened to him and how?

Ans: Victor was Culverton Smith's nephew. Culverton Smith had killed Victor Smith.

15. "You did it. I'll forget everything," Holmes said to Smith. What did Smith do and how? Did Holmes really mean what he said? Give examples in support of your answer.

Ans. Smith had killed his nephew. No, he did not mean that.

16. Why did Smith send infected sharp spring in an ivory box?

Ans: Holmes knew that Smith had killed Victor. So Smith wanted to kill him.

17. Why did Holmes ask Smith to turn up the gas?

Ans: Holmes asked Smith to turn up the gas to send a signal to the inspector.

18. Who arrested Smith? What were the charges against him?

Ans: Inspector Morton arrested Smith. Culverton Smith had killed Victor Smith.

19. Why did Holmes pretend to be ill? What did he do and say to appear ill?

Ans: Because Holmes wanted to catch Smith. He did not eat anything for three days and also applied some makeup.

20. Should Holmes have spoken so rudely to Watson? Why?

Ans: Yes, Holmes should have spoken so rudely to Watson. It was needed to solve the case.

5. HOW MUCH LAND DOES A MAN NEED? OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. The two women discussing about village and town life were sisters.

i) friends ii) sisters iii) neighbours iv) enemies

2. The bashkirs had plenty of land.

i) cattle ii) money iii) land iv) gold

3. How much land did Pakhom manage to buy from estate owner? **Ans. Forty acres**

4. Pakhom was a very greedy man.

i) helpful ii) greedy iii) kind iv) selfish

5. Pakhom was dead in the end. **(True)**

6. Pakhom borrowed some money from his brother-in-law. **(True)**

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What did the two women discuss? Were they related to each other?

Ans: The two women discussed about the town life and village life. They were sisters.

- 2. What did one woman say in defence of rural life? What was the counter-argument?**

Ans: She said rural life is free from worries.

- 3. Pakhaom listened to the women's chatter. He started brooding and reached a conclusion. What was the conclusion?**

Ans: He thought if he has enough land, he would not fear the devil also.

- 4. When the Devil heard Pakhom's musings, what did he decide?**

Ans: The Devil decided to give Pakhom enough land and have him in my power.

- 5. The estate-owner on whose land Pakhom was tenant sold her land. Who bought the land?**

Ans: His neighbour bought fifty acres. Pakhom bought forty acres.

- 6. How did Pakhom manage to put together the money for buying the land?**

Ans: He sold his colt and some bees. He borrowed some money from his brother-in-law.

- 7. Pakhom met a stranger one day. Who was this stranger? What information did he give to Pakhom?**

Ans: He was a peasant. He said there land is very good beyond Volga.

- 8. A trader told Pakhom something about the land of Bashkirs. What was it?**

Ans: He told him that he could buy plenty of land at cheap price.

- 9. Who were the Bashkirs? How did Pakhom make friends with them?**

Ans: Bashkirs were landlords. Pakhom gave them gifts to make them friends.

- 10. Bashkirs wanted to repay Pakhom for his gifts. What did Pakhom want from them?**

Ans: Pakhom wanted to buy land from them.

- 11. 'Our price is always the same: One thousand roubles a day,' the chief said. What did he mean?**

Ans: It meant one could buy as much land as one could cover on foot in a day.

- 12. On what condition did the chief agree to sell land to Pakhom?**

Ans: The condition was that Pakhom had to come back to starting point before sunset.

- 13. What is the moral of the story?**

Ans: The moral of the story is 'Greed is curse'.

6. RETURN TO AIR

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

- The boy was called sausage.
a) flabby b) filthy c) sausage d) honest
- The instructor threw a tin in the pond. (false)
- Sausage put his stamp collection in the tin.
(false)
- Sausage brought a tin box from under the water.
i) tin box ii) fish iii) duck iv) pearl
- Duck-diving means diving into water in the manner of a duck.
i) fish ii) duck iii) crocodile iv) turtle
- Where did Sausage reach while diving?

Ans. At the bottom of the pond

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- 1. Why was the boy called 'Sausage'?**

Ans: He was called 'sausage' because he was very fat.

- 2. Why did Sausage not like diving?**

Ans: Because he had to take off his glasses before diving.

- 3. They all wanted me to learn duck-diving. Who were 'they'?**

Ans: b) His friends and the instructor

- 4. What is duck-diving? How is it taught?**

Ans: Duck diving is diving like a duck into the water. The diver has to bring back the brick thrown into the water.

- 5. What happened to Sausage when he tried duck-diving the first time?**

Ans: He was very afraid when he tried duck diving the first time.

- 6. Why couldn't Sausage see inside the water?**

Ans: Because he was without glasses.

- 7. Why did the water change colours? How did it change colours?**

Ans: The water changed colour as he went deeper. It changed from brown to blackish brown.

- 8. Was Sausage sure that he would not come out alive? Give examples to support your answer.**

Ans: Yes, he was sure he would not come out alive.

- 9. What did Sausage dig out? Did he know what he had caught hold of when he was inside the water? Why?**

Ans: He dug out an old tin box. No, he did know that because it was very dark inside.

- 10. Where did Sausage reach while swimming?**

Ans: He reached almost at the other bank of the pond.

11. What did Sausage do with the tin?

Ans: He cleaned it. He put his coin collection in it.

PARAGRAPHS

1. An Indian Festival

India is known for festivals. Diwali is one of the most famous Hindu festivals. On this day, Lord Rama returned from exile. On this day, people clean their houses and shops. They light their houses. They send greetings, sweets and presents to their near and dear ones. They worship goddess Lakshmi. Children explode crackers. Some people gamble on this day. It should not be practised.

2. Good Manners

Good manners oil the machine of life. They earn us respect. The words like 'please' and 'thank' you settle bitter quarrels. Good manners should be observed everywhere. We should respect our elders and be polite to the youngers. We should talk less and listen more. We should learn to take turn and wait patiently in queue. Good behaviour is social and moral obligation. Bad manners create bitterness everywhere.

3. Leisure

Life is not worth living, if we remain busy in work. A lot of energy is wasted. But it can be restored by leisure. One must enjoy the sights of nature. It helps to develop new tastes and creative hobbies. But busy-men miss all this. Moreover overwork causes ailments. We must make the right use of leisure.

4. My Motherland

India is my motherland. It is also the motherland of many saints, sages and warriors. India is the oldest civilization and the biggest democracy in the world. It is the torch bearer of the world-peace process. It is the place with different religions and cultural background. There is unity in diversity. It has made a great progress in the field of science also. It is now a nuclear power state. It is rich in heritage and natural resources. It has hard working people. I am proud of my motherland.

5. Fashion Among Students

Students are very particular about fashion. They are actors and actresses. There is a competition among them to look smart. They visit health clubs and beauty-parlours very often. They go to boutiques to know about new fashion. They are conscious about their physical looks. They put on expensive clothes to look attractive. There is nothing wrong in the desire to look good and smart. But they should not devote all their time and energy to fashion.

6. Discipline

Discipline means self-control. It is the back-bone of one's character. It comes from the word 'disciple' which means a learner. It is very important/ essential in every walk of life. Children learn discipline from their parents and elders. Students learn discipline from their teachers in schools. Soldiers follow whatever is commanded. Even the objects of Nature follow discipline. Discipline is, thus, important in life.

7. A Visit to a Wildlife Sanctuary

A sanctuary is a place where animals live in their natural habitat. I went to visit my uncle who is a tea planter in Assam. We went to a sanctuary named Kaziranga. It is the natural habitat of single-horn rhino. We mounted an elephant and passed through the tall grass. We also saw the rhino walking. Its single horn, thick skin and huge body attracted us. There were also bucks and birds of various kinds. We saw animals roaming freely and fearlessly. It was a very good experience.

8. Our School Annual Inspection

The annual inspection of our school was conducted by our D.E.O. He reached the school along with his team. He was escorted to the assembly by our Principal. In the morning assembly, we sang national anthem. We also presented a P.T. show with drum. Our academic records were also checked by the team. The team was highly impressed by our science and computer labs. They also visited sports room and art and craft room. The wise principal read the annual report. The whole team was highly satisfied.

9. A Visit to Rajghat

Rajghat is the place where the body of Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. It is situated in Delhi. It is a place of pilgrimage for Indians. Last Sunday, I went there with my school friends. A stony path leads to the inner gates. The Samadhi is a mound covered with black stone slab. "Hey Ram" is carved on the slab. It is visited by all the foreign dignitaries who come to India. It is a place of utmost sanctity.

10. Small Family is a Happy Family

A small family is always a happy family. The cost of living is really high in today's world. India, like all countries, is facing population problem. Because India has limited resources, stress should be laid on family planning and spread of education. A person having less children can make them good citizens by providing them with proper diet and good education. Thus the motto should be to have children by choice and not by chance.

11. Fast food - A Health Hazard

Fast food is quick and inexpensive. We can buy it from anywhere. It is much popular among school children. It is inexpensive because it is made with cheaper ingredients. It is unhealthy and can lead to health problems like heart disease and obesity. We should boycott the habit of eating fast foods.

12. Scene at the Railway Station

Every Sunday, I spend some time at the railway station. I like watching the trains come and go. I enjoy the scene before the arrival of a train. I enjoy seeing growing excitement and activity on all sides. Some are in a great hurry to board a train. Some are unhappy at the departure of loved ones. Coolies run about with luggage. Vendor boys move in and out of the train. There is a lot of jostling and elbowing. After the train has left, the platform gives a deserted look.

13. A Scene at the Polling Booth

The Election Day was full of excitement this year. My school was also a polling centre. There was feverish activity at the booth. There was rush of votes near the

polling booth. Cars and minibuses were used to bring candidates from homes. Free drinks and snacks were also offered to voters. In the booth, the polling officer enquired about the names of the voters and verified their identity cards. Before casting vote, ink mark was put on every voter's left fore finger. The booth was closed at 5 in the evening.

14. A Visit To A Book Fair

Last Sunday, I with my friends visited a book fair at District Library. It was a spectacle to watch. Many publishing houses displayed their books. I bought some books. In the afternoon, we had tea and snacks. There were many young boys and girls. Even small children were enthusiastic to see the books. I bought a book of short stories for my younger brother. We returned home happy and content.

15. An Aeroplane crash

I was an eye witness to the aeroplane crash that happened at Jalandhar four years ago. I was going to market when I heard a big noise in the sky. I saw huge flames of fire. Suddenly I saw people running towards the bank. I also rushed towards the bank. The debris of a plane was scattered all over. Many people were dead and many were crying in pain. Within minutes the police party and a team of doctors and volunteers arrived. After this incident I was shocked and restless for days.

16. Science Fair in Our School

A Science fair was organized in our school yesterday. It was inaugurated by the District Education Officer. Almost 120 items were put on display in the fair. Most of them were working models. Our class made a small working model of a car which showed newness. Everyone was fascinated towards the car. The students explained the models with confidence. The students and the teachers had worked hard. The D.E.O appreciated the good work.

17. Drug Addiction

Addiction to drugs is invitation of death. The youth is the most affected by this. They waste their precious energy and money to buy drugs. Sometimes they steal from their own homes. They become violent after taking drugs. They become criminal as they lose sense of good and bad. Government should take immediate steps needed to get rid of this problem.

18. Pollution:

We are living in a polluted world today. Pollution is everywhere, in air, in water and in food. Everything is polluted. The scientists have listed the dangers of environmental pollution all over the world. All the governments are worried about this problem. The man himself is responsible for this problem. The use of fertilizers in fields, nuclear testing and contaminating water leads to several deadly diseases. If we want to live in pollution free environment, an immediate control is must.

19. An Ideal Citizen:

An ideal citizen is an asset to the nation. A law abiding citizen is a real patriot. He has good civic sense. He is loyal to family, society and country. He makes proper use of his vote. He pays tax and believes in world peace. He works for the welfare and upliftment of his country. He fights against social evils. An ideal citizen is must for the prosperity of a country.

PERSONAL LETTERS

SAMPLE 1: LETTER TO YOUNGER BROTHER PERSUADING HIM TO TAKE PART IN GAMES.

27- Gandhi Nagar
Panipat
May 25, 2025

Dear Mohit

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter to persuade you to take part in games.

You have become a book worm. This is not good. Games are also important. Games keep us fit. You must take part in games. Do not waste time in watching TV and using mobile. I hope you will follow my advice.

Best wishes

Yours
Rohit

Sample 2: Letter to father asking for permission to join an educational tour.

Queens Hostel
International School
New Delhi
May 26, 2025

Dear father

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter requesting you to permit me to join an educational tour to South India, conducted by my school.

Our school is going on a tour to South India for ten days during this summer vacation. I also want to go with my class-mates. My class teacher will also go with us. Please permit me to join the tour and send 1500/- Rs. for this.

Regards to Mom

Yours
Rajiv

SAMPLE 3: LETTER TO YOUR COUSIN INVITING HIM TO SPEND HIS WINTER BREAK WITH YOU.

24 Mall Road
Shimla
May 27, 2025

Dear Pulkit

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter inviting you to spend your winter break with me.

It will be great fun if you spend your winter break with me. We will have nice time together. We will go to many places. We will play in snow. I hope you will come this year.

With regards to uncle and aunt.

Yours
Rohan

SAMPLE 4: Letter to father giving him home news.

51, Central Town
Nangal
May 28, 2025

Dear Father

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter giving you home news.

All are fine at home. Ritu has got good marks in her class. I have also got good marks in my class. Mother is fine. Grandmother and grandfather are also fine. Uncle and aunt are also fine. We all miss you.

Please come back soon.

Yours

Monu

SAMPLE 5: Letter to sister giving detail about free medical camp arranged by grand-mother.

1441-Nai Abadi

Khanna

May 29, 2025

Dear sister

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter giving the details of a free medical camp that our grandmother arranged recently.

The grandmother arranged a free medical camp last week. It was for everybody. Health check-up was free. Medicines were free. Many people came in the camp. It was a very good camp.

See you soon.

Yours

Anoushka

SAMPLE 6: Letter of condolence to a friend on the death of his mother.

G-312, Adarsh Colony

Moga

May 30, 2025

Dear friend

I got the news of the death of your mother. I met her last week. She was fine then. It is very sad to know about her death.

She was just 50 years old. She was a very good lady. She was a very good teacher. She was a very good human. May God bless her soul!

Take care.

Yours

Tanbir

SAMPLE 7: Letter to Uncle thanking him for the birthday gift he sent.

37, Civil Lines

Ludhiana

May 31, 2025

Dear Uncle

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter thanking you for the birthday gift you sent.

It is a beautiful wrist watch. It is very useful. I liked it very much. I shall keep it with great care. I thank you once again for this lovely gift.

Regards to Aunt

Yours

Bhushan

Sample 8: Letter to younger sister describing your visit to some historical building.

Pratibha Hostel

Bal Bharti

Delhi

June 1, 2025

Dear sister

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter describing my visit to a historical building.

I went to see the Taj Mahal. I went there last week. I went there with my friends. It was very beautiful. It was very clean. I will go there again.

Regards to Mother and Father

Yours

Seema

SAMPLE 9: Letter to mother telling her about your stay with your uncle and aunt.

Mansarovar Hostel

Vanketeshwara College

Karnal

June 2, 2025

Dear Mother

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter telling you about my stay with uncle and aunt.

I went to meet them last week. They were all fine. They were very happy to see me. I was also very happy to meet them. I stayed with them for two days. I enjoyed the stay very much.

Regards to Papa

Yours

Rajni

PRACTICE EXERCISES

1. Letter to a friend about your experience of a new school that you just joined.

504/3 Model Town

Moga

June 3, 2025

Dear friend

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter telling you about my experience of a new school that I have just joined.

I joined the new school last week. It is a big school. It has a big playground. It has 15 teachers. It has 15 rooms. It has a big library. All the teachers are very nice. It is very neat and clean. I have liked the school very much.

Regards to Uncle and Aunt

Yours

Monica

2. Letter to younger brother scolding him for neglecting studies.

61, Prem Nagar

Ambala

June 6, 2024

Dear Manav

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter scolding you for neglecting studies.

It is not good that you are neglecting your studies. Games are good. Games keep us fit. But it is not good to play all the time. Your examination is next month. Study hard for it or you will fail.

See you soon.

Yours

Jeevan

3. Letter to friend congratulating him on his grand success in matriculation examination.

New Janta Nagar

Sahnewal

June 7, 2025

My dear friend

I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter congratulating you on your grand success in matriculation examination.

I was very happy to see your result. Congratulations to you on your grand success. You worked very hard for this. I am very happy for you.

Regards to Uncle and Aunt

Yours

Jasvir

Business letters:

Sample 1. Letter to book- seller complaining against the wrong supply of books.

21, Model Town

Nakodar

April 13, 2025

M/s India Book Depot

Mai Hiran Gate

Jalandhar

Subject: Wrong supply of books.

Sir

I had placed an order for Text-books of English and Punjabi for Xth class on April 2, 2025. But you have sent the text-books of +2 class. Please supply the correct books soon.

Thanking You

Yours truly

Jatinder Singh

Sample 2. Letter to the Bank Manager asking for loan for higher studies.

34 , Krishna Nagar

Banga

April 13, 2024

The Manager

Punjab National Bank

Banga

Subject: Request for a study loan.

Sir

I submit that I am a student of MBA first year at GNDU Jalandhar. I belong to a poor family. I need loan for higher studies. So, I request you to sanction me a loan of Rs 2 Lacs. I assure you to return the amount in time.

Kindly process my request for loan as soon as possible.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Nikhil Chawla

Sample 3. Letter ordering some sports goods to the firm. You are Prabhjot Kaur, studying at Government High School, Nawan Shahar.
Govt.High School
Nawan Shahar
October 9, 2025

M/s Avtar Singh and sons
Jalandhar

Sub: Order for sports goods

Dear Sir

Kindly dispatch the following sports goods per VPP as soon as possible.

Hockey sticks	2 sticks
Footballs	2 balls
Volley balls	2 balls
Hockey balls	2 balls

Thanking You

Yours faithfully
Prabhjot Kaur

Sample 4. You are Prakash of 53- Vikaspuri, New Delhi. Recently you purchased an Inkjet Printer which is not working properly. Write a letter of complaint to M/s British Electronics Corporation, Meera Bagh, New Delhi asking for replacement immediately.

53, Vikaspuri
New Delhi
October 9, 2025

M/s British Electronics Corporation
Meera Bagh
New Delhi

Sub: Replacement of Printer

Sir

I purchased an Inkjet Printer on October 1, 2025. But it is not working properly. So kindly replace the piece immediately.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Parkash

Sample 5. You placed an order with M/s Readymade Woollens Ludhiana for the supply of ladies cardigans, but they have delayed the execution of the order. Write a letter to cancel the order. You are Nirmal Jain, Proprietor, Nirmal and Sons, Sangrur.
Nirmal and Sons
Sangrur
October 9, 2025

M/s Readymade Woollens
Ludhiana

Sub: Cancelling the order

Sir

We placed an order for 100 pieces of ladies cardigans on Sept.9, 2025. But you have delayed the execution of the order. We have not received any reply or goods yet. So, please cancel the order now.

Yours faithfully
Nirmal Jain.

Sample 6. Imagine you are Rahul, You live at Muktsar, Gandhi Nagar. Your house no. is 765. You want to buy some books. Write a letter to the Manager, Lyall Book Depot, Ludhiana, ordering books of your choice.

765, Gandhi Nagar
Muktsar
October 9, 2025

The Manager
Lyall Book Depot
Ludhiana

Sub: Order of books.

Dear Sir

Kindly dispatch the following books per VPP as soon as possible.

Main course Book, class X	2 Copies
English Grammar, class X	2 Copies
Social Studies, class X Part-I	2 Copies
Social Studies, class X Part-II	2 Copies

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

Rahul

Sample 7: Letter to book shop telling them about the damaged ordered books. Ask for replacement of the books.

C-5 Lawrence Road
Amritsar
March 4, 2025

M/s Mahajan Book Shop
New Bazaar
Amritsar

Sub: Replacement of books

Sir

I want to inform you that the books I had ordered arrived yesterday, but some books were with torn pages and a few of them of old editions. Please replace them as soon as possible.

I hope this will not happen again.

Yours faithfully

Neelam Sharma

Practice Ex. No.14: Letter to the manager, Rajindra Book Depot, Patiala, to send you some books.

B-86, Lal Bazaar
Rajpura
March 4, 2025

The Manager
Rajindra Book Depot
Patiala

Sub: Order of books

Sir

Kindly dispatch the following books per VPP as soon as possible.

Main course Book , class X	2 Copies
English Grammar, class X	2 Copies
Social Studies, class X Part-I	2 Copies
Social Studies, class X Part-II	2 Copies

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

Jatin

Practice Ex. No.15: Letter to Shiba Herbal Cosmetics, Dariaganj, Delhi, complaining about the body lotion.

Friend's Colony
Sonepat
March 4, 2025

The Manager
Shiba Herbal Cosmetics
Dariaganj, Delhi

Sub: Complaint about the body lotion

Sir

This is to inform you that I had ordered a body lotion on March 1, 2025. I received the body lotion yesterday. The quality of the body lotion is not good. It gives a very bad smell.

I am sending the lotion back to you. Kindly give back my money as soon as possible.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Lalita

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ORIENT PEN

Good News

- Low price
- Good quality

15% OFF

Buy Today

15% OFF

Sample 2

For Good Skin.....

Good News

Visit

TIP TOP BEAUTY PARLOUR

Good News

- Low prices
- Good service

15% OFF

VISIT TODAY

15% OFF

Sample 3

For Good Teeth.....

Good News

Use

GALAXY TOOTHPASTE

Good News

- Low price
- Good quality

15% OFF

BUY TODAY

15% OFF

Sample 4

For Good Future.....

Good News

Visit

UNIVERSE ACADEMY

Good News

- Low fee
- Good service

15% OFF

VISIT TODAY

15% OFF

Sample 5

For Good Clothes.....

Good News

Visit

KIDS WORLD

Good News

- Low prices
- Good quality

15% OFF

VISIT TODAY

Shop no.15,Near Bus Stand, Jalandhar, 2658193

Sample 6

For Good Travel.....

Good News

Visit

AZAD TRAVEL AGENCY

Good News

- Low Prices
- Good service

15% OFF

VISIT TODAY

Shop no.15,Near Bus Stand, Jalandhar, 2658193

Sample 7

For Good Hair.....



Use



FUTURA COCONUT HAIR OIL

- Low price
- Good quality



BUY TODAY

Sample 10

For Good Clothes.....



Visit



MODE BOUTIQUE

- Low Prices
- Good service



VISIT TODAY

Sample 8

For Good Books.....



Visit



NEW ERA BOOK FAIR

- Low price
- Good quality



VISIT TODAY

Practice Exercises 1

For Good Breath.....



Use



FRESH FEEL MOUTHWASH

- Low price
- Good quality



BUY TODAY

Sample 9

For Good Clothes.....



Use



CHAMAK DETERGENT POWDER

- Low price
- Good quality



BUY TODAY

Practice Exercises 2

For Good Handloom Things.....



Visit



HANDLOOM EXHIBITION

- Low prices
- Good quality



VISIT TODAY

Shop no.15,Near Bus
Stand, Jalandhar,
2658193

Practice Exercises 3

For Good Skin.....



Use



ROSE TOUCH SKIN CREAM

- Low price
- Good quality



BUY TODAY

Practice Exercises 4

For Good Furniture.....



Visit



HIGH LIFE FURNITURE HOUSE

- Low price
- Good quality



VISIT TODAY

Shop no.15,Near Bus
Stand, Jalandhar,
2658193

Sample 1

D.A.V.PUBLIC SCHOOL, LUDHIANA
NOTICE

MARCH 3, 2025

IMPORTANT MEETING

This is to inform the House-Captains that there is a meeting with the Vice-Principal, today in his office, during recess, for the allocation of duties for maintaining discipline in the school.

Rajiv Sharma
(Head Boy)

Sample 2

NAVODAYA VIDHALYA, KASHMIRI GATE, DELHI
NOTICE

MARCH 3, 2025

HELP!

HELP!

HELP!

This is to inform all the students that there is a relief camp in the school tomorrow. The students can help the victims of Kashmir earthquake with money, medicine, food and clothes.

Manav Shukla
(Secretary)
Help All Club

Sample 3

SAI BABA SOCIETY, SOMESH VIHAR,
DELHI
NOTICE

March 3, 2025

PREVENTION AGAINST DENGUE FEVER

1. Remove water from coolers.
2. Wear clothes that cover arms and legs
3. In case of fever, contact doctor.

Sheetal Jain
(Secretary)

Sample 4

GANDHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, AGRA

Practice Exercises 5

For Good Sleep.....



Use



ALL OUT MOSQUITO REPELLENT

- Low price
- Good quality



BUY TODAY

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>MARCH 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOST! LOST! LOST!</p> <p>This is to inform all the students that a Cello Pen has been lost in the school ground. The pen has a blue refill. It has a blue cap. Anyone who finds it should give it to the English teacher.</p> <p>Rakesh Sharma (X B)</p>
<p>Sample 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PARVATI JAIN SCHOOL, JALANDHAR NOTICE</p> <p>March 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALE OF OLD SPORTS GOODS</p> <p>This is to inform all the students that some old sports goods have to be put on sale tomorrow to collect money for donation to the poor cancer patients. Help the poor cancer patients by buying these goods.</p> <p>Mohan Kumar (Sports Secretary)</p>
<p>Sample 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.K.M. PUBLIC SCHOOL, AJMER NOTICE</p> <p>March 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUMMER CAMP</p> <p>This is to inform all the students that the school is organizing a summer camp in school for a month. The activities include theatre workshop and pottery making. Interested students can get registered by paying a fee of Rs 1000 to the school clerk. The camp is in the month of June.</p> <p>J.J. Singh (Incharge, Art and Craft Department)</p>
<p>Sample 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RADHIKA VATIKA SCHOOL, KHANNA</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>March 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENTRIES FOR SCHOOL MAGAZINE</p> <p>This is to inform all the students that entries for the school magazine are invited from students. Kindly submit the entries to the English teacher in two days.</p> <p>Nimisha (Editor)</p>
<p>Sample 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, SIRHIND NOTICE</p> <p>MARCH 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL INSPECTION</p> <p>This is to inform all the students that there is school inspection next Monday. All the students will come in proper uniform. All the students will come in time.</p> <p>Seema Mittal (Principal)</p>
<p>Sample 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NAROTTAM NAGAR WELFARE SOCIETY, LUDHIANA NOTICE</p> <p>March 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROTEST AGAINST CONDITION OF ROADS</p> <p>This is to inform all the residents that there is a meeting next Sunday in the Main Hall. The meeting is to protest against the condition of roads in the colony.</p> <p>Arjun Khanna (President)</p>
<p>Sample 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VICTOR MODEL SCHOOL, JALANDHAR NOTICE</p> <p>March 3, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTER STATE DRAMATICS COMPETITION</p> <p>This is to inform all the students that there is an Inter State Dramatics Competition at Deshbhagat Hall on 27th March. Interested students can give their names to the English teacher in two days.</p> <p>Raghav (Secretary, Dramatics Club)</p>
<p>Practice Exercise 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KARNAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, KARNAL</p>

NOTICE

March 3, 2025

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

This is to inform all the students that there is an Annual Sports Day in the school on March 20, 2019. Interested students can give their names to the English teacher in two days.

Munish
(Head Boy)

Practice Exercise 2

SHIVALIK PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE

March 3, 2025

FOUND!

FOUND!

FOUND!

This is to inform all the students that a bicycle has been found in the school ground. The owner can contact the English teacher.

Yogita
(Head Girl)

Practise Exercise 3

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE

March 3, 2025

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

This is to inform all the students that there is a Fancy Dress Competition in the school on March 20, 2019. Interested students can give their names to the English teacher in two days.

Sonal
(Cultural Secretary)

Practise Exercise 4

LILA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, TILAK NAGAR DELHI

NOTICE

March 3, 2025

MEETING AGAINST FREQUENT POWER FAILURE

This is to inform all the residents that there is a meeting in the Main Hall on March 20, 2019. The meeting is against frequent power failure in the colony.

XYZ
(President)

Practice Exercise 5

MEGHA PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE

March 3, 2025

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GOA

This is to inform all the students that school is organizing an educational tour to Goa during the summer vacation. The tour is for ten days. The cost of the tour is Rs 1000 per student. Interested students can give their names to the English teacher in two days.

Nirvan
(President, History Society)

MESSAGE WRITING

Sample 1

MESSAGE

March 2, 2025

10.00 am
Papa

Mr Ajit Sharma rang up to say that the society meeting has been postponed and as soon as the new date is fixed, he will let you know.

Anju

Sample 2

MESSAGE

March 2, 2025
10.00 am

Mummy

Romesh rang up to say that he will bring two of his friends for dinner tonight. Please prepare fish-curry.

Ria

Sample 3

MESSAGE

March 2, 2025
10.00 am

Kriti
Neha rang up to say that you are invited to her birthday party on 15th April at 6 pm at her house.
Seema

Sample 4

MESSAGE
March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Arun
Nandan rang up to say that you must bring his English notebook as he needs it for correction tomorrow. The Science test has been postponed. Your teacher will announce the new date tomorrow.
Nikita
Sample 5
MESSAGE
March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Ishaan
Anoushka rang up to say that your interview for 'Tata Indicom' has been fixed for tomorrow 9 am sharp. Reach the office in time with your certificates.
Ritu
Sample 6
MESSAGE
March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Dhruv
Gulzar from JCT Phagwara rang up to say that you have been selected for the post of junior engineer. Join duty tomorrow 10 am.
Sonam
Sample 7
MESSAGE

March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Suraj
Ravi rang up to say that you must pick him up while going to office tomorrow as his car has been sent for servicing. Take the file he had given you.
Tina
Practice Exercise 1
MESSAGE
March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Rajat
Vikas rang up to say that you must wait for him at the main gate of Arora Palace today evening.
Ravi
Practice Exercise 2
MESSAGE
March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Papa
Mr Ajay rang up to say that the meeting scheduled for 9 th March has been postponed to 11 th March.
Anu
Practice Exercise 3
MESSAGE
March 2, 2025 10.00 am
Mummy
Mrs Sharma rang up to say that Nina's father-in-law is not well and they are going to see him at Kapoor Hospital where he is admitted. Be ready by 6 pm as she will pick you on the way.
Ria
Practice Exercise 4
MESSAGE

MARCH 2, 2025

10.00 am

Raghu

Kishore rang up to say that you must reach the Extension Library by 10 am tomorrow for the renewal of you membership. Carry your membership card with you.

Rani

Practice Exercise 5

MESSAGE

March 2, 2025

10.00 am

Hemant

Rajesh rang up to say that Mr Verma has arrived at the company head office and he would like to meet Hemant tomorrow evening. Reach the office by 9 am.

Harish

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