

Class X Session 2025-26
Subject - English (Lan & Lit)
Sample Question Paper - 1

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 80

General Instructions :

1. *The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.*
2. *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

1. **Read the following text.** (10 m)
(1) The story of Grace Darling has captured imaginations for over a hundred years. Grace was an ordinary young woman who was boldly and unequivocally labelled a 'heroine' after the events of a stormy night in 1838. Being the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and having lived in various lighthouses, Grace was used to the harsh and dangerous environment around her. However, she had never experienced real danger until the night of the 7th September 1838 — the night that she entered the history books.
(2) On the 5th September the steamship SS Forfarshire set off from Hull to Dundee. On board the vessel were 60 crew members and passengers as well as containers of valuable cargo. Disaster struck the next day when the ship's boiler began to leak and by the morning of the 7th September the engine had stopped. The Forfarshire began to drift. Suddenly at about 4 a.m., there was a thunderous crash as the steamship collided with Big Harcar Rock. The impact was sudden and there was no time for the passengers to be called from their cabins and into smaller boats that would have taken them to safety. Within 15 minutes, the ship had broken in two. The sea waves pounded relentlessly at the fragile remnants of the ship until it had been reduced to a disintegrating wreck. The back half of the boat was swept away by the billowing waves and was quickly overpowered. The 48 people on board lost their fight for survival and were tragically consumed by the raging sea.
(3) That night, Grace Darling and her parents were in the lighthouse. They knew a fierce storm was blowing and they watched as huge waves battered their lighthouse walls. Grace who knew the sea intimately, who, within

minutes of being in the sea's presence could tell the mood it was in, who read the signs and predicted its behaviour, had already sensed that something sinister was brewing. As a result, Grace stood by the lighthouse window that night and watched nervously as her long-time companion transformed into an unrecognisable and brutal force of death. It wasn't long before Grace saw some desperate and shadowy figures waving, their cries inaudible above the deafening crash of the savage sea.

- (4) Grace's father knew that the local lifeboat service would not be able to launch their ship because of the brutal conditions; if these people were to have any chance of survival then he and Grace were their only hope. Armed with blankets to warm any survivors, William and Grace took their tiny rowing boat and went into the vast and wild sea. Each wave appeared bigger than the last and the force of the rain stung their cheeks. It was almost impossible to see where they were heading and the boat was being thrown off course constantly. They knew the area around the Farne Islands was notorious for being a ship's graveyard and yet they rowed with determination towards almost certain death.
- (5) As they approached the scene of the disaster, William went into the water to attempt to pull as many survivors into their boat as possible whilst Grace rowed frantically backwards and forwards just so she could stay in the same place and not crash into the reef. The storm whirled around her and the waves were like mountains. It was too late for many of the victims but William and Grace rescued nine people that night and rowed them back to safety. They arrived back to the lighthouse exhausted yet safely. Grace worked hard to care for the victims before they were returned to the mainland.
- (6) Within a few days of the rescue, news of Grace's bravery had spread across the country. Newspaper reporters flocked to the village wanting to follow her every move. Requests for her to visit different places flooded in and many artists wanted her to sit for portraits. Such extraordinary bravery was a source of inspiration for many. Queen Victoria sent her £50 and she was awarded gold medals from a number of societies. However, Grace soon became increasingly weary of all attention and the commitments that came with it, feeling that she was unable to live a normal life any more. In a cruel twist of fate, Grace Darling succumbed to tuberculosis a mere four years later.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage.

- i. Grace was used to the harsh and dangerous environment around her as she _____. (1)
 - A. lived a life in the forest all her younger years
 - B. was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and lived in various sea conditions
 - C. used to live on the sea with her family
 - D. live in the mountains in extreme conditions
- ii. Why did Grace stand by the lighthouse window that night? Write your answer, in about 40 words. (2)
- iii. Based on the reading of the passage, describe, in about 40 words, how Grace and William saved the victims that night. (2)

iv. The rescue mission seemed more like a suicide mission. Which line/phrase supports this statement? (1)

- A. They watched as huge waves battered their lighthouse walls.
- B. Each wave appeared bigger than the last and the force of the rain stung their cheeks.
- C. They rowed with determination towards almost certain death.
- D. They went in the water to attempt to pull as many survivors into their boat.

v. Select the option that makes the correct use of “notorious”, as used in the passage, to fill in the blank. (1)

- A. The new Italian restaurant is _____ for its risotto.
- B. The pet made _____ noise as the master came home.
- C. Maxwell road is _____ for its deathly traffic accidents.
- D. Harry is always the one being _____ in the class for his impeccable handwriting.

vi. Which attributes can be used for describing Grace Darling ? (1)

vii. Complete the sentence appropriately.

“Newspaper reporters flocked to the village wanting to follow her every move.” By this line the author meant, Grace was dealing with _____. (1)

viii. In the last paragraph, the author makes Grace’s act of bravery sound like a burden. Which phrase/lines implies that? (1)

- A. News of Grace’s bravery had spread across the country.
- B. Many artists wanted her to sit for portraits.
- C. She succumbed to tuberculosis a mere four years later.
- D. She was unable to live a normal life any more.

2. Read the following text. (10 m)

(1) The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is the charity that saves lives at sea; they provide an on call, 24-hour, lifeboat search and rescue service and a seasonal lifeguard service. The vision of the RNLI has always been the same since its start in 1824: to end the preventable loss of life at sea.

(2) In 2013 there was an average of 23 RNLI lifeboats launched each day in the UK and across the year that total was 8,304. On an average, 23 rescues take place every day with 325 lives being saved in 2013 alone. These statistics surely prove that this type of service is fundamental to our safety.

(3) The RNLI have four core values and their work is driven by these values. All staff and volunteers are asked to strive for excellence in all they do. They are required to be selfless and put others before their own needs. They need to be dependable, always available and committed to saving lives. Being trustworthy is also a key value at the RNLI and staff and volunteers are asked to deal with their everyday affairs with transparency, integrity and impartiality. The RNLI is a charity and so it is important that the donations that people so generously entrust to the charity are used efficiently and wisely. Lastly, team members must be courageous as they are frequently putting themselves into dangerous situations.

(4) Since the RNLI's start in 1824, lifeboats and lifeguards have saved more than 140,000 lives. Although these figures are encouraging, it doesn't always translate to donations. None of the RNLI's work could happen without the generous gifts of the people of the UK. Some people leave money to the RNLI in their wills, others give one off donations and others give a little each month - every penny goes back into saving lives. The RNLI do not seek funding from central government and so they are dependent on donations as their income. Every time they have to deploy a lifeboat and lifeguards, it costs money. Some may say 'it is nothing to do with me' but nobody knows when we too may rely on such a service.

(5) Interestingly in 2013, 50% of all launches were to leisure craft users for example, powerboats, yachts, body boarders, surfers, etc. Although some people who find themselves in trouble do have the relevant experience and equipment to be in the sea, most do not. The RNLI are often called out to incidents where people have got into trouble through 'high jinx' or through not having awareness of the conditions of the sea. Without a service like the RNLI many precious lives would have been lost.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage.

i. According to the passage, which of these statements is not correct? (1)

- A. In 2013, the number of lives saved was 325.
- B. 23 lifeboats were launched every day on an average.
- C. The number of lives saved across the year of 2013 was 8,304.
- D. On an average 23 rescue attempts take place every day.

ii. Describe the work of the RNLI in about 40 words. (2)

iii. What are the qualities that staff and volunteers should have in the RNLI? (2)

iv. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

"It doesn't always translate to donations" in this phrase the word 'translate' means _____. (1)

v. In para 4, the main message the author is trying to give is _____. (1)

- A. RNLI team are selfless dedicated ones
- B. how RNLI is a charity work and its need of donation money
- C. how RNLI refuses government funds
- D. how RNLI has saved more than 140,000 lives

vi. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose a suitable title for the passage. (1)

- A. Saving Lives at the Sea
- B. RNLI and its Staff- A Closer Look
- C. RNLI - Saving Human Lives Since 1824
- D. Human Rescue Work

vii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

Without a service like the RNLI many precious lives would have been lost."

In other words the RNLI is _____. (1)

viii. Which of these sentences have the usage of the word "trouble" incorrect? (1)

- A. My brother took the trouble of finding me my misplaced earphones.

- C. It is very trouble to get the children sleep in time.
- D. If you find any trouble understanding the text you can come to me.

SECTION-B

WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

GRAMMAR

(10)

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. (1 × 10)

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. (1)

I _____ my summer project yesterday and now I am bored.

- A. am completed
- B. has completed
- C. completed
- D. am completing

ii. Read the following dialogue between a mother and her son. Complete the paragraph that follows by filling in the gaps appropriately. (1)

Marie : Did you see my new umbrella? Isn't it fine?

Tony : Yes, it is! Did you buy it from the mall?

Marie : No, your father has brought it for me.

Marie asked her son Tony _____ and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one.

iii. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. (1)

According to scientists, chimpanzees _____ walk upright like a man.

- A. may
- B. can
- C. should
- D. must

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. (1)

Swift's 'Gulliver's Travels' have been read by me several times.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A.	Swift's	Swift
B.	have	has
C.	by	with
D.	times	time

v. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. (1)

Before I reached the hospital, the doctor _____ performed the operation.

- A. has
- B. was
- C. had
- D. will have

vi. Fill in the blank with the most suitable verb form. (1)

The modern students _____ (understand) the importance of physical exercise. They want a healthy future, and are obligated to keep themselves fit.

vii. **Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather by completing the sentence.** (1)

Grandfather : I bought this book for you a day before yesterday.

Grandson : Thank you so much, grandpa.

Grandfather told his grandson that _____ .

viii. **Identify the error and supply its correction for the given sentence.** (1)

I stand up for him when everyone else was criticising him.

Error	Correction

ix. **Report into indirect speech.** (1)

Aman said to Tia, "Did you go to the mall yesterday ?"

x. **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given sentence.** (1)

Alex invited us over _____ (few/ a few/ the few) days ago to her house for dinner, as she was about to announce something important.

xi. **Complete the narration of the given dialogues.** (1)

Garima : So, after a decade in the industry, are you truly 'satisfied'?

Karan : I love the film industry. It has its flaws though.

Garima : What do you mean by this statement ?

Karan : We are a bunch of competitive, ambitious, sometimes petty people. But the passion cements us together.

Garima asked Karan if after a decade in the industry if he was truly 'satisfied'. Karan told her _____ although it had its flaws.

xii. **Identify the error and supply its correction for the given sentence.** (1)

Having deprived from their homes in the recent earthquake, they had no other option but to take shelter in a school.

Error	Correction

WRITING

(10)

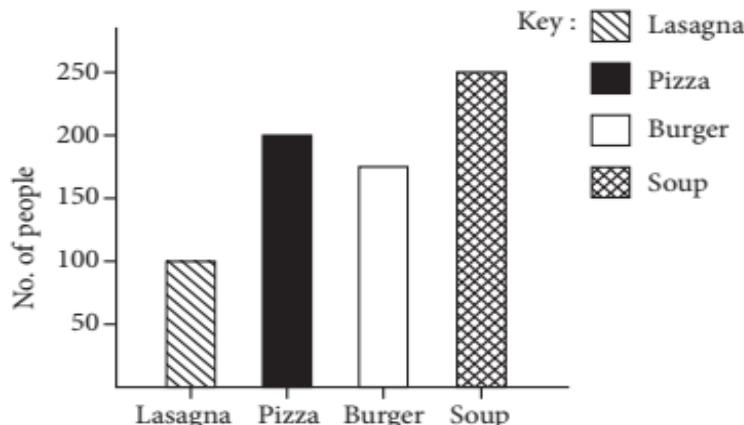
4. A. You are Drishti, Head Girl of Zenith Public School, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi. You have to organise short tours to Agra, Jaipur and Chandigarh. Write a letter to Globe Tours and Travels, 235, Nehru Place, New

Delhi, in about 120 words, enquiring about their terms for conducting tours by deluxe buses. Also ask about the fare, boarding and lodging charges and arrangements, total time of the trip and mode of payment. (5)

OR

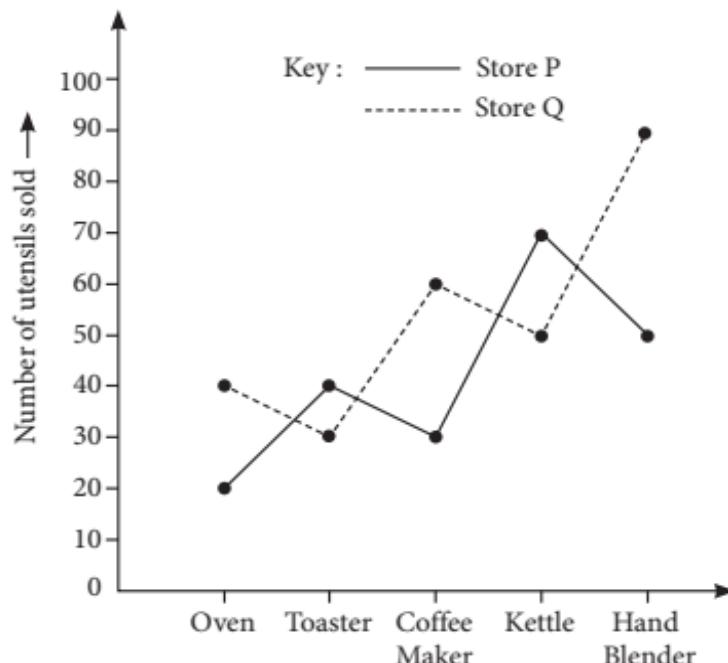
4. B. You are Anjali/Ajay of House No. 101, Sector 22, Chandigarh. You are greatly disturbed by the increase in traffic, pollution and uncleanliness in your "City Beautiful". Write a letter to the Editor of The Tribune, Chandigarh, in about 120 words, throwing light on these aspects, so as to make the citizens aware of these growing drawbacks in their city and seeking their cooperation. (5)

5. A. The given bar graph shows the most preferred choices of customers of a famous restaurant about savoury dishes. Analyse the given data and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words. (5)



OR

5. B. The given double line graph shows the different types of kitchen utilities sold by two stores during festival season. Read the graph carefully and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words. (5)



SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 MARKS)

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (5)

A. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point, he became known as the Buddha (The Awakened or the Enlightened).

i. What enlightenment came over him? (1)

A. He was enlightened about family and his loved ones.
B. He was enlightened about his purpose in life.
C. He was enlightened about the true meaning of pain and suffering.
D. He was enlightened about his kingdom.

ii. Where did Buddha sit down for meditation, and what did he do after being enlightened? Elaborate your answer in about 40 words. (2)

iii. After attaining enlightenment, other than Buddha, he was known as _____. (1)

iv. Which statement is false from the following? (1)

A. Buddha is also known as the Awakened.
B. Buddha renamed the Tree of Wisdom.
C. Buddha took 7 years to be enlightened.
D. Buddha took 7 days to be enlightened.

OR

B. "I returned another to you exactly like it. And it has taken us ten years to pay for it. You can understand that it was not easy for us who have nothing. But it is finished and I am decently content."

Mme Forestier stopped short. She said, "You say that you bought a diamond necklace to replace mine?"

"Yes. You did not perceive it then? They were just alike."

i. 'You' in the first line is _____. (1)

A. Mme Loisel B. M Loisel
C. Mme Forestier D. Mme Ramponneau

ii. 'It' in the first line of the extract is referring to _____. (1)

iii. Meaning of word 'content' is _____. (1)

A. things B. satisfied
C. worried D. regretted

iv. What took Loisels ten years, and why? Elaborate your answer in about 40 words. (2)

7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** (5)

A. Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda!

Will you please look at me

When I am speaking to you, Amanda!

(I am Rapunzel, I have not care;

life in a tower is tranquil and rare;)

i. Who reminded Amanda of her acne and why? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

ii. "Will you please look at me" here means (1)

A. stop ignoring me B. keep looking at me

C. please don't be angry at me D. please speak to me

iii. Amanda is Rapunzel because she feels _____. (1)

iv. Which statement is false? (1)

A. Amanda's mother is nagging.

B. Amanda loves chocolate.

C. Amanda likes being nagged around by her mother.

D. Amanda uses imagination as a means of escape.

OR

B. Some say the world will end in fire (2)

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

i. What is the poet's opinion of the world in these lines? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

ii. "tasted of desire" the poet is _____. (1)

A. missing desire

B. talking about his experience of desiring something

C. afraid of tasting desire

D. never known desire

iii. Find out the rhyming words in the given extract. (1)

iv. Choose the correct synonym of 'desire'. (1)

A. Assure

B. Wish

C. Plead

D. Entrap

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.** (4 × 3 = 12)

i. Do you think that Lencho was right to call the post office employees a bunch of crooks? Why or why not? (3)

ii. From whom have the inhabitants of Coorg descended, as per the legend? (3)

iii. What is the theme of the poem—‘The Ball Poem’? (3)

iv. Describe about Anne Frank’s early education. (3)

v. Why did the young seagull remain all alone on the ledge? (3)

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** (2 × 3 = 6)

i. What was Tricki’s condition when Mrs. Pumphrey recollected him? (3)

ii. What would Matilda often dream of? (3)

iii. ‘Anil walked away. I followed casually’. Why do you think the narrator followed Anil? (3)

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** (1 × 6 = 6)

A. What great truth about life does the Buddha want to teach Gotami through her experience? How is this lesson important?

OR

B. Give a brief character sketch of Valli.

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** (1 × 6 = 6)

A. Write a paragraph on the role of education in about 120 words with reference to the chapters The Making of a Scientist and Bholi.

You may begin this way:

Education plays a very crucial role in the overall development of a person.

OR

B. Excess of everything is bad. Comment in the wake of Mrs Pumphrey’s love for Tricki.

1. i. B. was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper and lived in various sea conditions

ii. Grace stood by the lighthouse window that night and watched the sea nervously since she was familiar with the nature of the sea and could read the signs and predict what mood it was in, so she sensed something sinister was brewing inside it.

iii. On that night, William went into the water to attempt to pull as many survivors into their boat as possible while Grace rowed frantically backwards and forwards just so she could stay in the same position and not crash into the reef. They both saved nine victims that night and brought them back to safety.

iv. C. They rowed with determination towards almost certain death.

v. C. Maxwell road is _____ for its deadly traffic accidents.

vi. Valiant and Tenacious can describe Grace.

vii. fame and paparazzi

viii. D. She was unable to live a normal life any more.

2. i. A. In 2013, the number of lives saved was 325.

ii. The RNLI stands for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It is the charity that saves lives at sea and provides an on-call 24-hour, lifeboat search and rescue service and a seasonal lifeguard service. Its main purpose is to end the preventable loss of life at sea.

iii. Staff and volunteers in the RNLI are required to be selfless. They need to be dependable, always available, and

committed to saving lives. They need to put others before them. They are also required to work on their everyday affairs with transparency, integrity, and impartiality.

iv. render

v. B. how RNLI is a charity work and its need of donation money

vi. C. RNLI - Saving Human Lives Since 1824

vii. indispensable to the society

viii. C. It is very trouble to get the children sleep in time.

3. i. C. completed

ii. if he had seen her new umbrella

iii. B. can

iv. B.

Error	Correction
have	has

v. C. had

vi. understand

vii. he had bought that book for him a day before the previous day

viii.

Error	Correction
stand	stood

ix. Aman asked Tia whether she had gone to the mall the previous day.

previous day.

x. a few

xi. that he loved the film industry

xii.

Error	Correction
Having	Having been

4. A.

Zenith Public School
 Ashok Vihar
 New Delhi
 16 July 20XX
 M/s Globe Tours and Travels
 235, Nehru Place
 New Delhi
Subject : Enquiry about conducting tours

Sir,

We are organizing short educational tours to places of social and historical interest during the autumn/winter break. The likely places of visit this year are Agra, Jaipur and Chandigarh.

Please let me know your terms and conditions for conducting tours by deluxe buses to places mentioned above. The rates should include lodging/boarding charges, fare per person. I would also like to know the kind of boarding and lodging facilities provided by you, the duration of journey and halting charges, if any.

Please let me know if group discount and student discount are admissible if we charter a bus. Enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convenience.

Expecting early response.

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

Drishti

(Head Girl)

OR

4. B.

H.No. 101, Sector-22

Chandigarh

9 June 20XX

The Editor

The Tribune

Chandigarh

Subject: Increasing Pollution and Uncleanliness

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to draw the attention of concerned authorities towards the degrading uncleanliness and pollution in our city Chandigarh. Chandigarh is known as the 'City Beautiful' and we are rightly proud of being privileged citizens of this modern city. Of late, however, some disturbing trends have been noticed. The volume of vehicular traffic has spurted manifold. Many factories have sprung up in the vicinity of the city. The smoke emitted by the chimneys of these factories or spewed out by the fast plying vehicles has made the lives of citizens miserable. Pollution has increased to intolerable limits. The heaps of garbage and unclean roads compound the problem. Some voluntary organisations have organised cleanliness campaigns in Sector 7 and 14 and are creating social awareness by educating the masses against the dangers of pollution. Kindly publish this letter with your editorial comments to make the citizens aware of these drawbacks. I do hope that the people of Chandigarh will cooperate to keep their city clean.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Anjali

5. A. The given bar graph shows the most preferred food item choices of customers of a famous food joint. The given number of people is in hundreds and the data states about four most preferred choices. If we look at the data, around 100 people chose lasagna as their main course. However, pizza stands out as the most preferred choice as main course as out of 250 people, 200 ordered it. Next most preferred item is burger which was ordered by 175 people. Soup seems like the most preferred choice of appetizer as all of the 250 people have ordered it.

To compare the given data pizza and burger are almost equally preferred by the customers as there is a difference of only 25 people between these choices. Lasagna being second and possibly the least preferred food item only garners 100 customers. The given food choices are of appetizer and main course and by analysing the data we can see that the only appetizer available in the data is ordered and preferred by almost all.

To conclude the given information, it is clearly evident that soup is the most preferred food item whereas lasagna is the least one.

OR

5. B. The given double line graph shows the sale of various kitchen utility items during festival season. The items are oven, toaster, coffee maker, kettle and hand blender.

By looking at the graph we see the different fluctuations of items sold in two different shops. The store-Q has sold

around 40 ovens, 30 toasters, 60 coffee makers, 50 kettles and around 90 hand blenders.

The store-P has sold 20 ovens, 40 toasters, 30 coffee makers, 60 kettles and 50 hand blenders. The highest selling item of store-Q is hand blender whereas store-P has sold the kettles the most.

The overall graph shows that store-Q has better sales than store-P. Three products of store-Q i.e., oven, coffee maker and hand blender have surpassed store-P in sales.

On the other hand store-P has sold more toasters and kettles in comparison to store-Q. The graph also shows that hand blender and kettle are the most preferred choice of consumers during festival season. Hand blender sales shows the most wide gap of 40 customers, and toaster shows only a gap of 10 customers between the two stores P and Q.

To conclude, the given information, it shows the preferences of consumers in buying different kitchen utility items and shows that on an average store Q made better sales overall.

6. A. i. C. He was enlightened about the true meaning of pain and suffering.

ii. Buddha sat down under a banyan tree for meditation, and after being enlightened seven days after the end of his meditation, he began to teach what he had learned and share his new understandings with his disciples. He encouraged them to follow the path of salvation.

- iii. the Awakened
- iv. C. Buddha took 7 years to be enlightened.

OR

- B. i. C. Mme Forestier
- ii. the diamond necklace
- iii. B. satisfied
- iv. The diamond necklace that was lost by Mme Loisel at the ball ten years ago took the Loisels ten years to repay the debts that it caused them. They had no money, and they had to work very hard to repay the amount they borrowed from the lenders.

7. A. i. Amanda's mother reminded Amanda of her acne. She is disallowing her to eat chocolates as they cause acne, and Amanda is already suffering from this skin problem, so eating chocolates will only aggravate the problem further.

- ii. A. stop ignoring me
- iii. trapped
- iv. C. Amanda likes being nagged around by her mother.

OR

B. i. According to the poet, the world will end in fire because of the increasing desires, lust, and hatred in it. The poet feels that there is enough hatred in the world, and it keeps growing which will lead to the end of the world in the coming years.

- ii. B. talking about his experience of desiring something
- iii. fire-desire
- iv. B. Wish

8. i. Lencho called the post office employees a bunch of crooks as he did not get full money that he had demanded. He could not believe that God had sent him any less money so he doubted these people. But he was not right to call them a bunch of crooks.

ii. As per the legend, a part of Alexander's army, when retreating from India, went South and settled in Coorg when they found that they could not return home. Then they married among the locals and their descendants are the Kodavus (the people of Coorg).

iii. In "The Ball Poem", Berryman tells us about how our childhood can quickly fly by, how we grow up and face hardships. We lose things which we love and are attached to. We must not feel disheartened or dejected but try to stand up and bear the loss through self-understanding as the boy who lost the ball he loved was trying to learn.

iv. Anne Frank got her early education at the Montessori Nursery School until she was six. She started in the first

form and in the sixth form, she had developed such a good relation with her headmistress Mrs Kuperus that both of them were in tears on the farewell.

v. The young seagull felt very miserable on the ledge as he was alone and his family had already flown away. He was feeling very hungry and had nothing to eat. His condition was worsening because he could not even dive for fish.

9. i. Tricki was given a non-medicinal treatment. His diet regimen was altered depending upon his body's response to it. He was kept on liquid diet for the first two days and then his diet was gradually increased. Yes, this treatment did help Tricki as it built up energy in him. He had transformed into an energetic, hard-muscled dog in just a fortnight.

ii. Matilda would often dream of all the delicacies, luxuries, elegant dinners, marvellous dishes, rich silver, beautiful dresses, jewels, adoration and a life of glory. She would escape into her dreams from the dullness of her very humble existence.

iii. The narrator's purpose of robbing Anil had not yet been served. He followed Anil to gain his trust and look for an opportunity that may help him give shape to his plans.

10. A. After the death of Kisa Gotami's only child, she became very sad. She carried her dead child to her neighbours in order to get medicine to bring him to life. Her neighbours thought that she had gone insane as she was unable to accept the fact. It was then that someone suggested her to meet Gautama Buddha. When she met Gautama Buddha he gave her an exercise to do. She was asked to collect mustard seeds from a house where no one has ever died. She went from one house to another but was unable to find a single house where no one has died. This way she realised that death is a part of life and anyone who is born is bound to die one day. Thus, Buddha changed her understanding of death by this exercise. And finally she could come to terms with the truth.

OR

B. Valli was a determined, confident and brave girl. She was also a good planner and executioner. She sacrificed a lot of things to achieve her dream. For example, she curbed the temptation to buy sweets and riding on the merry-go-round in the fair so that she could save money for the bus ride. Sacrificing all these things at such a tender age is very difficult for a child. She also behaved confidently in the bus and did not get bobbed down in the presence of elders. When the bus reached the town, Valli did not succumb to the temptation of going out to explore the town or having a drink. She did this as she had a limited amount of money which she wanted to save for her return journey. So, Valli used her money wisely. When the conductor offered her a drink, she showed good manners by refusing to have it.

11. A. Education plays a very crucial role in the overall development of a person. It increases a person's knowledge in different fields of study. Being educated elevates the personalities of individuals. It helps in pursuing our dreams, and correct education and guidance can help us achieve our goals. In the case of Bholi, education changed her overall personality for good reasons. She was no longer a girl who always feared others, but she became a confident girl. She no longer stammered and could speak confidently. She even stood up for herself and her father's pride, and all these changes came into her life after she was educated. In the case of Ebright, he was already a studious child and was keen on acquiring knowledge about different fields. His mother pushed his interest and helped him become a scientist. The correct guidance from his teachers and his mother and his determination to learn new things fuel his curiosity. And in the end, Ebright discovered that DNA is the blueprint for life and became a successful scientist. Both Bholi and Ebright achieved their goals with the help of education.

OR

B. Mrs Pumphrey was a rich woman who loved her dog very much. She loved to live a comfortable and lavish life and also wanted her dog to spend a similar one. She had maintained a wardrobe full of fancy fur coats, dresses, beds, etc. for Tricki. Apart from this, she used to overfeed Tricki out of her love and concern. She used to serve him cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and Horlicks after dinner to give him strength. She never realised that Tricki was a greedy dog and this would spoil his health. She could not even refuse to answer Tricki drooling for cream cakes and chocolates. Her overfeeding worsened Tricki's condition. This made the dog lazy, inactive and obese. He used to lie on his rug and pant all day long. Mrs Pumphrey fed him excessively, spoiling Tricki's health to such an extent that he had to be hospitalised. Even in the hospital she continued to convey Tricki her love through eggs, wine and brandy. Her fondness and care for Tricki proved that excess of everything made him fall sick.