

# FIITJEE

## CBSE FULL TEST - I

### ALL X<sup>TH</sup> STUDYING BATCHES

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 3:00 Hours

Max Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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## Section A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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I know poverty and misery and I quite appreciate by personal experience what it is to be poor, what it is to have no clothes, what it is to have no books, what it is to struggle through life, what it is to walk through the streets without an umbrella, without conveyance along miles on dusty roads. I have been through it all and I can understand the difficulties that most of you graduates have to face today. I am speaking from a long experience of 60 years. Please do not imagine that all the 60 years are milk and roses. To be able to accomplish something, I want to tell you that you have to go through such experiences.

I admit success in life is not always to be intelligent or be strong, and it is to some extent a bit of a gamble, but those who got their minds right and those who know their job sooner or later, will sooner perhaps than later make their way in life. But they should not be disappointed if they do not, they have to face up life and take it as they find it.

What I say is that the great things in life are not really great things in life. What I love is to enjoy the common things of life. I am happy that I am still able to sleep at night provided I have three miles walk in the evening. I am still able to enjoy a good lunch or a good dinner. I am still able to look at the blue sky and like it. I still like to walk in the open fields and like the smell of the Ragi or the Jowar.

We think that happiness consists of going to pictures and seeing thrilling films and technicolor dramas. Not at all, the great things in life are the God-given things which cost nothing. What you need is the desire to appreciate them. If you have your minds and hearts open, you have around your things which give you joy. There is the butterfly jumping about in flourishing colors on all sides. Look at the wonderful thing that God has given for our enjoyment.

We have to love nature and appreciate nature and appreciate her wonderful gifts, of nature's marvelous ingenuity, its resourcefulness, and infinite variety. It is the same thing that has inspired me all my life.

1) How had C.V. Raman's childhood been difficult?

- a) He had lived life as a poor
- b) He had access to books only
- c) He had to run on the streets
- d) He never drank milk as a child

2) Why has life been termed as a gamble?

- a) It disappoints you always
- b) Life is good to only hardworking people
- c) Even an intelligent or strong person is unsure of success
- d) CV Raman has lost money in this gamble

3) How does C.V. Raman's speech inspire us?

- A) He told us easy ways to enjoy life
- b) He told us one needs to be poor to succeed in life
- c) He told us to work day and night
- d) He told us that life is never easy

4) What according to C.V Raman consists of happiness?

- a) Seeing thrilling films and technicolor dramas
- b) Things that cost money
- c) God-given gifts which cost nothing
- d) A graduate student's life

5) According to the text, what should we love?

- a) Life
- b) Gamble
- c) C.V Raman
- d) Nature

6) Which smell did he like in the fields?

- a) Butterflies in fields
- b) Ragi and Jowar
- c) Dinner
- d) Dusty Roads

7) What has inspired C.V Raman all his life?

- a) Gamble
- b) Family
- c) Nature
- d) Films

8) How many years of experience does C.V Raman have?

- a) 6 years
- b) 60 years
- c) 16 years
- d) 66 years

9. Choose the correct synonym for the word 'ingenuity'

- a) correctness
- b) original
- c) innovative
- d) unique

10. Which of the following words can be best used to describe the tone of the passage?

- a) superficial
- b) reflective
- c) motivational
- d) anecdotal

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow them:**

**10**

January 26 is celebrated as Republic Day in our country. It was on this day, in 1950, the new constitution of independent India came into force and India became a democratic republic. The Constituent Assembly headed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, took more than two years to bring the world's lengthiest constitution to its final shape.

The enormous task before the Constituent Assembly was to frame the basic law that would formalize India as a truly democratic nation. Democracy is aptly defined as a system of Government by the people, for the people and of the people. The founding fathers of the Constitution, therefore, had to ensure that the basic law of the land contained sufficient provisions for the fulfillment of the democratic aspirations of the people of India not only in the political sphere but also in the social and economic spheres. That explains the inclusion of a separate part in the Constitution, called the Directive Principles of State Policy.

These principles signify the fact that the framers of the Constitution were well aware of the wide gaps and inequalities that existed among the various sections of the Indian population. The Constitution makers had the wisdom to appreciate that political democracy is meaningless when an overwhelming

majority of the population is historically trapped in poverty, illiteracy, ill-health and superstition. The Central and State Governments were expected to frame policies so that every citizen is assured of a decent living standard irrespective of sex, caste, religion, language and region.

The makers of our Constitution describe India as a Union of States and not as a federation. Being well conversant with the diversity of the nation in terms of the language, religion, caste and region, and its implications on the intended socio-economic development of the country as a whole, the makers of the Constitution opted for a political system in which the Central Government is equipped with overwhelming administrative, legislative and financial muscle. Most of the nations' policies and programmes for socio-economic development originate at the Central Government, and the responsibility for their successful implementation is entrusted to the states.

1)The programmes for the socio-economic development originate at

- A)state level
- B)regional level
- c)district level
- d)central government level

2)The British had left behind

- A) a developed India
- B)a wealthy India
- C)a poverty-stricken, illiterate India
- D)a strong and healthy India

3)The constitution-makers describe India as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A)Union of states
- B)Union of nations
- C)Union of territories
- D)Union of districts

4)The constitution-makers took more than two years to bring the world's \_\_\_\_\_ constitution to its final shape.

- A)simplest
- B)lengthiest
- C)heaviest
- D)shortest

5)Find the word from the passage which means the same as recognizing the good quality of somebody.

- A)overlook
- B)appreciate
- C)disparage
- D)condemn

6)Who is the Chairman of the Drafting Committee?

- A)Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- B)Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- C)Jawahar Lal Nehru
- D)Sachchidananda Sinha

7) Who is the Head of the Constituent Assembly?

- A) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- B) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- C) Jawahar Lal Nehru
- D) Sachchidananda Sinha

8) When did the Indian Constitution come into force?

- A) 1949
- B) 1947
- C) 1948
- D) 1950

9) In how much time was our Constitution made?

- A) In two years
- B) More than two years
- C) In one year
- D) More than three years

10) Antonyms of the word enormous:

- A) insignificant
- B) mammoth
- C) vast
- D) humongous

**3. Read the extracts below and answer the questions of any ONE of the following: 5**

A] We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow. I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. Loaves for the elders and the bangles for the children.

(i) Who are 'we' in the extract?

- a) The narrator
- b) The baker
- c) The servants
- d) The narrator and his/her siblings

(ii) Why were the children pushed aside?

- a) as they did not pay
- b) the baker did not like them
- c) The baker had to give the bread to the servants
- d) The children took the bread away

(iii) Which word/phrase in the extract means the same as 'an expression of disapproval/a scolding'?

- a) fragrance
- b) rebuke
- c) mild
- d) bangles

(iv) What was there in the basket?

- a) loaves of bread

- b) loaves of sweet bread
- c) bangles of sweet bread and loaves of bread
- d) bangles of bread

- (v) The children would peep into the basket as they
- a) wanted the bread
  - b) didn't want the servants to get it
  - c) did not care
  - d) wanted to see what was in the basket

**OR**

On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium. Mr de Klerk was first sworn in as the second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as the first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and its people. To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said: Today, all of us do, by our presence here... confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud.

- (i) Who is Zenani?
- a) the narrator
  - b) a friend
  - c) Nelson Mandela's daughter
  - d) the second deputy President of South Africa

- (ii) Who was sworn in as the first deputy president?
- a) Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as the first deputy president of South Africa.
  - b) Zenani was sworn in as the first deputy president of South Africa
  - c) Nelson Mandela was sworn in as the first deputy president of South Africa
  - d) Mr de Klerk was sworn in as the first deputy president of South Africa

- (iii) Who was sworn in as the second deputy president?
- a) Zenani
  - b) Nelson Mandela
  - c) Thabo Mbeki
  - d) Mr de Klerk

- (iv) What was the pledge taken by the narrator?
- a) Nelson Mandela pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution. He pledged to serve the people of his country.
  - b) Nelson Mandela pledged to uphold the sovereignty of the nation
  - c) Nelson Mandela pledged to be a good leader
  - d) Nelson Mandela pledged to be a just ruler

- (v) What is the opposite of the word 'confer' as used in the passage?
- a) contrast
  - b) withhold
  - c) give
  - d) receive

**4. Read the extracts below and answer the questions of any ONE of the following:**

**5**

Not one kneels to another, nor to his kinds that  
live thousands of years ago,  
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.

(i) Which word/s do/es NOT show the correct attitude of the animals towards other animals?

- A) subservient
- B) nonchalance
- C) submissive
- D) egoistic

- a) A
- b) A and B
- c) B
- d) A, B and D

(ii) What do the animals do?

- a) kneel down
- b) worship their forefathers
- c) move about unhappy
- d) all of the above

(iii) Explain 'not one is respectable'.

- a) It means that, unlike men, all are equal among animals.
- b) they want to be respected
- c) they wish to be worshipped like men
- d) they want to respect each other

(iv) Name the poem and poet.

- a) Animals by Walt Disney
- b) Animals by Ted Hughes
- c) Snakes by DH Lawrence
- d) Animals by Walt Whitman

(v) Which figure of speech can be seen in the stanza

- a) anaphora
- b) onomatopoeia
- c) hyperbole
- d) oxymoron

**OR**

But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great And would suffice.

(i) What does 'Ice' stand for?

- a) hatred
- b) destruction
- c) desire
- d) greed

(ii) What does the poet believe?

- a) Robert Frost believes that ice shall destroy this world
- b) Robert Frost believes that Ice is equally destructive and can destroy the world.
- c) Robert Frost believes that fire shall destroy this world
- d) Robert Frost believes that water shall destroy this world

(iii) What is the other destructive force?

- a) water
- b) wind
- c) fire
- d) desire

(iv) Find a word in these lines that means opposite to 'creation'.

- a) suffice
- b) destroy
- c) destruction
- d) desire

(v) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

- a) aabb
- b) abab
- c) abcb
- d) abaa

**5. Fill the following blanks by selecting the correct options:**

**(3x1=3)**

High school is a critical time in the life of young people. On (1) \_\_\_\_\_ one hand, teenagers are eager to enjoy their freedom and independence, while on the other hand, they must be disciplined enough to keep (2) \_\_\_\_\_ priorities straight. In my opinion, the family, the peer group and the school impact high school students the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at this vulnerable time.

1. (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) no article
2. (i) their (ii) the (iii) our (iv) there
3. (i) best (ii) highest (iii) most (iv) maximum

**6. In the questions below the sentences have been given in Direct Speech. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect speech. (3x1=3)**

- i. "If you don't keep quiet I shall shoot you", he said to her in a calm voice.
- A. He warned her to shoot if she didn't keep quiet calmly.
  - B. He said calmly that I shall shoot you if you don't be quiet.
  - C. He warned her calmly that he would shoot her if she didn't keep quiet.
  - D. Calmly he warned her that be quiet or else he will have to shoot her.

- ii. The man said, "No, I refused to confers guilt."
- A. The man emphatically refused to confers guilt.  
 B. The man refused to confers his guilt.  
 C. The man told that he did not confers guilt.  
 D. The man was stubborn enough to confers guilt.
- iii. My cousin said, "My room-mate had snored throughout the night."
- A. my cousin said that her room-mate snored throughout the night.  
 B. my cousin told me that her room-mate snored throughout the night.  
 C. my cousin complained to me that her room-mate is snoring throughout the night.  
 D. my cousin felt that her room-mate may be snoring throughout the night.

**7. Answer any FOUR questions:**

**(4x1=4)**

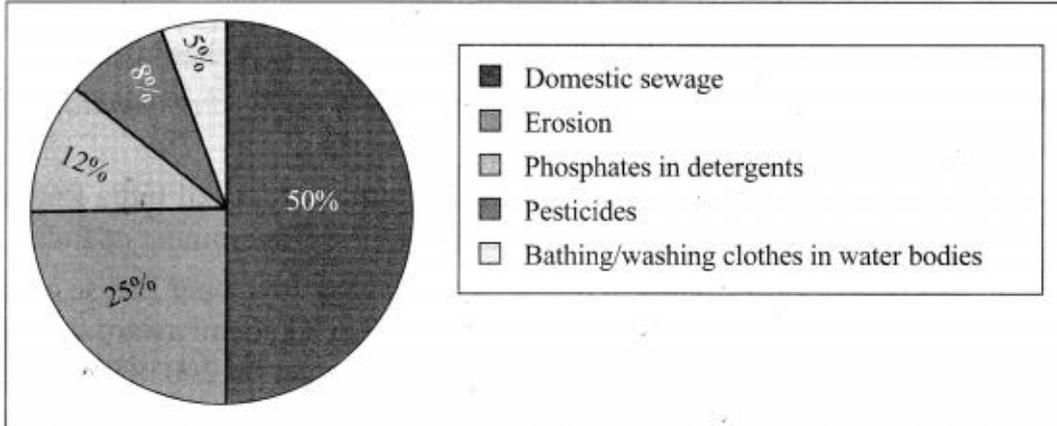
- (i) You ..... consult the Thesaurus if you need groups of synonyms for those words.  
 a) had to  
 b) need to  
 c) used to  
 d) might
- (ii) Everybody ..... keen to participate in the upcoming nukkad natak.  
 a) are  
 b) has  
 c) is  
 d) were
- (iii) The good news is that..... volunteers dropped out this month than the last two.  
 a) fewer  
 b) less  
 c) few  
 d) a little
- (iv) It was ..... historic day for the organisation when ..... honour was bestowed upon its employees.  
 a) a; an  
 b) an; the  
 c) the; a  
 d) an; a
- (v) At this time tomorrow we ..... our project details to ma'am.  
 a) are presenting  
 b) shall be presenting  
 c) have been presenting  
 d) will have presenting

## PART B

8. Attempt any ONE of the following:

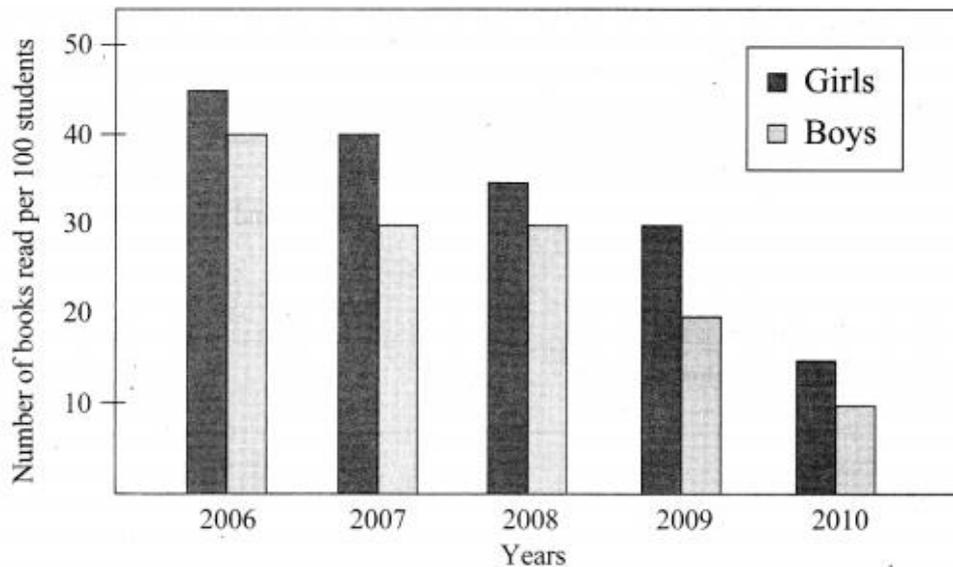
(5)

Study the pie chart given here and write a brief paragraph on water pollution in about 100 words.



OR

As Secretary of the Literary Club of your school, you have been asked to write a paragraph on the importance of reading. The following histogram clearly states how irrelevant reading has become to the present generation. Taking ideas from the histogram, write the paragraph in about 100 words.



9. Attempt any ONE of the following within 120 words.

(5)

Our metropolitan cities witness a large number of accidents every day. What do you think is the reason? What can be done to bring down the rate of accidents? Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a national daily expressing your concerns and offering solutions to this problem. You are Arun/Aruna, 112 Model Town, Delhi.

**OR**

You are Mr. Ashish Kaushik, the Sports Instructor in ABC Convent, New Delhi. The Principal of the school asked you to place an order for buying cricket kits, volleyball nets, footballs, badminton and other necessary sports accessories. Write a letter to place an order with Star Sports, New Delhi.

**10. Answer any TWO questions from (A) and (B) respectively in 20-30 words.**

**(A) any TWO**

**(2x2=4)**

- i) How much money did Lencho need? How much did he get?
- ii) What promise does Mandela make in the beginning of opening of his oath-taking speech?
- iii) How do we get to know that the makers of bread still exist?

**(B) any TWO**

**(2x2=4)**

- i) Why did Matilda throw the invitation spitefully?
- ii) Why does the hack driver offer to ask about Oliver Lutkins?
- iii) What made Mrs Pumphrey call the vet?

**11. Answer any TWO questions from (A) and (B) respectively in 40-50 words**

**(A) any TWO**

**(3x2=6)**

- i) What kind of a girl was Peggy?
- ii) Describe your views about Mr Keesing as a teacher.
- iii) Why did the writer want to meet the pilot of another black aeroplane?

**(B) any TWO**

**(3x2=6)**

- i) Bholi was fascinated by the walls of the classroom. Why?
- ii) Mention any two of Ebright's contributions to the world of science.
- iii) What made Hari Singh go back to Anil's house?

**12. Answer any ONE of the following in 120 words.**

**(5)**

i) "The Hundred Dresses-I" is about teasing Wanda. It also borders on ragging and racism indirectly. Describe how does it affect you and how do you evaluate it?

ii) Do you think that the seagull's family loved him? Justify their attitude towards him?

**13. Answer any ONE of the following in 120 words.**

**(5)**

i) Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend. Elucidate

ii) "Put the fear out of your heart and you will be able to speak like anyone else". These words of encouragement from the teacher highlight that change of social attitude and encouragement can help a child like Bholi to become confident and face the world bravely. Taking help from the lesson 'Bholi' write how the social attitude towards Bholi made her an introvert. What should be done to help such children to face the world bravely?

## HINTS AND SOLUTIONS

**1.**

- i. a
- ii- c
- iii- d
- iv.- c
- v. - d
- vi. b
- vii. c
- viii. b
- ix. c
- x. c

**2.**

- i. d
- ii. C
- iii. A
- iv. B
- v. B
- vi. A
- vii. B
- viii. D
- ix. B
- x. A

**3.**

- i. d
- ii. c
- iii. b
- iv. c
- v. d

**OR**

- i. c
- ii. a
- iii. d
- iv. a
- v. b

**4.**

- i. d
- ii. d
- iii. a
- iv. d
- v. a

**OR**

- i. a
- ii. b
- iii. c
- iv. c
- v. d

5.

- 1.- iv
2. i
3. iii

6.

- i. C
- ii.- A
- iii.- A

7.

- i.- b
- ii. b
- iii. a
- iv. a
- v. b

8.

8.: Water is undoubtedly the most precious natural resource as without water there would be no life on Earth. We often disregard this threat by polluting, our rivers, lakes and oceans. The most important cause for water pollution is dumping of untreated domestic sewage in rivers in water bodies which comprises around 50 percent of the pollution caused, Effluents from factories, refineries, injection wells and sewage treatment plants are dumped into urban water supplies, leading to water pollution. Pollutants like fertilizers and pesticides some of the major sources of water pollution. A quarter of the pollution is caused by the Nitrates and phosphates contained in soap which over-stimulate the growth of aquatic plants which clog our waterways, using up dissolved oxygen as they decompose. About 5 percent of the pollution is caused by washing and bathing in rivers and ponds. Water pollution leads to the outbreak of numerous lethal and contagious diseases.

**OR**

ANSWER: Reading is a very important habit. Reading books keep our mind fresh and thoughts alive, it helps us to go an adventure without leaving our house, it sharpens our brain, it helps us to dream big, it challenges our perspective, it inspires us and reading is how we discover new things.

But nowadays reading has become irrelevant to the present generation. It is clearly evident from the histogram that ,In the year 2006 the number of book read per 100 girl student is 45 and boy students is 40,this year accounts the highest for the students to read. In contrast, the year 2010 accounts for just 20 girl students and 15 boy students.

when it comes to the years 2006,2007 and 2008,2009 ; the number of book read per 100 boy students in the years 2006 and 2008 is equal to the number of books read per 100 girl students in the years 2007 and 2009 respectively.

While, the number of books read per 100 boy students remain stagnant from the year 2007 to 2008.

overall, Reading has become irrelevant to the present generation. As the years and days passes the student's interest in reading books declined.

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112, Model Town  
Delhi

24th February, 2018

The Editor  
Hindustan Times  
New Delhi

Subject: Concern over a large number of accidents in metropolitan cities every day.

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to express my concern over an increase in the number of accidents in metropolitan cities. There are a number of reasons for this incessant rise in the number of accidents. The main cause is an increase in adverse and erratic driving conditions. Poor infrastructure and excess of traffic conditions make the urban drivers impatient, reckless and rash. People neglect traffic rules and don't even adhere to speed limits that ultimately leads to accidents. A considerable increase in the use of mobile phones and loud music while driving causes distraction for drivers. Drink and drive cases have also increased considerably in recent times.

To solve this problem the authorities need to take very stringent actions. I would suggest them impose very heavy fines on traffic rule defaulters. Underage drivers and drunken drivers should be dealt with most severely and their licenses should be impounded immediately. I suggest increasing the number of traffic policemen and check-posts. While issuing driving licenses, a comprehensive session on traffic rules and regulations should be made mandatory.

I hope you will publish my letter in your newspaper in order to spread awareness about this alarming issue among the readers and the concerned authorities.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,  
Aruna/Arun

**OR**

Mr Satish Kaushik

April 14th ,2020

the Sports Instructor in ABC Convent

New Delhi.

Subject :- Placement of order of sports articles

Dear sir ,

ABC convent is supposed to organise a sports meet in May 2020. For the purpose, we require many sports articles. On behalf of my school, I am placing an order for sports articles in bulk . List of the articles required and their quantity is as follows .

cricket bats for juniors 15 pieces.  
volleyball net three pieces  
football ideal 10 pieces  
badminton rackets 10 pieces.

Kindly mention the discount you offer on bulk order . We hope to receive attractive discount for future relations. Do ensure the delivery before April 30. The quality of the goods should be maintained. Outdated substandard and defective goods will not be entertained . 10% of amount through check payment can be done within 10 days of delivery.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,  
Satish Kaushik  
Sports Instructor

**10.**

**(A)**

i. Lencho got seventy pesos. He was angry at the difference as he needed hundred pesos to sow the crops again and to support his family till the next harvest.

ii. Mandela thanks all the international leaders and guests as he calls it an occasion of joy and victory for Justice. He promises that the country shall not again experience the oppression of one by another.

iii. The narrator states that the eaters of loaves might have vanished but the makers are still there. He further says that those age old, time tested furnaces still exist and the fire in the furnaces had not yet been extinguished.

**(B)**

i. Matilda was simply displeased when her husband showed the invitation. She felt humiliated and threw the invitation spitefully as she had nothing beautiful enough to wear to such a grand gathering.

ii. The hack driver was none other than Oliver Lutkins himself. He did not wish to take the summons and go as a witness. So, he pretended to be a hack driver. He offered to help the lawyer so that the lawyer could not come to know about him from someone else.

iii. Tricki's condition made Mrs Pumphrey call the vet for help. Tricki had become fat and lazy. He just used to lie on his rug and pant. He also refused to eat food, even his favourite dishes. His bouts of vomiting added to Mrs Pumphrey's worry. That is why, she called James Herriot.

**11.**

**(A)**

i. Peggy was the most attractive and intelligent girl. She was very sentimental. She couldn't bear an animal to be hurt and protected small children from bullies, but towards Wanda, she had a different attitude. She used to make fun of her and laugh behind her back.

ii. Mr Keesing seems to be a strict teacher but he actually believes taking actions with good intention and for the development of children. He tries to control her bad habit of talking too much but as soon as he is convinced that her habit does not affect her studies, he overlooks her shortcoming.

iii. The writer wanted to meet the pilot of another black aeroplane to thank him as he had saved the life of the writer by helping him come out from in the storm. He was very grateful.

**(B)**

i. The walls of the classroom had bright and colourful pictures of a horse, a goat, a parrot and a cow. They all looked familiar to Bholi and were like the ones in the village. She also remembered her pet cow. That is why she was fascinated to see those pictures.

ii.- He carried experiments to prove successfully that hormone produced by the gold spots of a pupa is responsible for the growth and formation of butterfly wings. He also discovered how a cell could read the blueprint of its DNA that controls heredity.

iii.- Hari Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty about robbing him. He thought that people have different responses to being robbed. Some people show fear, some show anger, and some show acceptance. But, Hari knew that Anil would be sad, not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust.

## 12.

i. The story 'The Hundred Dresses-I' is really all about teasing of Wanda being Polish and having a strange name. They made fun of Wanda and made her feel inferior by asking her about her dresses. Their behaviour towards Wanda was completely undesirable as it shows racism and ragging. These are totally condemnable issues in the society which cannot be accepted. Peggy and Maddie never thought of Wanda's feelings and continued teasing her but her selection as a winner shows that colour, prejudice or racism are not the parameter of talent as everybody clapped for her drawings. Later, Maddie and Peggy both realise their folly.

ii. The young seagull had two brothers and a sister. His parents flew with them to leave him alone on the ledge as he could not muster up the courage to fly with them. His parents could have fed him. But, they refused to give him any food. They wanted him to fly and dive for his food. They threatened to let him starve. They did so because they loved him.

The parents were right in what they did because they wanted to teach him the importance of confidence and self-reliance. One can't depend on their parents all his life to be fed. Thus, it was important for him to learn to fly, dive and search his own food. So, the attitude the seagull family showed to him was actually their love, care and concern for him.

## 13.

i. Mme Forestier turns out to be an interesting character. She plays a very vital role in the story. As a friend to Matilda, we find her to be really genuine as she helps Matilda in the hour of her need. When Mme Loisel needs to borrow jewels, she turns to Mme Forestier. Mme Forestier does not refuse. Displaying her generosity, she opens up the entire array of her jewels for Matilda to choose from. Also, she is considerate when Loiseles delay the return of the necklace. Surprisingly, at the end of the story, she concludes the entire narrative.

Without even a moment's hesitation, she reveals to Matilda that her necklace was just a fake. She is not at all worried in the light of the fact that she may have to return the necklace. It shows her honesty. Rather, she, like a true friend, feels bad for Matilda at her unnecessary suffering. We find her sympathising with Mme Loisel. She is indeed a gem of a friend.

ii. Bholi suffered a weak mind due to her accident (falling from her cot) during her infancy. She also started to stammer while speaking. Then she became ugly due to pock-marks on her face and body on contracting the smallpox disease. All these made her family and other children treat her badly, resulting in her becoming an introvert. To help such children face the world bravely, we must treat them with love and affection and encourage them to join mainstream society. We must not mock their disabilities; instead we should give them hope that they can be as good as the other children by motivating and uplifting them.