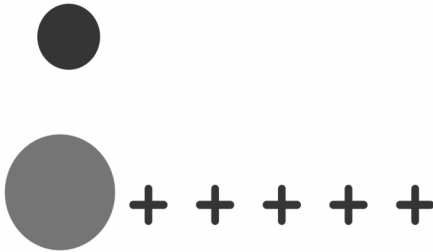




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Reading Ladder (English Reader)
Class VII

1. A Cradle Song

Think & Answer

- A
- (b) day dreaming
 - (c) to sleep silently with brows frowned in shape of crown
 - (a) the image of the child
 - (c) William Blake
- B
- Weave thy brows an infant crown.
Sweet sleep, Angel mild,
Hover o'er my
 - on me, on all,
Who became an infant small.
Infant smiles are His own smiles,
Heaven and earth to
- C
- 'A Cradle Song' by William Blake.
 - The heavenly face is the infant's face.
 - The lord smiles and give his love to infant.
 - Tiny.
 - 'Infant' refers to a very young child or baby.
- D
- The mother of the infant wished for infant.
 - The baby is sleeping on a soft bed like small soft feathers of the bird. The baby has a smile on his face while sleeping.
 - The mother feels blessed and happy to see her child sleeping comfortably. This makes her weep for her child.
 - The baby's smiles beguile the world, the smiles of the baby Jesus beguiles the heaven. This is the cosmic significance of the ending line of the poem.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- weave the brows - Little crease on the forehead
He weaved his brows after seeing the bill.
 - mild- gentle
The shampoo I use is very mild.
 - beguile- charm or enchant someone
He beguiled the voters with his good looks.
 - pleasant - feeling sense of happiness.
It was pleasant surprise to see you at home.
 - cradle – a baby's bed or cot
The baby slept peacefully in his cradle.
- B
- talkative
 - smile
 - huge
 - unhappy
 - awake
- C
- happiness
 - heaven
 - sweetness
 - holiness
 - pleasant

Grammar Time

- A
- had reached, reached
 - had deposited
 - had to go, had gone

4. had left, had started
5. had taken
6. had met, had submitted
7. had, left

- B (b) The party had finished before Manoj came.
 (c) Uncle had come before father went to America.
 (d) I had went to tuition before my friend come to meet me.

- C
1. (d) Abstract
 2. (b) Proper
 3. (c) Collective
 4. (a) Common
 5. (d) Abstract
 6. (b) Proper
 7. (a) Common

Let's Write

A-29
 Xylem Enclave,
 Chattishgarh

14 Dec., 20XX

Dear Suman

How are you? I am in a pink health and hope the same from you. As you know on Saturday there was house warming party. I missed you alot. Your presence would have increased the fun. There was buffer system and there lots of food items. We had some snacks too. The music was great and we all enjoyed it alot.

I missed you alot, wish you were here with us. Convey my regards to uncle and aunt. Do write me back soon.

Yours Lovingly

Neha

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

2. Swami's Stern Father

Think & Answer

- | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| A | 1. (b) Swami's father | 2. (b) Father | 3. (b) maths sum |
| | 4. (a) books | 5. (b) Two rupees | |
| B | 1. corridor | 2. baby | 3. sum |
| | 4. room | 5. remarks | |
| C | 1. Father to Sami | | |
| | 2. Father to Swami | | |
| | 3. Swami to father | | |
| | 4. Swami to mother | | |
| | 5. Swami to father | | |

- D 1. False 2. False 3. True 4. True
5. True
- E 1. Swami's father took him to his room. He pointed to the layer of dust on Swami's books and asked, "For how many days haven't you touched your books?"
2. Swami was looking for a piece of cloth to dust his books and clean his table.
3. Swami's father wanted him to revise maths sum. He gave Swami a question related to finding cost of three mangoes. For doing so he wanted to know the price of one mango from Swami.
4. When Swami's father asked him to solve the sum. Swami gazed and gazed at the sum. Every time he read it, he saw a different meaning in it. He felt that he had fallen into fearful maze.
5. Father took Swami's ear and gently twisted it. Swami could not decide whether he should add, subtract, multiply or divide to get the answer.

Vocabulary Builder

- A 1. become less intense
The rain is letting up, it will soon stop raining.
2. disappointment
The election was a bit let down.
3. to become involved
You have yourself let in for a big trouble.
4. reveal information
She knows a lot more than she lets on.
5. a chance to escape or letting avoid things
The team has two lets off as shots to win the match.
- B 1. (a) bee 2. (e) spinster 3. (d) niece
4. (b) hind 5. (c) nun
- C 1. Elegant 2. Entangle 3. Gentle
4. Enamel 5. Eagle 6. Leon

Grammar Time

- A 1. My mother cooked delicious food.
2. She sang a beautiful song.
3. They kept the school clean.
4. Ravi like bread very much.
5. You went to school everyday.
- B 1. was reading 2. were jumping
3. was cooking 4. were standing
5. was going 6. was mending
7. were writing 8. was ploughing
- C 1. C 2. U 3. U 4. C
5. U 6. C 7. U 8. C
- D 1. works 2. buying 3. to read
4. brings 5. arrived 6. been driving
7. playing 8. drinking

Let's Write

A Fair

A fair is an event in village and town where people gather to enjoy and shop with their children. All come up with large families and spend time since morning. Children play games and enjoy swings ride. All stalls are decorated and filled with colourful and excited things. All kinds of edible things are also sold. Children flock around these shops. It is fun to visit a fair.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

3. A Rare Gift of Love

Think & Answer

- A
- | | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. (a) couple | 2. (a) baby | 3. (a) happy |
| 4. (a) child | 5. (c) ears | |
- B
- | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. couple | 2. wrapped | 3. moment, shocked |
| 4. school | 5. diplomatic, married | |
- C
- | | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. False | 2. True | 3. True | 4. True |
| 5. True | | | |
- D
- The couple lived in a town.
 - The boy cried and revealed the tragedy to his mother that very often boys bully him in the school, tease him and call him a freak.
 - One day, the father told the son that he had to be hospitalised because someone was going to donate a pair of outer ears for him.
 - The real beauty lies in the heart, not in the physical appearance. Real love does not lie in what is done and known, but lies in what is done and not known.
 - We should remember that whenever we make any sacrifice, no one should know about it. Actual sacrifice is just that is felt.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. choose | 2. curious | 3. literature |
| 4. achievements | 5. astonished | |
- B
- greatest
A mother's love is an ultimate example of true love.
 - enough
He is earning quite well these days.
 - exceedingly
This sum was extremely difficult to solve.
 - very pleasing
Ram had the most divine smile when he was receiving an award.
 - encourage
I cheered her up for her new achievement.

6. unhappy
She was feeling miserable after her husband's death.

Grammar Time

- A
1. Sita visited Rampur on her birthday.
 2. Rohan saw Pole Star in the sky.
 3. John sailed across the ocean last month.
 4. I love India.
 5. Ramesh is intelligent.
 6. Taj Mahal is in India.
 7. Eagle fly in the sky.
- B
1. (b) Proper noun
 2. (b) Common noun
 3. (b) Proper noun
- C
1. (h) go to the movies
 2. (a) are my favourite colours
 3. (c) changes the locks
 4. (e) likes recess
 5. (d) stung me
 6. (f) saved the patient
 7. (i) lost his hat
 8. (j) built the web
 9. (g) flew by
 10. (b) study in the same class
- D
1. are going to buy
 2. going to relax
 3. is going to rain
 4. going to do
 5. are going to be
 6. are going to move
 7. is going to apply

Let's Write

Real love is selfless. Sacrifice is one of the purest and most selfless ways of love someone. There is no better way to show one's loyalty or love for another than through sacrifice. Love can be painful, love can be sad, but more than anything love should bring happiness.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

4. A Girl and her Peacock Fans

Think & Answer

- A
1. (a) king
 2. (b) 14
 3. (b) wilful
 4. (b) mud
 5. (c) khai
- B
1. True
 2. False
 3. True
 4. True
 5. False

- C
1. Merchant to six daughters
 2. Teak tree to girl
 3. Wild beasts to teak tree
 4. Girl to teak tree
 5. King's son to the nurse
 6. Nurse to king's son
- D
1. saluted 2. peacock 3. plumes
 4. humans 5. split its trunk
- E
1. One day, the merchant called his seven daughters and asked them, 'whose fortune keeps you alive and happy?' Six daughters replied, 'Yours Papa'. But the youngest was wilful and she said, "I am alive and happy because of my own good fortune."
 2. The seventh daughter replied wilful and said, 'I am alive and happy because of my own good fortune'. Father got angry and said, 'Let me see how far your good fortune carries you, Miss'.
 3. The father called his palanquin bearers and sent her away to the dense forest. He allowed her to take only her box of sewing needles and thread and old nurse who had been with her since she was born.
 4. The Teak tree splitted its trunk and both of them climbed into the hollow. The tree closed back into its natural shape. The tree struggled hard to save them from wild beasts.
 5. The wild beasts came out at night. Prowling round the jungle, they smelt humans. They howled at Teak tree and dashed against the tree, clawed its bark into shreds, broke its branches and scattered its leaves. But the tree would not surrender the fugitives, even though blood ran from its pierced bark.
 6. The girl sewed the plumes together and the nurse took the fan to the city palace. The king's son saw the fan, liked it and immediately bought it.
 7. The Prince grew more and more curious about the dextrous seamstress and one day he followed the nurse back from the city and saw the girl. She had grown slender and beautiful. He decided to marry her.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. Extremely – very
I saw a very beautiful girl.
Vary – to be different
The size of the slices vary from bread to bread.
 2. Made – to produce
My mother made a delicious cake.
Maid – helper
Her maid is very good in nature.
 3. Lairs – hiding place
Like some huge many – limbed animal, the regiment began to prepare its lair and its food.

Layers – coating

Everything was covered by a thin layer of sand.

4. Trunk – thick central part of tree

The trunk of sheesham is very expensive.

Trunk – elephant's long nose

The elephant uses its trunk as a mouth.

5. There – at or to that place

I have kept your books there

Their – of or belonging to them

The children brought their books.

- B 1. flock 2. swarm
3. group 4. litter
5. flock 6. herd

C	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
	Able	Abler	Ablest
	Active	More Active	Most Active
	Bad	Worse	Worst
	Beautiful	More Beautiful	Most Beautiful
	Bright	Brighter	Brightest
	Clever	Cleverer	Cleverest
	Dear	Dearer	Dearest
	Difficult	More Difficult	Most Difficult
	Dry	Drier	Driest
	Elder	Elder	Eldest

Grammar Time

- A 1. turn off
2. break up
3. Look through
4. carry out
5. put aside
- B 1. stronger 2. deepest
3. more intelligent 4. most beautiful
5. healthier 6. largest
7. more difficult 8. taller
- C 1. with the work load
2. the correct number
3. my good friend
4. away
5. for three hours

Let's Write

Yes, the Teak tree trunk behaved like a human being. He saved the life of the girl and nurse. He was pity on seeing their condition. He fought like a guard to save them from wild beast. The tree helped with its wisdom to earn food for their living. Therefore, tree was no less than a human.

Let's Talk

- Daughter : You won't believe, father! There was a Teak tree who helped me.
- Father : How can a Teak tree help you?
- Daughter : It splitted its trunk and saved me from wild beast.
- Father : What else did he do?
- Daughter : He helped me to earn and live.
- Father : How did he do so?
- Daughter : The Teak tree told us to give Khair to peacocks so that they shed few feather, which we collected and made fan.
- Father : What did you do with the fan?
- Daughter : I told the nurse to sell it in the king's court.
- Father : Oh! that give you a connection to the king.
- Daughter : Yes, but I never went there. He, prince himself came to forest to ask my hand.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

5. Allie

Think & Answer

- A
- (c) after gold fish
 - (c) red and white in colour
 - (b) trout
 - (b) two
 - (b) nest
- B
- birds 2. lambs 3. clucking 4. trout
 - played by water's edge, till the April sunset
- C
- False 2. True 3. True 4. True 5. True
- D
- Allie was calling animals and children to enjoy and play around water's edge till the April sunset.
 - The birds that come on Allie's call were white doves, sparrow, bantam hen and a red breast rob in.
 - On Allie's call first there came two black lambs.
 - Allie was a nature lover. She knew how to love and treat animals properly. The animals considered her as friend. Therefore, they came out on her call to play with her.
 - The message that the poem portraits is that every creature is equal and desire love and affection. If treated well animals and humans can live in good harmony.

Vocabulary Builder

- clucking
- grunting birkshire
- without a tail
- gold
- red and white in colour
- red breast

- B
1. a small, narrow river
I saw a perfect trout stream.
 2. crumpled
Mohan twisted the rubber bands beautifully to make a headband.
 3. a chicken of small breed
He is rearing bantam hens and chicks in his farm.
 4. sound of an animal
An enormous pig was grunting and shuffling in the sky outside.

Grammar Time

- A
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. had finished | 2. had met |
| 3. had studied | 4. had stolen, had come |
| 5. had bought | 6. had broken |
| 7. had already tried, had tried | |
- B
- | | | | |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1. enough | 2. very | 3. quite | 4. too |
| 5. quite | 6. very | 7. too | 8. quite |

Let's Write

B-2

Northern Lane,
Yorkshire

14th October, 20XX

Dear John

Hope this letter finds you in best evening and feel happy to know that you have adjusted quite well in the new place and environment.

I missed you alot on Saturday I and Susan planned to go to Joyan Bird Sanctuary and spent our weekend with birds. We enjoyed alot there.

We saw many different varieties and spices of bird. We also had ostrich rides there. We took permission and fed food which they gave us to the birds. It was great. It would have been more enjoyable if you would have been with us. I am sending you pictures with description of the birds which we saw there.

Convey my regards to uncle and aunt. Take care.

Yours Lovingly

Allie

Fun Time

Do yourself.

6. The Vengeful Genie and The Humble Fisher

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. (b) poor | 2. (c) basket-full of rubbish |
| 3. (a) smoke | 4. (b) kill |
| 5. (a) rich | |
- B
1. The fisherman said these lines.
 2. The fisherman was sad because he was unable to catch fish for his living. He was disappointed as he had no food to eat and was dependent on his catch.

3. The fisherman was feeling helpless and unlucky since, he was unable to catch the fish.
4. 'Trifle' – a thing of little value or importance/treat some without seriousness or respect.

C 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False

5. True

- D
1. The fisherman was old and so poor that he could scarcely manage to support his wife and three children.
 2. The second time he found a large basket full of rubbish. He was very much annoyed. He threw the rubbish away and threw the net third time. He only drew in stones, shells and mud the third time.
 3. When the fisherman threw his net the fourth time he found a yellow pot, which by its weight seemed full of something. It was a great catch for him because the genie in the pot made him rich in the end.
 4. The genie tried to kill the fisherman because he grew angry at being captive for so long and vowed that if anyone would release him, he would kill him at once and would only allow him to choose in what manner he would die.
 5. The fisherman used his mind and asked genie to show him get inside the pot. The foolish genie went inside and the fisherman trapped him again. He released genie when genie promised him that he will not kill the fisherman or harm him.
 6. Yes, the fisherman was clever because he with his wit trapped genie inside the pot again and saved himself. He also made his life better because of his clever mind.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. dissatisfaction
I was very disappointed on his bad behaviour in the party.
 2. difficult and problematic
It was a vexed situation to answer whether I want to his friends or not after that great fight.
 3. pull or drag with effort
The labour hauled the bed to paint the wall behind it.
 4. impressed
He was quite pleased by my actions.
 5. alternative or substitute
I will repair the old television instead of getting a new one.
- B
1. valuable 2. rebuild
 3. loose 4. enough

Grammar Time

- A
1. Assertive Sentence
 2. Imperative Sentence
 3. Imperative Sentence
 4. Interrogative Sentence
 5. Assertive Sentence
 6. Interrogative Sentence

- B
1. are going to watch a movie.
 2. is knitting a pullover for me.
 3. invited me to accompany them on a trip to Shimla.
 4. played quite well in fourth over.
 5. felt like a relief on a dry day.
 6. are requested to gather in the playground.
 7. examined her carefully.
- C
1. (d) Declarative
 2. (b) Imperative
 3. (c) Exclamatory
 4. (c) Exclamatory

Let's Write

B-26

Preet Vihar

New Delhi

20th October, 20XX

Dear friend

I want to tell you something very interesting. You might have heard the story of great Alladin and genie. But, you will be pleased to know that your friend is no less than Alladin.

Yes, you heard it right. I found a genie in a pot in the river last week. I freed him. But he wanted to kill me. I used my mind and trapped him again in the pot. When he promised me that he will not harm me I released him. After his release, he became happy and some how managed to bring good days in my life.

I am no more a fisherman. I am a merchant. I have a big house and good source of income now. I invite you to come to my house and live few days with me. I will tell you everything in detail once we meet.

Give my regards to your wife and love to your children.

Yours Faithfully

Ramu

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

7. An Aspiring Traveller

Think & Answer

- A
1. (b) kindly
 2. (a) Five
 3. (b) warmth of the fire
 4. (a) sliding
 5. (c) behaviour

- B 1. True 2. True 3. True 4. True
 5. True
- C 1. traveller 2. man 3. destiny 4. ambition
 5. white hills
- D 1. The old mountain had thrown stones on them. So, the old mountains nod its head and threatens to come down.
 2. The secret of the young man's character was a high and abstracted ambition. He had travelled far and alone, his whole life, indeed had been solitary path. He could have been born to live an undistinguished life, but not to be forgotten in the grave.
 3. The families living in the Notch of white hills were facing danger of landslides.
 4. In the end, the light smoke was seen stealing from the cottage chimney up the mountain side. Within the fire was yet smouldering in the hearth and the chains in a circle around it as if the inhabitants had but gone forth to view the devastation of the slide and would shortly return to thank. Heaven for their miraculous escape. All had left separate tokens, by which those who had known the family were made to shed a tear for each.
 5. There were circumstances which led some to suppose that a stranger had been received into the cottage on this awful night and had shared the catastrophe of all its inmates- woe for high souled youth with his dream of earthly immortality.

Vocabulary Builder

- A 1. A large group of animals, to listen
 2. a hinged barrier to close or open, a person's manner of walking
 3. alloy of iron, take without permission
 4. period of seven days, lacking the power
 5. to let do something, audibly; not silently or in a whisper
- B 1. Corpse 2. Destiny 3. Latch
 4. Chimney 5. Solitary
- C 1. power + ful = powerful
 2. job + less = jobless
 3. remark + able = remarkable
 4. artist + ic = artistic
 5. self + ish = selfish
 6. happen +ed = happened
 7. love+ able = lovable
 8. act+ ive = active
 9. poison + ous = poisonous
 10. accident + ly = accidentally

Grammar Time

- A 1. (c) that 2. (b) because 3. (b) should
 4. (a) boiling
- B 1. The nation was astonished by the news.
 2. The Marathas won against their enemies.

3. Boil the potato and then mash them.
 4. Nitish ignored the noise outside.
 5. The price of the gold keeps fluctuating.
- C
1. The victims were provided with the first-aid immediately.
 2. The barrier had been removed when my car passed from there.
 3. The letter would have been delivered by Friday as today is Saturday.
 4. Most of us were afraid to step out on the dark.
 5. The guests finished their food and sat on the bed.
 6. Were I to buy something, I would buy a Santro Car.
- D
- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. has answered | 2. has stopped |
| 3. has spilled | 4. have passed |
| 5. have done | 6. have collected |

Let's Write

Friday, 20th July, 20XX
9:00pm

Dear Diary

The day began like a normal day and same monotonous routine. I was in school and it was third period. We had English class. The English teacher was teaching us and suddenly we noticed that our benches started shaking. Everyone got scared. Our teacher started saying leave everything and rush to the playground. Our teacher took us to playground. The principal was announcing on the speaker to rush to playground. This all happened for around 15 minutes. But all were so panicked that it took around 1 hour to relax and come back to real state. When the earthquake tremors stopped we went back to our classes. But, nobody was in a mood to study so the teacher didn't force us and left us free. I came back home and told the incident to my family. They thanked God and asked me to do the same. It was very threatening, but by the grace of God nothing severe happened.
XYZ

8. The Arjuna Tree

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. (a) Mohoni | 2. (c) Paddy |
| 3. (c) about cutting of the Arjuna tree | 4. (b) manifestation |
| 5. (c) Both (a) and (b) | |
- B
- | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. government | 2. Rambabu's | 3. revered |
| 4. fate and lives | 5. Ketu | 6. pice |
- C
- | | |
|---------|----------|
| 1. True | 2. False |
| 3. True | 4. False |
- D
1. Whenever, Bishal Mahato appeared one has to act dumb. He was like a diety who has to be pleased, if one had to make a living in village. The lines which tell this are "Who'd dare to arrest you if I ordered the removal of the tree from the main intersection of government road?"

2. Ketu was in deep thought. He was struck and confused. If he cut the tree he will go to jail, if he doesn't he will go to jail as it was Bishal Mahato who ordered him to do so. He was not at all happy to be in a sticking situation like this.
3. One had to appear dumb whenever they were around. Both of them had to be pleased like deities for survival of oneself. Bishal Mahato and Ram Haldar belonged to two different parties. But only in word did they represent opposites camps. One conducted the Panchayat, the other ran the saw mill just outside the borders of the district. If one ordered the Arjun to be cut down, the other happily provided the transport to carry it away.
4. Bishal Mahato wanted to cut down the Arjuna tree because he wanted a full grown tree.
5. Bishal Mahato and Ram Haldar were exploiting the villagers because they were powerful and wanted to be treated indifferently. But the villagers realised it and used their brains and instead of cutting Arjuna tree, they built a concrete base around the tree to save it.

Vocabulary Builder

- A Do yourself.
- B
1. quietly
 2. suddenly
 3. boldly
 4. sweetly
 5. illegally
 6. foolishly
 7. elderly
 8. comfortably

Grammar Time

- A
1. Every team has a leader to set pace for the team.
 2. He did not have enough money to buy a loaf of bread.
 3. She went to Mumbai to visit Elephanta Caves.
 4. After her illness, Rani has become too weak to sit up in bed.
 5. It was very foolish for her to lie to her teacher.
- B
2. He had took his dogs for walk.
 3. I had helped Ronit in making his project.
 4. She goes to take piano lessons every Saturday.
 5. I have been waiting for four hours.
 6. Paul has been painting since he was in high school.
- C
1. them 2. me 3. them 4. me
 5. I am

Let's Write

Preserve Trees

The nature around us is the very essence of our survival and sustenance. It is responsibility of every citizen of the world to preserve the environment and keep it safe as there are efforts to destruct it from many sources. We are not realising that one day our

attitude towards nature will make us pay a very heavy price. We are encroaching on deserts, forests, lakes, rivers etc. Forest are being razed. Trees are being cut.

The vanishing of trees is reducing the oxygen content in the atmosphere and the air is rich in carbon dioxide which is harmful for us. This denuding of forests is steadily eroding the soil too.

But, now man is realising the need to preserve the vital ingredients of nature. The government has banned the killing of wildlife and felling of trees. Heavy fines have to paid by those who commit these 'crimes'. It is a crime to interfere with nature because no man has the right to destroy this beautiful universe and make it barren for the coming generations.

9. The Miller of the Dee

Think & Answer

- A 1. (a) cap 2. (a) lark 3. (b) took off
4. (c) Dee river 5. (a) King
- B 1. quoth he;
'I love my wife, I love my friend,
I love my children three;
I owe no penny I cannot pay,
2. and sang from morn till night,
No lark more blithe than he;
And this the burden of his song,
Forever used to be:
- C 1. True 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. False
- D 1. The miller was compared to lark because he used to sing from morning till night in a happy and cheerful way like lark.
2. He miller lived besides the River Dee. He worked and sang from morn till night.
3. The miller was happy because he earned his bread and butter, he loved his wife, children, friends and had no debts to pay to anyone.
4. King was sad because he was worried and unsatisfied with what he had.
5. The king was unhappy because he had lot of things to do and was not able to do it properly. He was unsatisfied with what all he had and was not clear in his thinking.

Vocabulary Builder

King	Miller
unhappy	happy
unsatisfied	caring
sad	free
miserable	contended
rich	strong
royal	frank
affluent	satisfied
	laborious

Grammar Time

- A
1. is extremely hot today
 2. plucked a flower in the garden
 3. is known as the city of gardens
 4. will come to your rescue
 5. are gathering in the sky
- B
1. makes
 2. rotates
 3. gets
 4. divides
 5. sets
- C
1. is going to
 2. will
 3. will
 4. are going to
 5. is going to
 6. will
 7. am going to
 8. will
- D
1. We were counting stars lying on the roof.
 2. While playing hide and seek he hid himself behind the walls.
 3. He was carrying the luggage with both hands.
 4. I saw a bird flying high in the sky.
 5. He drew a painting of flower on the copy.

Let's Write

The Principal
Neo Public School
Preet Vihar
New Delhi

20th September, 20XX

Subject: Application for school leaving certificate.

Sir

This is to inform you that I am student of class VII-B in your school. My father is government employee. This job is transferable and he is transferred to Amritsar. So, we too have to shift there. I have to take admission there to continue my education. For that, I need school leaving certificate. I strongly request you to urgently issue my school leaving certificate. I will be very thankful for your kind approval.

Yours Obediently

Joey Joshi

VII-B

Roll No – 24

10. Birds of Different Feathers

Think & Answer

- A
1. (b) Parrots
 2. (b) owl
 3. (a) hollow in the tree
 4. (a) Mithu
 5. (b) rats
 6. (b) Totabhai
- B.
1. The colour of the Parakeets were like the colour of the leaves

because it help them in camouflaging themselves in green leaves of the branches they live in.

2. They were unhappy with Ullunath because he used to hoot in the night which disturbed them all.
3. Birds needed help of Ullunath to get rid of rat brigade. Yes, Ullunath agreed to help them.
4. Ullunath saved the birds from rat by eating them at night.
5. No, the parrots were not right. It was Ullunath who proved more wise and helpful at time of danger for birds.

- C 1. cackled 2. Mithu 3. Owl 4. three
5. Owl

- D 1. The Mithu told his mother that they have a funny brown bird, which stays inside a tree as their neighbour.
2. Totaben got worried when Mithu told her they had a new bird on their mango tree because she was afraid that the new bird will also eat mangoes like them. Slowly, and steadily the competition for their survival will increase, which will be a problem for their family.
 3. When all birds were fast asleep, they were shaken by their feathers by a deep, low call "Too... whit... Too... Woo!" which was made by the new bird ie., owl. This noise disturbed all the birds on the tree who were sleeping.
 4. Ullunath had a speckled, tawny brown body with a lighter brown chest. But his most arresting feature was his eyes- huge, round, amber, deep. He looked very knowledgeable.
 5. Parakeet told Ullunath that they were not odd. Rather, they are far superior birds. He have lovely bright feathers on their body, which made them look beautiful.
 6. The owl patiently listened and replied the Parakeet that the feathers they are proud of are coloured to help them merge with green leaves of branches they live in God has coloured them according to their habitats so that they may be camouflaged and not easily spotted by their enemies.
 7. The rats had eaten the rippened mangoes that night.
 8. Ullunath soared, plunged and ate the rats at night. This is how he helped the other birds and saved expened mangoes from the rats helping parrots.

Vocabulary Builder

- A 1. complain about something
She was grumbling on the bad taste of food served by the waiter.
2. not able to be comforted
The widow was inconsolable after her husband's death.
 3. fly or rise high in air
The bird soared high in the air.
 4. Gently
She replied benignly to the teacher.

5. look with difficulty
She peered from the window, inside the room.

- B
- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. deficient | 2. comforting |
| 3. correct | 4. disagreed |
| 5. shallow | 6. inferior |

Grammar Time

- A
1. English is taught to us by Mrs. Sharma.
 2. The world Cricket Championship has been won by India.
 3. Five sums have been given by our Maths teacher to be solved by us.
 4. Rats were preferred more than mangoes by Ullunath.
 5. The old novels have been just sold by me.

- B
1. have finished
 2. had gone
 3. were
 4. had given
 5. had took

- C
1. Non finite verb
 2. Finite verb
 3. Non finite verb
 4. Non finite verb
 5. Finite verb

Let's Write

Ullukumar, though I am happy living in a mango tree now. But it was not so if you would have seen the initial days of mine adjusting here. All the birds hated me. They thought I was a disturbance to them. I could not howl at night, since it frightened them all. I slept at day time, everybody questioned me for that too. They were also afraid that I would eat their mangoes. They called me ugly and funny. But my character changed when a rat brigade came and ate all the ripened mangoes of the tree. The parrots themselves came to me to ask my help. I assured them to catch rats if they helped me to howl at night. They accepted my demand and slowly made me friend with them. Now, I am very happy staying here in the mango tree. We all love each other and nobody has any problem with me. Ullukumar, you too can join me and stay with me here. No one will say you anything. They all are my friends.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

11. The Bear's Night Out

Think & Answer

- A
1. (b) Megan
 2. (c) Four
 3. (c) Grizzly Bear
 4. (c) behaved well
- B
1. False
 2. True
 3. True
 4. False
 5. True
- C
1. it was too cold
 2. snuggled back in bed with Megan
 3. bears
 4. bears around her
 5. in the North Pole
- D
1. Yes, Megan loved bears more than anything in the world.
 2. The bears got to sleep in Megan's bed at night.
 3. Each night before going to sleep, Megan gathered the bears around her and trucked them in.
 4. The Polar Bear was unable to sleep because it was too hot for him.
 5. The Polar Bears have two kinds of fur. Some of them are wolly that keep them warm and some are spiky that keep them dry. And even though they are as white as the snow, they have thick black skin that keeps them comfortable in North Pole.
 6. The bears were tired going from place to place. So, they decided to head back to Megan's house.
 7. The bears ate eucalyptus in Australia. Eucalyptus was the only source to remove thirst of the bears because koala gets all the water they need from the leaves of eucalyptus.
 8. Koala and Meghan wish to be a bear.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. tucked them, uncomfortable
 2. sunggled , untuck
 3. tired, fresh
 4. behave, ill mannered
 5. usual , abnormal
 6. fascinating, boring
 7. powerful, weak
 8. correct, wrong
- B
1. (d) feeling relaxed
 2. (b) people who sleep outside in tent, in a forest etc.
 3. (e) very tired
 4. (a) when all of a species have died
 5. (c) covered up with blankets at bed time
- C
1. Yes
 2. Yes
 3. No
 4. No
 5. No
 6. No
 7. No
- D
1. Fast
 2. Quickly
 - Faster
 - More quickly
 - Fastest
 - Most quickly

3. Sadly	More sadly	Most sadly
4. Intelligently	More intelligently	Most intelligently
5. Fearfully	More fearfully	Most fearfully
6. Rapidly	More rapidly	Most rapidly
7. Patiently	More patiently	Most patiently
8. Angrily	More angrily	Most angrily
9. Soon	Sooner	Soonest
10. Wisely	More wisely	Most wisely

Grammar Time

A and, but, but, so, and

B 1. Since 2. if 3. while

4. and 5. when 6. so

C 1. best 2. better 3. the least

4. the loudest 5. more carelessly 6. more often

7. longer 8. most

Let's Write

One day, a lion was drinking water from the river. He was standing by the side of the river and heard a voice. He looked behind and was unable to see anything. He again got busy drinking water. He again heard the voice, as if someone was looking at him. He used his wit and decided not to turn back again, instead see the reflection of the one who is behind it. He stood and saw the reflection of a hunter. He suddenly jumped back and roared loudly. The hunter ran away. The lion's wit saved him.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

12. The Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Think & Answer

A 1. (a) five 2. (a) ₹ 5 3. (a) people

4. (b) shoulder 5. (a) 5 September, 1997

B 1. Pope 2. catholic order, cross legged, Indian

3. Kolkata 4. Principal 5. Indian lilt

C 1. True 2. False 3. False

4. True 5. False 6. True

D 1. She was five feet tall and of a slender built. Her deep set of eyes were of greyish brown colour. She had high cheekbones and very thin lips. Wrinkles showed her age and the hard life she had led. It was a homely face. There was kind of austere severity about the blue bordered white sari which binded her forehead up to her eyebrows and was pinned at different places to drape the rest of her body. A small iron cross dangled on her left shoulder.

2. A writer went to Mother Teresa. She apologised him as she came after a few minutes, keeping him waiting for her.
3. Mother Teresa joined the Loreto nuns in Dublin and after a year's training and learning English, came to Kolkata in 1929 as Geography teacher in St. Marry's High School. She was Principal of the school for many years.
4. On 10th September, 1946 she was going to Darjeeling to make her retreat. It was in that train she heard the call to give up and follow him to the slums to serve Him among the poorest of poor. She sought permission to work in slums. The Pope gave her his blessings.
5. When Mother Teresa left Loreto in 1948, she saw a woman lying in front of a hospital, half eaten up by rats and maggots. She looked after her till she died. Then, the police commissioner gave her the place next to Kali temple.
6. Once in winter, they ran out of quilts. The nuns found sheets but there was no cotton to stuff in them. Mother Teresa got her pillow and just as she was about to rip it open, the bell rang. Somebody who was leaving Kolkata and posting abroad had come to leave his quilts and mattresses with Mother Teresa.
7. A firm who made biscuits gave them broken biscuits which they cannot sell as a Christmas gift. The sick liked broken biscuits. Jyoti Mukherjee, the manager of the firm explained Mother Teresa that the prices were going high due to union troubles, strikes and lock outs. They are not able to produce anything like they did the previous year.
8. The hungry beggar had not eaten food for many weeks when they bought a plate of rice, he told that he hasn't seen rice for many weeks, so he wanted to see it and died staring at that plateful of rice.

Vocabulary Builder

- | | | | | |
|----|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| A | 1. Peak | 2. Suits | 3. Ear | 4. Train |
| | 5. Each | 6. Mission | 7. Serve | 8. Hair |
| | 9. Ink | 10. Order | | |
| B. | 1. Where | 2. What | 3. What | 4. Why |
| | 5. Which | 6. What | 7. Whose | 8. Who |
| | 9. Why | 10. How | | |

Grammar Time

- | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| A | 1. Finite | 2. Non-finite | 3. Finite | 4. Finite |
| | 5. Non-finite | | | |
- B
1. She told that we are too young to love.
 2. She told that it was a vocation; a calling. Nobody wants the dying, the diseased, the sick and the creppled. She wanted those whom no one wanted, no one loved or cared for.
 3. Mother Teresa thanked God and told that they only work for God; there are no unions.

4. She told that money was no great problem, it come. God gave through his people. They have never been short of money. It was more imporant to get people involved, to make them realise that the sick, old and hungry are their brother when I write, she hopes I will highlight that.

Let's Write

P - 29

Pritampura,
New Delhi

15th October, 20XX

Dear Kavita

It was so disheartening to know the sudden death of your mother. It is undoubtedly, a dreadful shock to all who know her. Since, I myself have gone though this, I can relate too well how it feels.

I know you might be depressed and feeling helpless. But, all I can say is pray for her soul to rest in peace. She was a great person and a fantastice human being, well known for her charitable work. If, I can be of any service to you, do count me.

With deep sympathy to you and your family.

Yours Lovingly

Sona

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

13. Tea in a Tray

Think & Answer

- A
1. (a) Ethiopia
 2. (b) Tea
 3. (b) Englishmen
 4. (b) China
- B
1. False
 2. False
 3. False
 4. True
 5. False
- C
1. It is because people serve tea in Japan without milk and sugar. And you have drink cup after cup filled with tea by your host. That is etiquette. You cannot refuse cups of tea given to you by your host in Japan.
 2. Misti wouldn't mind going to school in Tibet, because then she wouldn't listen to Mohit's remarks.
 3. Mohit asked his mother not to give more sugar to Misti because

according to him the sugar was fine.

4. China knew tea drinking 4000 years ago.
5. Mohit's daddy did not like the tea at tea party in Japan because it had no milk or sugar in it.
6. It is because it is part of an etiquette you can't refuse cups of tea given to you by your host in Japan.

- D
1. Mohit's family was discussing about coffee.
 2. Legends says that goatherds of Ethiopia discovered coffee when they saw their goats staying awake all night after eating the berries of coffee plant.
 3. The people of Japan drink tea without milk or sugar.
 4. Englishmen are great tea drinkers. An englishman drinks about ten kilos of tea (leaves) in a years. But English tea is mild. And very little milk and sugar go with it.
 5. The Tibetan drinks his tea from a bamboo tube and he puts rancid butter in it.
 6. Chinese knew tea drinking 4000 years ago.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- | | |
|------------|----------|
| 1. blew | 2 flour |
| 3. weather | 4. break |
| 5. hire | |
- B
1. China and India are big countries.
 2. I like coffee but I don't like tea.
 3. Tea and coffee are beverages.
 4. Sonu is lazy but Sony is very active.
- C
- | | |
|---------|--------------|
| 1. say | 2. tell |
| 3. tell | 4. Tell, say |
| 5. Tell | |

Grammar Time

- A
1. Who won the competition?
 2. Who found the way?
 3. Whose pen is this?
 4. Who is dancing?
 5. Whom did he hurt?
 6. Whose pen is that?
- B
1. is it?
 2. aren't you?
 3. can't he?
 4. didn't he?
 5. doesn't she?
 6. have they?
- C
1. (j) to go by fast
 2. (i) go to bed
 3. (f) to be in trouble
 4. (g) to be in the same situation
 5. (c) very happy

6. (a) to get nervous
7. (d) very expensive
8. (h) very sad
9. (b) to make something worse
10. (e) good luck

Let's Write

- A
1. There are many teachers in the school.
 2. There is a doubt about it.
 3. There is a bird on the tree.
 4. There were forty thieves in the forest.
 5. There is a girl in the car.
 6. There is some tea in the pot.
 7. There are many fish in the pond.
 8. There is a man at the bus stop.

B

Tea in India

India is one of the largest tea producer in the world, although over 70 percent of its tea is consumed within India itself. India is also among the 5 per capita tea consumer. A number of renowned teas, such as Assam and Darjeeling, also grow exclusively in India. The Indian tea industry has evolved into one of the most technologically equipped tea industries in the world. The Indian tea industry has grown to own many global tea brands. Tea production, certification, exportation and all other facets of the tea trade in India is controlled by the Tea Board of India.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

14. Messy Room

Think & Answer

- A
1. (b) ashamed of
 2. (b) overstuffed chair
 3. (b) in the closet
- B
1. True
 2. False
 3. False
 4. False
 5. False
- C
1. jammed in the closet
 2. lizard named Ed
 3. the poet himself
 4. be ashamed
 5. mucky and damp; on overstuffed chair
- D
1. The room was too messy. The underwear was hanging on the lamp. His raincoat was on overstuffed chair, which was mucky and damp. The books were jammed in closet. Lizard named Ed was lying on the bed. The owner of the room should be ashamed of having such a messy room.
 2. The boy would be very untidy and lazy in his behaviour.
 3. The books were all jammed in the closet.

4. A lizard named Ed is asleep in his bed.
5. 'I knew it looked familiar' refers to the Poet's own room, which was similar to the messy room described in the poem.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. fix in position
The door was wedged open by Rohan.
 2. extending or directly underneath
There is a store room beneath this floor.
 3. Pack tightly or unable to move
The knobs of the door got jammed due to rusting.
 4. piece of wood
He gathered sticks and lit a fire.
 5. entirely
His room was quite messy.
- B
1. over stuffed , under stuffed
 2. overloaded, under loaded
 3. undernourished, over nourished
 4. overconfident, under confident
 5. undergraduate, over graduate
 6. insufficient , over sufficient
 7. underground, over ground

Grammar Time

- | A | Finite | Non Finite |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. | learnt | working |
| 2. | ask | to help |
| 3. | – | to help |
| 4. | saw | swimming |
| 5. | walk | – |
| 6. | laugh | eating |
| 7. | sailing | – |
| 8. | writing | – |
| 9. | – | held |
| 10. | – | held |
| 11. | holds | committing |
| 12. | went | revising |
- B
1. Subject – My uncle
Predicate – is coming from Delhi next week.
 2. Subject – football
Predicate – is played in every country in the world.
 3. Subject – Raj
Predicate – always bring his dictionary to the class.
 4. Subject – My friend and I

- Predicate – play cricket in the park everyday.
5. Subject – A student and a bus driver
 Predicate – were injured in the accident.
6. Subject – Ritika
 Predicate – went to bed after drinking a glass of milk.
7. Subject – Nisha
 Predicate – laughed
8. Subject – My team
 Predicate – had to climb over the hill to reach the finish line.

Let's Write

NEO DALES PUBLIC SCHOOL
NOTICE

20th February, 20XX

Athletic Meet

This is to inform the students of classes VII and above that our school is organising an Athletic meet on 3rd March, 20XX at 11:00 am in school playground. Interested students can give their names to their respective class teachers before 28th February, 20XX. For further queries contact the undersigned.

Suresh
 (Headboy)

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

15. Sleeping Beauty

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. (b) child | 2. (c) frog |
| 3. (a) twelve | 4. (c) virtue |
| 5. (a) hundred years | |
- B
1. christening
 2. thirteenth
 3. peacefully
 4. throne
 5. horses and the dogs
- C
- | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|
| 1. False | 2. True | 3. True |
| 4. False | 5. True | |
- D
1. One day, when the queen was bathing in the lake, a frog jumped out of the water on to the shore and said, before the end of the year queen's wish will be granted and she will give birth to a daughter.
 2. The thirteenth fairy was furious of not being invited by the king to the grand celebration. She gave princess a gift which she would never forget. She cursed the princess that on her sixteenth

- birthday, the princess will prick herself on a spindle and will die.
- The twelfth good fairy stepped forward as she still had to make her wish for baby princess. She wished that princess will not die, but fall into a deep sleep for one hundred years when she pricks her finger on the spindle.
 - On her sixteenth birthday, she went to a room and saw an old lady spinning flax at spindle. To princess took the spindle and begin to spin, but as soon as she touched the spindle, she pricked her finger and fell into a deep sleep.
 - As the prince arrived at the hedge of thorns, a mysterious thing happened. He was about to start cutting the vines down when suddenly a path opened up for the prince and he was able to ride straight up to the palace. But the thorns than closed up behind him to form the hedge once more.
 - The beautiful princess was put to sleep for hundred years, therefore, this story has been named as 'sleeping beauty'.

Vocabulary Builder

- | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| A | 1. thought | 2. press | 3. toast | 4. least |
| | 5. bow | 6. hind | 7. hear | 8. land |
| B | 1. No | 2. No | 3. No | 4. Yes |
| | 5. Yes | 6. Yes | 7. No | 8. Yes |
| C | 1. dear | 2. vain | 3. feat | 4. by |
| | 5. site | 6. heal | 7. get | 8. reign |
| | 9. idol | 10. piece | | |

Grammar Time

- A helps, learnt, have noted, plans, goes, writes, has, will spend, disciplines, completes, invited, refused, had not finished, will make
- B
- will you ?
 - did he?
 - isn't he?
 - aren't you?
 - will he ?
 - don't you?
 - does she?
 - should we?
 - hadn't he?
 - hadn't he?
- C
- looked in the
 - reflection as another
 - angrily at it
 - lion in the
 - roaring at him
 - jumped in
- D
- What are you doing next weekend?
 - The boys father sat in the corner.
 - Some people work best in the morning others do better in the evening.
 - I can not see Raj's car. There must have been an accident.
 - We decided to visit Spain, Germany, Portugal and Italy's mountains.
 - Goa is beautiful place. The beaches are clean, sandy and big.
 - What a good idea!

Let's Write

A God helps those who helps themselves is an old saying which means that God never help us when we only keep expectations from him and leave all the work. God never help people who want to stay

away and enjoy their life. People who do hard work always achieve success in life. God always blesses people who follow his work as worship. A person is always known by his or her work. If you want to succeed in life, hard work is key to success.

B Saturday, 28th March, 20XX
08:00 pm

Dear Diary

Today, I felt bad because the king invited all the fairies and forgot to invite me on the grand occasion of christening of princess. I felt it very bad and also feel like cursing him for the same. But, what is the fault of the young princess. She doesn't even know me. I want the king to realise his mistake. For doing so, I wrote a letter to the king congratulating him, which will be a good remembrance of me for him. I don't want to curse any one, since it will bring hatred not happiness. I know king is a human and not a fairy like me. He can commit mistakes. Whatsoever is the reason, i forgave him and all my blessings for the princess. Hope king ask for forgiveness from me one invites me specially one day.

XYZ

Fun Time

Do yourself.

16. Mythological Creatures

Think & Answer

- A
1. Basilisk is the common name for a genus of lizards of the helmeted on casque-headed Iguana family.
 2. It would eat human flesh only.
 3. The dragon was the emblem of Chinese Empire.
- B
1. (a) rooster of a cock
 2. (c) bull
 3. (c) Christian
 4. (c) 500
 5. (a) Chinese
- C
1. Almost all mythological creatures were believed to have magical and supernatural powers. Some of these good and some others bad. Some were terribly evil and dangerous. However, all of them were fantasies which means they were unreal.
 2. Basilisk could move rapidly on their hind legs. In fact, they were known for crossing still water in a nearly upright position. This surprising ability has led to the widespread belief that Basilisks were able to walk on water.
 3. The Minotaur is found in Greek mythology. It was killed by Theseus, the son of the king of Athens.

4. The ancient Greeks and the Romans believed that the dragons had the ability to understand and to convey the secrets of the Earth to mortals.
5. The Lung was said to be large serpent with many legs but no wings. It was very powerful and could fly, even without wings. The lungs stood for the power of the kings. It brought good fortune to the people by bringing rain and stopping floods.

- D
1. True
 2. False
 3. True
 4. True
 5. True
- E
1. evil
 2. Libyan
 3. palace
 4. treasures
 5. horn
- F
1. The various mythological creatures mentioned in the mythologies are Basilisk, Minotaur, the dragon, the phoenix and the unicorn.

The Minotaur

The Minotaur is found in Greek mythology. It had the body of a human being and head of a bull. It would eat human flesh only. It lived in an underground maze built under the palace of Minos, the king of Crete. It was killed by Theseus, the son of the king of Athens.

2. The Arabians believed that only one Pheonix lived at a time. It could live very long, usually upto 500 years. It was a colourful bird having black, whit, red, green and yellow feathers.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. paranormal
 2. take a brief or hurried look
 3. sitting or standing with back straight
 4. be a symbol of
 5. great victory
 6. the way someone or something looks
- B
1. cheerly
 - 2 front
 3. fat
 4. immortals
 5. beautiful
 6. many

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Write

1. Basilisk
The word Basilisk means little king. The Basilisk is said to be the king of the serpents. It lived in the Libyan Desert and was considered to be very wicked. Many people believed that the Basilisk was probably created after the people heard stories of King Cobra of India.
2. The Pheonix
The Phenoix is considered to be a holy bird in the countries from Arabia to China. It was said to be a beautiful bird as big as an eagle, with red and golden feathers. It was believed this bird never died.

3. The Unicorn

In Europe, the unicorn was believed to be a beautiful and spotless white horse, with a single horn protruding from its forehead. It was said to be the horn of judicial power. If the horn of unicorn was ground into dust, it could be used as medicine for many diseases. People also believed that a cup made from a unicorn's horn was so powerful that it would change colour if a poisonous drink was served in it.

Grammar Time

- | | | | | |
|----|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | (i) in | 2. (ii) off | 3. (ii) by | 4. (iii) on |
| | 5. (ii) at | 6. (i) in | 7. (i) for | |

17. Prithviraj Chauhan

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. (b) Prithviraj Raso | 2. (c) Prithviraj Chauhan |
| 3. (b) Rajput Kingdom | 4. (b) Prithviraj Chauhan |
| 5. (c) courtier and friend | |
- B
- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Prithviraj Chauhan | 2. Prithviraj Chauhan |
| 3. Prithviraj Chauhan | 4. Sambhar |
| 5. Ajmer | |
- C
- | | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. False | 2. True | 3. True | 4. True |
| 5. False | 6. True | | |
- D
1. Prithvi was a romantic, chivalrous and an extremely ambitious king who after ceaseless military campaigns, extended his original kingdom from Sambhar in present day Rajasthan, to cover Rajasthan, Gujarat and eastern Punjab.
 2. Jaichand invited many princes of acceptable status and heritage, but deliberately did not invite Prithviraj. To add insult, a statue of Prithviraj was made and placed at the door of the venue, thus, showing Prithviraj as the doorman.
 3. Muhammad Ghori was brought in chains to Pithoragarh, Prithviraj's capital. Ghori was a shrewd king. He begged for mercy. Prithviraj's ministers advised him against pardoning the aggressor. However, the merciful and valiant Prithviraj thought otherwise and respectfully released the invader. This was one of the greatest mistakes of Prithviraj.
 4. Chand Bardai was Prithviraj's former courtier and friend, who came to Ghori's court composing poems in his praise.
 5. Yes, Chand Bardai played the major role in Prithvi's revenge because he was the one who gave Prithvi further indication of Ghori's sitting arrangement by composing an 'on the spot' composition and reciting the same in Prithviraj's hearing. Based on Chand's Bardai's couplet he sent an arrow racing to Ghori's throat. Ghori, was, thus, stuck dead by Prithviraj.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. Shrewd, egoist, selfish, backstabber
 2. King, egosit, clever, selfish
 3. Beautiful, smart, fearless, good wife
 4. Romantic, chivalrous, ambitious, strong
- B
1. laugh loudly and healthy
He guffawed on the joke cracked by Mohini.
 2. unfortunate
Rohan is a hapless guy.
 3. sense of hearing
The test was based on aural skills.
 4. unending
Prithviraj was ceaselessly tortured by Ghori.
 5. restricted in area
In the hostel, we are allotted a confined place to settle at night.
- C
1. She was the most beautiful girl amongst them.
 2. There is a maze within the garden.
 3. The cow was standing beside the tree.
 4. I have no grudges against you.
 5. The teacher was asking question and was coming towards me.
 6. The cat fell into the well.

Grammar Time

- A
- In 261 BC, the Ashoka attacked kalinga, but the defandants had put so a valiant resistance, that what followed was a massacre. Ashoka looked at the death and destruction by horror. Although, he had won the war, he was deeply hurt. In one of his edict, he describes it as, "One hundred thousand were captured, one hundred fifty thousand were slain and many time as many died".
- B
- A man yelled through a loud speaker. "You are informed that this village is under attack by the enemy. This is the war zone for your safety, you must evacuate your homes. Take only the brave essentials, go to the camp at Dras. Make sure that all women and children leave the area". He jumped off, got into the jeep and roared off, in the direction of the next village.
- C
- a, the, a, an, the, the
- D
1. boy – C, honesty – A
 2. Gold – M
 3. Cleanliness, Godliness – A
 4. honesty – A
 5. habits – A
 6. Kindness – A
- E
1. He is old enough to ride a bike.

2. My mother wants me to become a doctor.
3. I helped Jatin to carry a heavy bag.
4. She was so mean to give anything for charity.
5. He was the last man to leave.

Let's Write

The chivalrous Prithivi entered the ground. It was like a furious lion, who was roaring to catch it's prey. Foolish Ghori was excited to see the archery competition. I stated on the spot couplet to make Prithvi aware about the position of Sultan. He used his wit and shot the arrow racing to Ghori's throat. Ghori died on the spot. The courtiers of Ghori killed Prithvi too on the spot. But Prithvi died a chivalrous death.

Model Test Paper - 1

Reading

- A
- (a) (i) 10 (b) (i) 1969 (c) (ii) Solar System
(d)(ii) More than 18,000 people (e) (iii) satellites
2. (a) The near vacuum extending between the planets and star, containing small amounts of gas and dust.
(b) A celestial body moving in an elliptical orbit round a star.
 3. (a) NASA has astronauts working on International Space Station. They have visited every planet in the solar system.
(b) NASA is headquartered in Washington, DC.
(c) "The scientists of NASA looks far into space using telescopes.
(d) The Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programmes helped NASA to learn about flying in space.
(e) It was set up in 1958 as a part of United States government.
(f) National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Writing

A Street Hawker

A street hawker is found on every street you cross in every city. They are mostly poor and sell things on hawkers to earn bread and butter. They cannot afford to buy a shop, so use hawkers as their place to sell products. They mostly bring things that attract children like candies, peas, chips etc. During summer we wait for ice cream hawkers and buy ice-creams. We also find hawkers selling the goods that are required by people for their household purpose. They do not carry high quality products, but inferior one. People get attracted towards the prices and buy things from them. A street hawker has a hard life. He earns money that could hardly make him rich. Like a labour, he works throughout the day and earn his daily bread.

C P-24
Sector 44
Noida
13th January, 20XX

Dear Ram

Hope you are fine! I am tensed about your delay for not coming Delhi on 10th January, 20XX as told by you in the previous letter.

I am afraid, is everything fine at your side. Why did you not come. We all are waiting for you. I went to railway station to see you, but you were not there in the train told by you.

Do write me back soon, letting me know the reason for your delay. Convey my regards to uncle and aunt.

Yours Lovingly

Rajesh

Grammar

- D
1. had come, had reached
 2. and deposited
 3. had gone, had gone
 4. had left, had started
 5. had taken
- E
1. was heading
 2. were jumping
 3. was cooking
 4. were standing
 5. was going
- F
1. Seema visited Raipur on her birthday.
 2. Rohan saw Pole Star in the sky.
 3. John sailed across the Pacific Ocean in February.
 4. I love India.
 5. Ramesh is intelligent.
- G
1. stronger
 2. deepest
 3. more intelligent
 4. most beautiful
 5. healthier

Literature

- H
1. (a) sweet dreams
 2. (a) books
 3. (a) baby
 4. (b) wilful
 5. (a) tree
- I
1. Sweet sleep with soft down,
Weave thy brows an infant crown.
Sweet sleep, Angel mild,
Hover o'er my happy child.
 2. Smiles on thee, on me, on all,
Who became an infant small.
Infant smiles are His own smiles,
Heaven and earth to peace beguiles

- J
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| 1. Father to Swami | 2. Father to Swami |
| 3. Swami to father | 4. Swami to mother |
| 5. Swami to father | |

Model Test Paper 2

Reading

- A
1. 1. (a) Peahens 2. (b) Peafoul
3. (c) Peacock 4. (d) Party
5. (e) Peachicks
2. (a) (ii) Hindu (b) (iii) three
(c) (i) Indian (d) (ii) Southeast Asia
(e) (i) Peacock
3. Peacock, Peahen, Southeast Asia, Bird, People

Writing

- B
- Once there was a rich man in a village. He had many servants. One day, he found that someone has stolen his gold ring. He tried to find out the thief, but after feeling helpless and failing in doing so, he went to Sarpanch for help. A wise man advised the rich man to give a piece of magical cord to every servant in his house. The wise man brought a cord and divided into many equal pieces. He told the rich man to catch the person whose cord increases 2 inches, he would be the thief. The rich man agreed. All the servants slept, but Ramu was awake thinking he would be caught next morning. He cut his cord 2 inches to escape the magic next day, when the rich man saw the cords it was Ramu whose cord was smallest of all. He was caught for the crime and was handed over to the police.

- C
- XYZ SCHOOL**
NOTICE

30th August, 20XX

Science Society Meeting

This is to inform the students who are member of Science Society that the principal ma'am wants to meet you all on 2nd September, 20XX at 12:00 pm in F-3 auditorium. It is mandatory for every member to be present there in time. For further queries contact the undersigned.

Suhas
(Head Boy)

Grammar

- D
1. English is taught to us by Mrs. Sharma.
 2. The world cricket championship has been won by India.
 3. Five sums have been given to us by the Maths teacher to be solved.
 4. Rats are preferred more by Ullunath than mangoes.

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