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Reading Ladder (English Reader)

Class VIII

1. Solicitation to God

Think & Answer

- A
- (c) Poet
 - (a) Dangers
 - (a) God
 - (a) brain
- B
- solve difficult problems
 - tribulation
 - close
 - problems to solve
 - prosperity
- C
- The God want every child of His to grow on his ownself. God can only guide you, but you yourself have to work hard to get fruitful results. The poet also conveys the message that if you love others, others will love you back. So, behave how you want others to behave with you.
- D
- The God gave difficulties to the poet.
 - The poet asked for courage to God so that he can easily overcome dangers in life.
 - The God wants the poet to earn happiness for his own self through his deeds.
 - The patience is learnt from tribulation. One does not achieve patience until he suffers and learn the importance of it.
 - Poet strengthened the handicapped child by giving him stronger spirit than any other child. The handicapped child will be having more pure and pious soul than a normal child.
 - The prayer of loving everyone and asking God to let others love back the same may he loves others. God likes this prayer the most because He wants feeling of brotherhood among mankind.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- knew
 - seen
 - seel
 - maize
 - whole
 - hear
- B
- (b) faithful
 - (c) frugal
 - (a) wasteful
 - (b) firm
 - (b) savage

Grammar Time

- A
- are staying
 - is not lying, is telling
 - are approaching
 - are running
 - Is he flying
 - Are you planning
- B
- rush into
 - give up
 - broken down
 - rely on
 - take away
 - put on
- C
- The man who witnessed the accident was wearing a blue shirt.
 - I talked to the boy, who was studying in the library very quietly.
 - I bought a book yesterday, which is about the history of Mexico.
 - The church in which my grandparents were married is very old.
 - The students who studied hard passed the exam.

Let's Write

God gives us courage and wisdom to overcome our problems. God gives us suffering to imbibe patience in us. God gives us family so that we understand the meaning of love in better way. He gives us

prosperity and success on basis of the hard work we do. He does justice to all.

2. The Report-Card

Think & Answer

- A
- (c) average
 - (b) English
 - (c) grandmother
 - (a) Ajai Sharma
 - (a) Ajai sharma
 - (b) Grandmother
- B
- Ajay's parents expected good marks from him. They wanted Ajay to win prizes like other children.
 - On the day of result, when report card arrives her long suffering sights and reproachful looks were enough to make him feel like the biggest criminal of the world.
 - He felt sorry for his parents hope from him. He feel the longing in their voices to see their child winning noble prizes and getting good results.
 - His father got speechless. His mother was smiling. They were proud and opened the sweet box saying that Ajay had made Sharma family proud with his marks.
 - No, marks are not the only measure of a child's intelligence. Child's etiquettes and behaviour is of utmost importance.
- C
- importance
 - word
 - humour
 - strangely
 - chrysanthemums
- D
- Ajay was just about average in studies except for English and History in which he was reasonably good.
 - His mother did not say a word. Her long suffering sighs and reproachful looks were enough to make him feel guilty. His father didn't say anything either, he used to shake his head as if it will fall down. All he said in the end was it is all about competition, ambition, purpose of life etc.
 - Ajay did not like being around the house when the report card arrived by post. It triggered off such a depressing atmosphere of gloom and doom at home that he felt.
 - He always made sure that he was at a safer distance when the report card arrives. He went to his grandmother's place at the other end of the town, which was relatively safer for him.
 - He was fond of his grandmother because she had a tremendous sense of humour and was a great cook too.
 - Ajai Sharma raised his hand and waved at Ajay. He totally had a bogus smile across his features. Ajai told him that he was going to the farmhouse and said best of luck of the results and went away.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- Lie exposed to sunlight
I basked the grain to dry them after the rainy season.
 - Activate
An allergy can be triggered by stress or overwork.
 - Escaper
He is a hunted fugitive.

4. Expressing disapproval
She gave him a reproachful look.
5. The state of undergoing pain
Sufferings teaches patience with time.

- B
- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1. potential | 2. suffering |
| 3. glum | 4. average |
| 5. acquaintances | |

Grammar Time

- A
- | | |
|----------|---------------|
| 1. could | 2. would have |
| 3. can | 4. would have |
| 5. have | |
- B
1. The report cards are distributed by the monitor in the class.
 2. The marks were being compared by the students.
 3. Has the report card been seen by you?
 4. The name of Verma family have been brightened by you.
 5. The food was given to me by my mother.
- C
- | | | | |
|--------|----------------|--------|--------|
| 1. her | 2. our, theirs | 3. it | 4. My |
| 5. her | 6. their | 7. his | 8. its |

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Nirman Vihar
New Delhi

6th October, 20XX

Dear Dad

Hope you are doing well. As usual I have passed in my exams, but you will be disappointed to know that I scored 68% this time.

I am sorry dad! I didn't know what went wrong. I am confused to see such marks in my report card. I know you will be disappointed with me. I am guilty of my performance. I will ask my teacher about the mistakes I did, and I promise you I will work harder next time.

Mumma is making me understand that it is fine but I know I have to improve and make you both proud again. Take care of yourself. Reply back soon.

Yours Lovingly

Ajai

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

3. The Ultimate Carving

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. (c) throw | 2. (b) cot |
| 3. (b) chisel | 4. (c) his ears |
| 5. (b) small room, door | |
- B
- | | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1. True | 2. True | 3. False | 4. False |
| 5. False | | | |

- C
1. The face of the Krishna sculpture which was being carved by the old man was coming out very beautifully.
 2. The strength of old man was decreasing with time and hopelessness because of his son.
 3. The old man was shocked to see Salim carving the statue.
- D.
1. The old man was shocked because he realised that it was not his son who was carving statue but it was Salim who was carving it. His son Gopal, only sat cross legged and did nothing.
 2. Gopal had different thinking. For him, earning money was more important. He wanted to go to Agra and earn money from tourist instead of wasting his time in carving statues.
 3. Salim cared and looked after old man as his teacher and father. He respected the old man more than Gopal. He took care of his food and other requirements.
 4. Salim bought tea and food for old man. He cooked and served him. He also pleased old man to have food properly. Salim used to carry old man to his bed when he was tired. Salim also, completed the statue at night so the old man does not feel tired doing so the next day.
 5. Gopal saw work as means of earning money with great profit. On the other hand his father believed that stonemanship was their only work from generations and wanted Gopal to continue it since he had to take family business forward.
 6. Salim wanted to become a sculpturer. He wanted to help the old man in completing the sculpture. Though he was a Muslim, but he had practised secretly for almost two years in the quarry to become a stonemanship. He was afraid to see the old man initially, but stated his purpose of doing so to the old man.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. Serious – earnest
 2. Mockery – ridicule
 3. Repulsive – ugly
 4. Wretched – miserable
 5. Yield – surrender

- B
2. by – in
 3. by – in
 4. near – beside
 5. with – holding
 6. by – with

- C
- Nouns**
1. truth
 2. region
 3. bravery
 4. oil
 5. idiot
 6. fluffiness
 7. honesty
 8. silence

Adjectives

- true
regional
brave
oily
idiotic
fluffy
honest
silent

Grammar Time

- A
1. limply
 2. terribly
 3. carefully
 4. honest
 5. beautiful
- B
1. I used to live in bungalow when I was a child.
 2. We never used to go to hill station every summer.
 3. I do not used to hate school.
 4. He used to play tennis every weekend.
 5. They both used to have long hair.
- C
1. I would have fallen down
 2. only if he invites me
 3. if the cushion was there
 4. would have gone
 5. if his daughter come to accompany him
- D
1. most poisonous
 2. safer
 3. better
 4. smarter
 5. faster
 6. more exciting

Let's Write

No, Gopal was not right. He could have started his own business but should not have thrown the tools and made his father upset. He could have discussed it with his father and did his business on the other side. He could have managed both the thing simultaneously. Gopal did wrong, but no man can grow big without elder's blessing. He should not have deceived his father and left him helpless in old age.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

4. Maggie—Return to The Earth

Think & Answer

- A
1. (b) thirteen years old laboratory specimen
 2. (c) Earth
 3. (c) find how RL35 decreases the metabolism and increases human life in zero gravity condition
 4. (b) promised to take to the places she used to see on television.
- B
1. that it was not possible
 2. find how RL 35 decrease the metabolism and increases human life in zero gravity condition
 3. decreased
 4. a fertilised egg
- C
1. Maggie was a lab specimen prepared by the scientist from a fertilised egg. It was something that the world had only seen in sci-fi movies.
 2. Maggie was lab specimen prepared by the scientist from a fertilised egg. After thirteen years of training Maggie was sent to space to find how RL 35 decreases the metabolism and increases human life in zero gravity condition.

3. The radio had stopped working because it was a very long time and the scientist who contacted her might have died. Maggie was being deceived by the scientist because they told that they will meet soon and will go to different places together.
4. Maggie was happy to see the blue ball hanging in the space because she knew it was earth, her home. She wanted to go back and meet John, with whom she will go to different places on the earth as shown in T.V. to her.
5. There were humanoids to receive back Maggie. Hundreds of years had passed away due to which all human being died and what was left on the earth was eroded rough reddish brown oxidised metal humanoids to welcome her.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. anonymous
 2. coma
 3. console
 4. prudent, suspended
- B
1. She betrayed me and completed the project alone.
 2. I have seen and read about humanoids in the books.
 3. This poem is written by an anonymous writer.
 4. She gave an apprehensive look when asked about the money.
 5. The principal prudently took the decision to suspend the students from the school.
- C
1. (c) adversity
 2. (a) frugal
 3. (b) graceful
 4. (a) doubtful
 5. (b) defend

Grammar Time

- A
1. when my mother came last night
 2. at 8:00 am in the morning
 3. by today
 4. as soon as I get free
- B
1. Whom
 2. whom
 3. What
 4. Who
 5. which
 6. Who
 7. Why
 8. what
- C
1. (e) as though I had never taken a bath properly
 2. (f) spellbound and clapped heartily later
 3. (d) as if I had made an irrelevant remark
 4. (a) so badly that we really felt insulted
 5. (b) as if it had been built right now
 6. (c) in an uncanny manner all the time
- D
1. by
 2. since
 3. since
 4. in
 5. at
 6. in
 7. on
 8. within

Let's Write

The Manager
CPT Sports Company,
New Delhi

23rd January, 20XX

Sub: Supply of Sports Equipments.

Sir

Being the sports incharge I have been directed to contact you

regarding the supply of sports equipment. I would be obliged if you could supply the following items within two weeks:

Cricket kits	6 sets
Volleyball nets	4 sets
Footballs	6
Table Tennis Rackets	6

We hope you offer 10% discount on all items as applicable as it was last year.

Your representative can collect the payment due at the time of supply of the above items.

Yours Sincerely

John Sethonne

(Sports incharge)

St. Joseph High School

New Delhi

Fun Time

Do yourself.

5. Alfie

Think & Answer

- A
- (a) deep cave
 - (b) Hannah
 - (b) fire
 - (b) Alfie
 - (b) dull
- B
- Hannah said to Alfie
 - Alfie to himself
 - Alfie to himself
 - Alfie to himself
 - Ice cream man to Alfie
- C
- False
 - False
 - True
 - True
 - True
- D
- Alfie's mother Hannah was a full grown dragon and like all dragons, she was an enormous and fearsome creature. Her body was covered with shiny scales and her tail was thick and long. Her back was covered with sharp spikes and her yellow eyes bulged from her head.
 - Alfie was a lively fellow and he longed for some friends to play. Occassionally, he would keep looking out of the valley below. Alfie was disappointed to know that her mother won't allow her to go. One day, when Hannah was asleep, he tiptoed out of the cave as quietly as he could.
 - Alfie told the ice cream man that she loved ice cream and she is going to eat all the ice cream in ice cream man cart everyday.
 - The ice cream man said that he will give Alfie ice-cream daily only if he helped him in selling ice cream everyday. Alfie agreed on it.
 - When hannah noticed that Alfie was growing big she told him that it is time for Alfie to learn to roar and breathe fire. Soon, Alfie was opening his mouth wide, puffing and wheezing as he tried to breathe fire.

6. Alfie was regularly eating ice-cream. Due to this his mouth had become icy-cold and his breathe was like blast of cold wind. Therefore, he was not able to breathe fire.

Vocabulary Builder

1. Orphanage 2. Apiary 3. Chicken coop
4. Kennel 5. Ramp

Grammar Time

- A 1. heavy 2. rudely 3. big
 4. fastly 5. clean
- B makes, gives, has, takes, works
- C 1. have to pay
 2. had to get
 3. has been taking
 4. had been vaccinated

Let's Write

An old man had grey hair and grey beard. One day he dyed his beard. It was now black. He covered his grey hair with a turban and looked young. One evening his friends visited him. He made tea for them. He sat with them, while having tea his turban fell off. Everyone noticed and looked at his grey hair "How is it that you have black beard and grey hair on head? the man replied that his hair are older than his beard".

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

6. Friends and Flatterers

Think & Answer

- A 1. (b) one loses the money one has
 2. (b) hard
 3. (c) with whom you spend money
 4. (c) they don't really mean what they say
- B 1. Everyman will be thy friend
 Whilst thou hast wherewith to spend;
 But if store of crowns he scant
 No man shall supply thy want.
 2. If that one be prodigal,
 Bountiful they will him call,
 And with such like flattering,
 'Pity but he were a king;'
- C 1. Flatterer is a term used to say better than the reality; i.e., a sweeter lie than bitter truth.
 2. Flatterers should be avoided, because the one who flatters can never become a true friend. He will never help in time of miseries. His words means nothing and are not trustworthy and true.
 3. 'Words are easy' because anyone can say anything easily or promise anything. But to do what he said or to fulfill the promise is difficult.

4. Faithful friends are difficult to find because one cannot trust easily on everyone. A faithful friend is always tested at time of misery.
5. A prodigal person is one who spends alot. Such person's friends flatter him because they know that he is rich and will spend if he is praised uselessly. The friends flatters such person and use him.
6. Flatterers are foes because a true friend will never console you with lies and flattering words rather he will make you understand the reality well enough.
7. Among the friends if a person is considered as king, he is referred to as spendthrift. Everyone befriends him because all know that he will spend and all will enjoy.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1. renown | 2. king | 3. part | 4. foe |
| 5. spend | 6. want | 7. sleep | 8. need |
| 9. more | 10. find | | |
- B
1. (b) a feeling of great sadness
 2. (g) enough
 3. (f) one who says nice things about someone without having sincere feeling for the person
 4. (a) to try to please someone with lavish praise
 5. (d) very little
 6. (c) one who wastes money without giving any thought to the future
 7. (e) enemy
- C
- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. non violence | 2. unattended | 3. nonentity |
| 4. unfortunate | 5. intolerant | 6. indecent |
| 7. nonvirtue | 8. invisible | 9. indeed |
| 10. uncountable | | |

Grammar Time

- A
1. Has the hunter lost his hopes?
Has the hunter not lost his hopes?
 2. Is this a book?
Is this not a book?
 3. Are the schools closed today?
Are the schools not closed today?
 4. Is she writing a story?
Is she not writing a story?
 5. Is this a small garden?
Is this not a small garden?
- B
1. Shall we go out for a walk?
 2. Shall I come to your place tonight?
 3. Shall we go out to play?
 4. Shall I bring a table for you?
 5. Shall we go to the mall?
- C
- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. group of scholars | 2. Kolkata on September |
| 3. issue of Green | 4. According to the |
| 5. will be attended | 6. scientists of the |

Let's Write

B-26,
Rohini Colony
New Delhi

20th February, 20XX

Dear Friend

I am writing this letter because I have realised my fault and that you are my true friend. You didn't give me false flattering and told the truth. I got furious knowing that you are taking someone else side being my friend. But I have realised that you are right you taught me a great lesson today.

Thank you for your bitter truthfulness and real friendship my friend. You are worlds' best friend. I wish all should have a friend like you in their lives.

Love you always.

Yours Lovingly

Mohit

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Fun Time

To: mehulsingh21@gmail.com

From: suhanghose@gmail.com

Hi!

Thank you very much for sparing time for me and helping me to understand measurement chapter of Mathematics. I know you were too busy studying for your own exams, but you somehow managed to help me. This chapter was the only one which could have degraded my grades. I had a very hard time before you taught me and helped me to understand it. You are no less than a teacher to me. Thankyou so much my friend.

Suhan

HOTS

1. The qualities of true friends are:
 - trustworthy
 - kind
 - honest
 - dependable
 - adjustable in nature
 - helpful
 - empathatic
 - good listener
 - good counsellor
 - non judgemental
 - humourous
 - faithful

2. A true friend is one who sticks by you in happy and sad moments. He is always ready to help you. His appreciations are true and only appreciates when you are worth it. While the flatterers foe is a person who call himself your friend but only stays by your side during good times. He praise you in order to get a favour from you. His appreciation is false. He has a motive behind his friendship with anyone.

7. Timothy: A Tiger

Think & Answer

- A
1. (b) Terai forests in Dehra
 2. (b) clean
 3. (a) had became wild and villainous
- B
1. The tiger in the cage is being mentioned in the line.
 2. Timothy here, is the tiger who is behind the bars in the cage. It is mistaken as Timothy by the grandfather.
 3. The grandfather felt that the tiger was dangerous and it would be better to take hand out of he cage easily and tenderly.
 4. No, the tiger was not Timothy. Timothy died 2 months ago due to pneumonia.
- C
1. having seven large tents
 2. monkey and dog
 3. puppy
 4. Lucknow zoo, wild and villainous
 5. licked, allowed grandfather to put both hands around his head.
- D
1. Timothy was steadily becoming less friendly whenever they went out, he always tried to stalk a cat or someone's pet Pekinese. Sometimes, they heard frenzied cockling from poultry house and later found feathers lying all over veranda. He was becoming villainous and wild day by day.
 2. Grandfather decided to transfer Timothy to the zoo. He took Timothy by first class compartment and gave Timothy as gift to the zoo authorities.
 3. The tiger in the cave approached the bar and allowed grandfather to put both hands around his neck. Grandfather stroked the tiger's forehead and tickled his ear. Whenever, he growled, grandfather smacked him across the mouth, which was his old way of keeping him quite. He was not Timothy, because the keeper told that Timothy had died two months ago of pnemonia.
 4. The tiger cub was about eighteen inches long and was brought up entirely on milk given to him in a feeding bottle by the cook, Mahmud.
 5. Timothy's favourite amusement was to stalk anyone who would play with him. His favourite place in the house was drawing room and he made himself comfortable on the long sofa. He used to snare at anybody who tried to get him off. He used to sleep at night in the cook's quarters and was always delighted at being let out by him in the morning.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. (d) hateful | 2. (c) growl angrily |
| 3. (e) purpose | 4. (f) walk slowly to attack |
| 5. (b) agreed | 6. (g) walk about calmly |
| 7. (a) to stand with knees bent | |
- B
- | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. too | 2. less | 3. compliments | 4. precede |
| 5. accept | 6. stationery | 7. their | 8. Who |
- C
- | | | | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. in | 2. to | 3. at | 4. on | 5. to | 6. to |
| 7. from | 8. to | | | | |

Grammar Time

- A
1. She told that she was going to school.
 2. He told me that I am his best friend.
 3. She told me that she never trusts me.
 4. He told that he had got a toothache.
- B
1. He is a magician from Kolkata, who has performed all over the world.
 2. I am certain of the mistake that you have made.
 3. He studied hard because he dived at topping in his class.
 4. Get one shirt free on buying two shirts.
 5. We can prove that earth is round.
 6. You will miss the flight if you didn't hurry.
- C
- | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. fastly | 2. suddenly | 3. hardly | 4. actively |
| 5. furiously | | | |
- D
1. I love to read detective novels.
 2. He is Ashok, who broke our window pane.
 3. I know this girl whose name is Kavita, very well.
 4. There are many people around us who are never happy to see people prosper.
 5. She has a uncle, who lives in Canada.

Let's Write

Today, I felt bad on knowing that Timothy was no more and died two months ago. He was such a great tiger. I feel bad for him. I think the 200 keepers would not have taken proper care of Timothy, which made him fell ill. He would be treated the same way they treated other tiger. I am feeling very bad for other tigers too. Timothy was used to of affection and care and so was the tiger I saw today. I am in great miserable situation and pray God for better facilities for animals.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

8. Classical Dances of India

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. (a) Kathak | 2. (a) Devdaasis |
| 3. (b) Bharatanatyam | 4. (c) Odissi |
| 5. (a) story play | |
- B
- | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 1. True | 2. True | 3. True | 4. False |
| 5. True | | | |

- C 1. Odissi 2. dressing 3. Kuchipudi
4. seven 5. Kathak
- D 1. Radha and Krishna are depicted in Natwari style in Kathak.
2. Kuchipudi dance form is associated with Sanskrit theatrical called 'Bhagvata Mela Natakam'.
3. Kathakali literally means story play. The dance form has speciality of elaborated makeup and dressing so that expressions can be elaborated. These expressions may be of 'Satvik Bhavas' or the Godly expression, 'Roysik Bhavas' or the heroic expression and malicious expression or 'Tanisik Bhavas' or demonic expressions. Slow and medium steps and tempo of the dance is able to find adequate space for the improvisation of the Bhavas.
4. Use of head, bust and torso in soft flowing movements is done to express mood and emotions—curvaceous, concentration on 'tribhanga' or division of body into three parts head, bust and torso.
5. Once, Parvati wanted to see the Raas Leela of Radha Krishna and Gopi. He chose Manipur for the re-enactment of Raas Leela. Since, Shiva did not want the Raas Leela to be disturbed, so he created the place for Raas Leela in form of Manipur.
6. In Kuchipudi, the actors sing and dance the whole story. This dance form, is a blend of both folk and classical dance. This is why this technique has great freedom and fluidity.

Vocabulary Builder

- A 1. unfulfilled 2. overserious
3. unassociate 4. unspecifice
5. incarnations 6. inextricably
- B 1. fast- quick ✓ 2. thick –wide ✓
3. bright – shiny ✓ 4. save- keep ✗
5. bell- clock ✗ 6. buy – sell ✗
7. hide – seek ✗ 8. hill – mountain ✗
9. hungry – thirsty ✗ 10. rush – hurry ✓
11. object – thing ✓ 12. shop – store ✓

Grammar Time

- A 1. On being tired after waiting, he went away.
2. He went for a movie after completing his task.
3. He is too lazy to work hard.
4. He began crying on loosing his purse.
5. She cannot go to party because she is sick.
- B 1. crying 2. being painted
3. being telecasted on the T.V. 4. was so
5. as he always
- C 1. The class teacher asked to me, "is Dheeraj absent today?"
2. The teacher said, "India become independent in 1947".
3. Sarthak said, "I have planned to leave for Canada next week."
4. He asked me, "Where are you going?"
5. I said to them, "You are good singers."

Let's Write

King Midas was a greedy king. He wanted to become more and more rich. He wanted to turn everything he touched into gold. Once God was kind and granted his wish. The king was in the garden, he was noticing the beautiful flowers, very carefully. He touched a flower and noticed that the flower changed into gold. He became very happy and rushed to the palace. Whatever, he touched around him became of gold. But because of his extreme happiness he committed a mistake. The worst thing that he touched was his own daughter, who had turned into a statue of gold on being touched by the king Midas. He grew sad and realised that greed brought misery to him.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Let's Listen

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

9. The Magic Wand

Think & Answer

- A
- (c) Chemistry
 - (a) Milan uncle
 - (c) Chemistry
 - (b) magic wand
 - (c) Several times
- B
- True
 - True
 - False
 - False
 - True
- C
- Milan uncle to Ravi
 - Milan uncle to Ravi
 - Milan uncle to Ravi's mother
 - Ravi to Milan uncle
 - Milan uncle to Ravi
- D
- magic wand
 - Ibrahim Ali's store
 - goose pimples
 - Milan uncle
 - magic wand
- E
- Milan uncle told Ravi to keep magic wand in front of him, whenever he studied or did practicals. But the condition was that as long as he study or do practical, he won't have to look at it. If he did, magic won't work.
 - The Ravi was upset with his new school because the teachings were going beyond his head. He was facing tough time to understand Biology, Chemistry, Physics. He was also not able to ask his doubts. He was failing to understand why his mother shifted him to new school.
 - Ravi fixed his eyes at the gate on Sunday because Milan uncle had to come with magic wand for him on Sunday.
 - Ravi reminded Milan that he had once told Ravi about the magic wand in Africa that makes things easy. He also added that Milan uncle had a good friend in Africa who can get it for him, so that Ravi can makes studies easy for himself.

5. There was no magic in the wand. Rather it was Ravi's confidence and hard work, due to which he was finding subjects interesting and easy. Ravi was himself a magic wand for his results.

Vocabulary Builder

- A drink – to be teetotaler
 like – dislike
 long - short
 dear - hated
 dirty - neat
 big - small
- B 1. (c) wish 2. (d) extremely 3. (e) essential
 4. (b) garbage 5. (a) prepared
- C 1. eight 2. received 3. sleigh
 4. niece, school 5. shrieked 6. believe, concited
 7. chief, priest

Grammar Time

- A 1. at 2. over 3. for 4. in 5. near
 6. on 7. in 8. to 9. of
- B 1. (c) very 2. (c) enough 3. (b) enough
 4. (b) too 5. (b) very
- C 1. I used a torchlight as it was dark by then.
 2. You must come early so that we will have time to make all the arrangements.
 3. We were walking to other side of the island. When we found a small stream.
 4. I did not buy that expensive pair of shoes, though I liked them very much.
 5. She walked out of the room very angrily and slammed the door hard.
- D 1. clause 2. phrase 3. phrase 4. phrase
 5. phrase 6. clause 7. phrase 8. phrase

Let's Write

Confidence is one of those traits that can become an ethereal ideal that we all think is good. All of us wish to achieve many things in life. But usually many of us do not succeed in achieving anything and often we tend to curse our fate or misfortune. If our will power is strong we can easily overcome all hurdles. The concept of fate is man-made. It is not enough that we wish or achieve something easily. We should have will power and self confidence to do or carry out something in life.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

HOTS

If we are confident enough, we easily connect to any subject. We start understanding it in a better way. We feel that what we are doing is right but if we are not confident even doing rightly bring doubt to us. Therefore, it is very important to have confidence in oneself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

10. If

Think & Answer

- A
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (c) stay clam and act wisely
 - (a) loosing, finding
 - (a) will power
 - (a) himself
- B
- If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or, watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
- (a) Rudyard Kipling 2 (a) triumph
 - (b) triumph 4. (a) pretender
- C
- aim 2. hating 3. virtue 4. for
 - will power
- D
- One should treat triumph and disaster similarly because it is not for too long. They are just like pretenders who come and go in man's life. We should never focus on the outcome, instead we should only focus on what we are doing.
 - The poet wants to convey the message that nothing is too great in this world. Great weather or fame is not heroic deeds. For him true measure of a man is his virtue, responsibilities and will power is more important.
 - The poet advise us to keep our head while those around us lose theirs. We should trust ourselves when nobody trust us. We should be patient and should not loose our temper and handle situation properly.
 - One can remain indifferent towards success by not showing it off to other and keeping it to your own self, because it is you who has become successful not the others.
 - A man can win the whole earth and the things on it with his virtues and will power.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- imposters – Bruce and Shally are imposters who mimics other people's voice.
 - blaming – He was blaming me for getting late today.
 - triumph – Mr. Sushil had a great triumph in past elections.
 - unforgiving – There is no mistake which is unforgiving.
 - knaves- David and his wife are knaves.
 - sinew – She got a sprain in her sinew.
- B
- Surgeon 2. Composer 3. Conductor
 - Manager 5. Architecture 6. Artist

Grammar Time

- as 2. but 3. if 4. unless 5. Since
- though 7. until 8. as soon as 9. Since 10. if
- before 12. Although 13. although 14. Neither, nor
- as 17. so, and

- B
1. Either you change your attitude or you will never progress in life.
 2. He is slow and sure.
 3. My brother is well but my sister is ill.
 4. Although Daniel was very wise, the king did not trust him.
 5. The coolie could not pick the luggage alone as the luggage was very heavy.
 6. Either work hard on you will fail.
 7. Run fast or you will miss the bus.
 8. Neither be unfair nor tolerate unfairness.
 9. My brother is taller than your brother.
 10. Although she was wearing a normal sari, she was looking stunning.

Let's Write

A P-12
Sector 49
Nodia
15th December, 20XX

Dear Ram

I hope you are doing well. I received your letter yesterday and come to know that you are disheartened to see your Xth results.

I feel saddened to hear that you have kept yourself in a room, isolated from family let me tell you, one bad grade does not mean that you have fallen apart or failed for life. Please don't be sad for the result rather concentrate on the mistakes that you have made and try to improve yourself in that area.

Remember, failure is stepping stone to success. Everyone makes mistakes, even great scientist like Thomas Alva Edison, did not succeed always.

Please do not give up. If there is any way I can help you, let me know. All the best for your next exam. Covey my regards to uncle and aunt.

Yours Faithfully

Rohan

- B
- Will power refers to strong determination to do something that is considered difficult. It is required to get over difficulties and temptations. A strong built person is able to carry out his decisions. He has full control over his thoughts and behaviour. We all know what is right, and we are eloquent in preaching it to others; but in the practical doing of right, we find ourselves weak and powerless. Morality depends greatly on power of will. Not ignorance but weakness is the cause of great deal of immorality that prevails in the world. Will power is the motivation to exercise will. A person with strong will power will assert decisions even in the face of strong opposition or other contradictory indicators. A person with little will power will give in easily. Getting what you want takes will power, whether it means you doing something on others doing things for

you. To succeed, this means first you must know what you want. Then you must be determined to get it, even in the face of extreme difficulties. Will and power are closely related, as using will is exercising power. Powerful people often exercise what seems to be a strong will, although this often comes from the confidence that having power creates rather than directly from having the power. In a reversal people who have strong belief they can increase their power in result.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

11. Andy Rooney

Think & Answer

- A
- (b) Eleven Pence
 - (c) Mr. Egan
 - (b) Mr. Durfy
 - (b) counter
 - (a) young man
- B
- Postmaster said to Andy
 - Andy said to post master
 - Mr. Egan said to Andy
 - Andy to the postmaster
- C
- Mr. Egan
 - pile
 - laughed
 - unnecessary
 - knew, well
- D
- Andy Rooney was a young man, who lived in a village in Ireland. He was servant of Mr. Egan, a landowner in the village.
 - Andy was always eager to please his master, but he was a simple fellow and made all kinds of funny mistakes.
 - Mr. Egan sent Andy to the post office. Andy found that the postmaster was sitting there on a counter. When postmaster asked him questions related to the letters, he found it unnecessary and denied to reply. Somehow with help of Mr. Durfy, postmaster was giving him the letter but Andy denied to pay eleven pence. Due to this Andy returned back home without the letter.
 - Yes, there was a letter for Mr. Egan. Eleven pence had to be paid for postage.
 - Andy paid eleven pence for the letter. He told postmaster that his master will kill him if he did not bring letter. He took the letter paying eleven pence. Andy came home with three letters saying that he has got three letters for Mr. Egan in eleven pence and not one.
 - In the end Andy brought three letters for Mr. Egan. He did so because Andy thought that the postmaster was asking him for extra money so he hid and stole two more letter to please his master . He thought that his master will be happy to see three letters for eleven pence.

Vocabulary Builder

- A 1. own 2. let 3. patient 4. ring
 5. age 6. now 7. count 8. son
- B 1. post master 2. post, age 3. a, long 4. gun, powder
 5. any, one

Grammar Time

- A 1. Andy pleased to get the letter.
 2. Andy told that he must get back quickly or the master will kill me.
 3. Andy told that he did not want to trouble his master.
 4. The postmaster asked for whom I wanted it.
 5. Mr. Egan inquired why he had not given it to me.
- B (i) all (ii) a few (iii) their (iv) The few (v) an
- C 1. My neighbour is a man who has strange habits.
 2. There are many people who knew Andy Rooney.
 3. I remember the letter that she wrote to me.
 4. He is the famous singer who has recorded the highest number of songs.

Let's Write

14th October, 20XX

Dear Mr. Rohan,

A parcel came in your absence today. Though I asked him to give it to me, but he said it had to be delivered to you itself. So he told me to convey you the message that you have to collect it from DTO office, Pritampura New Delhi, before 20th October, 20XX. You also have to fill certain forms to procure documents related to the parcel which will be given to you in the office itself.

Miss Roma

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Life Skills

Do yourself.

12. The Sultan of Mysore

Think & Answer

- A 1. (c) church
 2. (b) Tippu Sultan
 3. (b) tiger
 4. (c) Seven
 5. (b) Kaveri
- B 1. cushoons 2. Fathul Mujahidin
 3. Mysore 4. cushoon 5. French
- C 1. True 2. False 3. False
 4. True 5. True
- D 1. Sultan Fateh Ali Tippu, also known as the Tiger of Mysore was the first son of Haider Ali by his second wife, Fatima or Fakhrunnisa. He was born on November 20, 1750 at Devanahalli. He was the defacto ruler of the kingdom of Mysore from the time of his father's death in 1782 until his own demise in 1799.

2. It is said that Tippu Sultan was hunting in the forest with a french friend. He came face to face with tiger. His gun did not work. So, Tippu picked up dagger and killed the tiger. Therefore, he was called as Tiger of Mysore.
3. Tipu Sultan and Haider Ali developed on new tactic of war. They used mass attacks with rocket brigades on infantry formation. Tipu Sultan wrote a military mannual called ‘Fathul Mujahidin’ in which 200 rocket men were prescribed to each Mysorean "cushoon". Mysore had 16-24 cushoons of infantry. The area of town where rockets and fireworks were manufactured were known as ‘Taramandal Pet’. During the second Anglo Mysore war, at the Battle of Pollilur, Colonel William Braille’s ammunition stores are thought to have been detonated by hit from one of Haider Ali's Mysore rockets resulting in a humiliating British defeat.
4. Tipu Sultan loved innovations because he was the one who innovated war rocket for the first world war. He even wrote a military manual called ‘Fathul Mujahidin’ in which 200 rocket men were prescribed to each Mysorean cushoons.
5. During the second Anglo Mysore war, at the Battle of Pollilur, Colonel William Braille’s ammunition stores are thought to have been denoted by hit from one of Haider Ali’s Mysore rockets resulting in a humiliating British defeat. Tipu Sultan was also the innovator or world's first war rocket.
6. Tipu had an image of tiger on his flag. Tippu's tiger, an automation representing a tiger attacking a European solider, made for Tippu Sultan.
7. During the British attack on Seringapatana on 4th May, 1799, there was a final attack on fort led by Baix. Though he was met by furious musket and rocket fire. But this did not help much. It about one hour’s time the fort was taken and in another hour Tippu had been shot.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. acquire knowledge of
He is a learned man.
 2. exact
Be precise, while writing your answers.
 3. soldiers marching
Mysore had 16-24 cushoons of infantry.
 4. level
He has annoyed me to an extent where I am thinking to never forgive him.
 5. a short knife with a pointed and edged blade
The murderer has used a dagger to kill Mr. Suresh.
- B
1. ignorant
He is very ignorant towards his studies.

2. birth
Mrs. Seth gave birth to a baby boy yesterday.
3. stick by
Rohan has stick by me so that I can help him in his project.
4. honour
It was a great honour to meet you.
5. ineffective
The medicine were ineffective in curing my cold.

- C
1. imagination
 2. foundation
 3. forgetful
 4. perfection
 5. plantation
 6. effectively

Grammar Time

- A
1. at - in
 2. continues - continued
 3. written - writing
 4. describe - described
 5. defending - defendant
 6. patronize - patronised
- B
1. Neither, nor
 2. Although, yet
 3. either, or
 4. as
 5. and
- C
1. The soldiers were trained by him in rocket fixing.
 2. A new calendar was introduced by Tippu Sultan during his reign.
 3. All the religions were respected by Tippu Sultan.
 4. The letters were being written to the Sankracharya of Sringeri Temple by Tippu Sultan.
 5. The British Army was defeated by Tippu Sultan in the Second Mysore War.
- D
- Alexander Beatson, who published a volume entitled ‘View of the Origin and conduct of war with late Tippu Sultan’, on the fourth Mysore War described Tippu Sultan as follows:
1. His statue was about five feet eight inches.
 2. He had a short neck, square shoulders and was rather corpulent.
 3. His limbs were small particularly his feet and hands.
 4. He had large full eyes, small arched eyebrows and an aquiline nose.
 5. His complexion was fair and the general expression of his countenance not void of dignity.

Let's Write

Jalaluddin Muhammad Akbar, more famously known as Akbar the Great was the third emperor of the Mughal Empire, after Babur and Humayun. Succeeding his father slowly, he enlarged the extent of Mughal Empire to include almost all the Indian sub-continent. He extended his power and influence over the entire country due to his military, political, cultural and economic dominance. With his religious policies he won the support of non muslims as well. Akbar, thus laid the foundation for a multicultural empire during his reign.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

HOTS

Do yourself.

13. A Question of Grammar

Think & Answer

- A
- (b) Two
 - (b) seventeen
 - (a) Dining room
 - (c) Miss Jones
 - (c) William
- B
- The food William and his friends ate was cold.
 - The cook was in great anger to see William called his friends home.
 - The William's family was busy as they had gone to meet an aunt.
 - The things William and his gang enjoyed doing was playing hide and seek and having food whatever they found.
- C
- False
 - False
 - False
 - False
 - True
- D
- William was bored because he was alone and had nothing to do. It was also raining outside so he couldn't go out. All the family members were busy with their work. Nobody talked with William and ignored him.
 - William asked his father to organise a party on Saturday, when no one would be at home. No, his father did not allow him to do so.
 - He asked many friends and they all accepted the invitation. William had collected his guests. He was bringing them joyfully home. They had issued clean, starched and prim form their homes, but they had grown hilarious under William's benign influence. They had acquired sticks, stones and old tins from the ditches as they came along. They were happy crowd. William headed them with a trumpet.
 - Two 'no' and 'nots' if they're in the same sentence means yes. After understanding this grammar rule William smiled because he thought that his father has used no and not together in a sentence for disapproval of party, so it was a yes from his side.
 - About three O'clock the postman came and cook went to the door for the letters. Then she stood gazing down the road as though transfixed. William had collected his guest. He was bringing them joyfully home. They trooped in at the garden gate. Cook was pale and speechless. She watched them then her speechlessness departed.
 - Two hours later a small feminine friend of William who had called with a note for his mother, called William to play. William sternly said that he can't and he was going to bed. He also said that his father don't understand English grammar.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| dirty | dirtier | dirtiest |
| much | more | most |
| polite | more polite | most polite |
| warm | warmer | warmest |
| grand | grandier | grandest |
- B
- diver
 - dread
 - heath
 - hard
 - tired
 - firest
 - trick
 - leant

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| C | these ✗
mouse ✓
sickness ✓
use ✓ | beside ✓
massive ✓
fruit ✓
refuse ✓ | recognise ✗
poison ✗
loss ✓
present ✓ | lose ✗
loose ✗
choose ✓ |
| D | 1. sweeper
5. elevator
9. farmer | 2. caledor
6. center | 3. consider
7. ancestor | 4. horror
8. actor |

Grammar Time

- | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | 1. whom
5. which | 2. that | 3. which | 4. which |
| B | 1. as
5. and | 2. neither, nor
6. but | 3. if, when | 4. until |
| C | 1. William leant out of the window.
2. 'I can't go to bed', said William. Why? Are you ill William?
3. 'Come and play with me, William' she called eagerly.
4. Well, why are you going to bed William?
5. No, you are not well. | | | |
| D | 1. Mrinal told that she had a heachache.
2. Seema told that she was going to the school.
3. Netu told that her father is a doctor.
4. Preeti told me I am her best friend and guide.
5. My uncle told me that he will come on Wednesday.
6. She told me that her parents are thinking of buying a new house. | | | |

Let's Write

A B-29,
New Friends colony
New Delhi
20th February, 20XX

Dear Rohit

I received your letter explaining your inability to come here on my birthday party. As you know, I celebrated my birthday on 19th February, 20XX in your absence.

It was truly a memorable occasion for me. The birthday party was organised at my residence at 6.00 pm. We invited all our close friends and relatives. I had cut the cake after blowing candles. Everyone sang the birthday song. Tasty dishes including hot tea and coffee were served. Everyone enjoyed the party. The guest presented me wonderful gifts. My father gifted me a watch. I enjoyed the party alot. But at the same time I missed you alot. But I know you had your compulsions. Anyway please convey my regards to your parents.

Yours Lovingly

Paresh

B Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

Let's Write

A tsunami's tidal waves batter the shoreline and can destroy anything in their path. This includes boats, buildings, houses, hotels, cars, telephone lines and just about anything else in their way. As the water rushes across the land it can sweep away, yet more trees, gardens, garages, cars and other manmade equipments.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

15. Trees and their Dreams

Think & Answer

- A
1. (c) Three
 2. (c) Both (a) and (b)
 3. (b) To become a mighty ship
 4. (a) filled with gold, silver and precious gems
 5. (a) it became the cross on which Jesus was crucified
- B
1. mighty, kings and queen
 2. tallest, straightest, heavens and Gods
 3. trees
 4. hopes, treasure chest, gold, silver and precious stone
- C
1. True
 2. True
 3. False
 4. True
- D
1. The first tree wished that someday he becomes a treasure chest, filled with gold, silver and precious gems. He wanted to be decorated and beautifully carved so that everyone sees his beauty.
 2. The second tree wanted to become a mighty ship. I wanted to carry kings and queens across the water and sail to the corners of the world.
 3. After few years their dreams came true. A group of woodcutters came to cut the trees and they all got cut for different purpose.
 4. One day a man and woman came to barn. They needed a cot for newly born baby. They used feed box with hay as a cot. The tree felt the importance of this event and knew it was greatest treasure of all time. On the other hand a group of man got the fishing boat made of second tree. One of them was tired and kept on sleeping. A great storm arose and the boat started shaking. As the man said 'Peace' the storm stopped. The tree knew that it had carried king of kings in its boats.
 5. The third tree was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to stop, the man was carrying it. When they came to stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. The tree came to realise that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and it was the best to get close to God as was possible because Lord Jesus had been crucified on it.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. I wish to meet you soon.
 2. Her necklace is made of very precious gems.
 3. My doctor told me to keep calm and relax.

4. There was a dreadful storm yesterday.
 5. Jesus Christ is the son of God.
- B
- | | | |
|-------------------|------------|---------|
| 1. Heaven | 2. Afraid | 3. Mock |
| 4. Treasure chest | 5. Carving | |

Grammar Time

- A
1. What did you eat during interval?
 2. When did the movie start?
 3. Who went with you to the movie?
 4. Which movie did you see?
 5. Where did you go yesterday?
- B
1. Mother and I went to the market.
 2. Mrs. Shalini is writing a children's book.
 3. My uncle Mr. Jack has a German shepherd.
 4. My neighbour will shift to America.
 5. Mrs. Pal a writer is writing a children's book.
 6. Mrs. Shalini can teach all subjects.
 7. My neighbour has a German shepherd.
 8. My uncle, Mr. Jack went to the market.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

HOTS

Do yourself.

16. A Moronic Pixie

Think & Answer

- A
- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. (b) Cric | 2. (b) by the sea |
| 3. (a) square rock | 4. (a) rubbish |
- B
- | | | |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1. circle | 2. house | 3. sea |
| 4. far | 5. broom | 6. Two naughty pixies |
| 7. tide | | |
- C
- | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. True | 2. True | 3. True |
| 4. True | 5. True | |
- D
1. There was a wandering pixie named Moon-eye who suddenly came upon the sea.
 2. He found the sea shore very lovely and beautiful. He found the sound of the sea beautiful.
 3. He made up his mind that he would build a little house by the sea and live there for the rest of his life.
 4. The Moon-eye planned to make a broom and sweep away rubbish that was in front of his house.
 5. When he got up he saw a wide beach spread out before him and the sea away down in the distance. He was too surprised to say anything. Then tears came into his eyes and trickled down his cheeks.
 6. Cric and Crac were two naughty pixies who came to Moon-eye.
 7. They introduced themselves to Moon-eye and told that they have got a spell that will make the sea come and clear all the rubbish for Moon-eye. But this cost a silver penny.

8. Cric made a big circle on the sand and step into middle of it. Then he and Crac joined hands and danced slowly round, singing a nonsense song. They told Moon-eye to go to edge of the sea and he will see that sea was coming close to him. Seeing so, both laughed and went away. They made a fool of Moon-eye.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
- (c) say two different things at same time
 - (e) something new or different
 - (d) wait for something
 - (f) something so beautiful or exciting that you feel as if you've stopped breathing
 - (b) finding it difficult to breathe
 - (a) in a quiet voice
- B
- (d) to not react despite being angry
 - (e) to earn enough to live
 - (b) to reveal a secret
 - (g) to get into trouble
 - (c) to survive a crisis
 - (a) to end enmity
 - (f) to work long hours

Grammar Time

- A
- works
 - examines
 - floats
 - scrawl
 - blow
 - eating
- B
- is the President of USA
 - are hiring a house in the city
 - is very big
 - along with her children is going to the market
 - in this area are poor
 - has asked to me to meet him tomorrow
 - is near the hospital
 - gave her some homework
- C
- will be studying
 - will be going
 - shall be having
 - will be starting
 - will be not working
 - will have fixed

Let's Write

Moon-eye was a wandering pixie. He was very simple and foolish too. He had clanliness in his mind. He was laborious as he built a house for himself in about half an hour. He was creative as he built chimney pot out of an old tin, a square rock table and silver sand and seaweed bed for himself. He got easily influenced by others therefore Cric and Crac made a fool of him.

Let's Talk

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself

Life Skills

Do yourself.

17. The Crooked Picture

Think & Answer

- A
- (c) Radhika's cousins
 - (c) sixty days
 - (b) Mr. Nagesh
 - (a) pendulum
 - (b) Nagesh

- B 1. breeze 2. dismantle 3. air 4. heart 5. parents
- C 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. False
- D 1. Shetty's family was stressed because Radhika's cousin said that the building they are living in belonged jointly to their ancestors. So, their cousins also had share in building, which was wrong. So, Shetty family had to find out old documents to prove themselves right within sixty days. This made them stressed.
2. Mrs. Shetty was unable to prove that he owned the building because he was not having proper documents of his fathers will. He is trying to find it out.
3. Her perception and illusion of her grandfather at night was disturbing her every night she always thought that something was going on beside her which was trying to tell her through indications.
4. One night, firstly the grandfather had fallen and got smashed. Somehow, Radhika hung it again. But after sometime the picture started moving to and fro on wall like pendulum, thought there was no sign of breeze. When Radhika asked the movement stopped but picture remain crooked. This indicated Radhika that something is hidden in the picture.
5. Radhika's grandfather gave her indications by moving picture to and fro. He also once smashed the picture on ground so that what is written behind could be seen by other. His note gave everyone clue about Mr. Nagesh, which further gave a trace of Mr. Prakash Rao, who had every paper of their grandfather's property. This is how grandfather helped Radhika in solving the problem.

Vocabulary Builder

1. Money awarded in recognition of loss
As the stole was old, I asked, the shopkeeper to give me compensation in its price.
2. Completely destroy
After the earthquake 3 villages got razed.
3. Something that is owned or possessed
This property is under government possession.
4. Look at something with pleasure
I admire her nature alot.
5. Inherited from ancestors
This lamp is our ancestral asset.
6. Bent or twisted or out of place or shape
The painting on the wall is crooked.
7. Pull or knock down a building
Mr. Satish demolished their old house for building a new one.
8. move or cause to move slightly
The mother stirred the shake before serving.

- B 1. excitement 2. joint 3. compensation
4. sharpness 5. office 6. success

- C
1. She jumped out of her chair with sadness.
 2. Maybe without weight of the glass it had become stable.
 3. She began to get undisturbed.
 4. "You are directing me," She said.
 5. "Who is it?" She shouted.
 6. Mrs. Shetty stood up in the bed groggly.
 7. On it was written in dark black ink.
 8. "Yes, we have to", said her mother inconsiderably.
- D
1. electrician
 2. Geography
 3. bicycle
 4. Science
 5. exclamation
 6. address
 7. accident
 8. library

Grammar Time

- A
1. was a turtle
 2. in a pond
 3. visited the pond
 4. became good pals
 5. swans also loved
 6. and its simple
- B
1. She is putting her notebook in her bag.
 2. He gave me a beautiful silk dress as a gift.
 3. He opened the top with a screwdriver.
 4. This has come as a gift of God.
 5. She escaped from the back door and ran away to her house.
 6. Are you going to cinema right now?
 7. The boy has taste of fashion designing.
 8. The principal insisted to start the morning assembly on time.
 9. I can only meet you on Monday in the evening.
 10. I will be back from London within a week.
- C
- considered, provides, could, compared, controls, is
- D
1. Her mother in law burnt her alive.
 2. Inside her house a lady was found murdered.
 3. I found my books missing.
 4. In her exams she was caught cheating.
 5. The request to repeat the answer was made to the teacher.
 6. For the next couple of days I was told to have complete bed rest.
- E
- a, a, the, the, a, the, a, the, a, a
- F
1. A song is sung by him.
 2. The spider was killed by the boy.
 3. He needs help.
 4. In the rainy season maize is sown by the farmer.
 5. Is a letter being written by you?
 6. A canal was being dug by the workers.
 7. By the end of this week the job will be finished by me.
 8. Has the job been finished by you?
 9. Has his mother's death been informed to him?
 10. All the necessary precautions were taken by them.

Let's Write

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

18. The G4

Think & Answer

- A
1. (a) was being repaired
 2. (a) their home library
 3. (c) great-great great-great grandfather
- B
1. Raghu said this to Grandma
 2. Captain Hook said to Raghu
 3. Captain Hook said to Raghu
 4. Grandpa said to Raghu
 5. G4 said to Raghu
- C
1. grandparents' house
 2. "The golden Treasury of Children's Literature"
 3. wondered as to how his G4 world have looked
 4. G4
 5. slept at 7:30 pm
- D
1. The shelves of the library were filled with books. His favourite book was "The Golden Treasury of Children's Literature". He was also attracted to the old but very comfortable rocking chair. It was his great-great great-great grandfather whom he called G4 grandpa and chuckled. He rocked in G4's chair and wondered as to how he would have looked and what he would have liked.
 2. The book which Raghu was reading was quite interesting. Every age got attracted towards it. Though nothing was too special about the book, Raghu was continuously thinking about G4 therefore he started dreaming about them.
 3. In small town they had early dinner in the evening. Everyone retired early for the day and all went to bed at 7.30 pm.
 4. When Raghu went to grandpa and told him that we unable to fall asleep, his grandpa took him to a room which was the library of the house.
 5. While sitting on rocking chair Raghu's eyes went heavy and the fatigue from the journey started to over power him. Its was started to suddenly saw a fairly old man.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. What you is more important than what you speak
 2. Extremely expensive
 3. Being upset over something that has already happened
 4. Reveal a secret carelessly or by mistake
 5. Achieve two aims at once
- B
1. unaffected
 2. incalculable
 3. unaware
 4. unbearable
 5. incapable
 6. unbelievable
 7. unconfident
 8. inactive

9. inadequate
10. impossible

Grammar Time

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| 1. will | 2. going to | 3. will | 4. shall |
| 5. going to | 6. shall | 7. will | 8. will |
| 9. will | 10. going to | | |

Let's Write

I dreamt that Alladin's lamp was lying on the table next to me. I was very happy to see that. I immediately picked up the lamp and started rubbing it. I tried alot and rubbed it several times. After rubbing it long I saw the dense fumes of smoke coming out of the lamp. I started coughing and felt dizzy. I fainted and fell on the floor. As I opened my eyes I saw a blue giant genie in front of me. I asked him if he was a genie. He told me to make 3 wishes. I thought it was a great opportunity. So I asked him to grant me great fortune, a wonderful palace and all the happiness for my parents. He granted me all of them. I was sleeping on a gold bed when suddenly my mother woke me up and said that I was getting late for school. I realised it was the magic of last night story "Aladdin and the Magic Lamp".

HOTS

Do yourself.

Fun Time

Do yourself.

19. The Exhortation of Father to His Children

Think & Answer

- A
1. (a) labour
 2. (a) food, money
 3. (a) child
- B
- | | | |
|------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1. any wise, die | 2. God | 3. temple of the lord |
| 4. nought | 5. counsel | |
- C
1. One should expect the same what he gives or does to other people in return.
 2. We should always be ready to help them when they need us.
 3. We should also help them and not leave them alone.
 4. 'Proceed'
- D
1. The father is exhorting his child in the poem.
 2. The child is called the temple of God because they are very dear to God and are away from corrupted world for time being.
 3. We should behave nicely to the labour and should never do fraud with them. Also, we should pay them on time to keep them alive and healthy.
 4. We can help the weak and the poor by always sharing a portion of one's food and money with the feeble and the poor.
 5. The lesson portrayed by the poem is that one should never feel selfish and proudly of oneself. We should be thankful to the lord always. We should praise him and his works. The best method of doing so is by spreading happiness and serving hopes to mankind.

Vocabulary Builder

- A
1. (d) to find something or obtain/catch
 2. (c) to give something to a person or a place
 3. (a) to regard someone with contempt
 4. (e) to be caught or captured by someone
 5. (b) remain good or skillful by doing something intermittently
- B
1. strengthen or support physically or mentally
The house couldn't sustain the power of the storm.
 2. lacking physical strength
He was too feeble to leave his home.
 3. suggestions
We should always counsel the wise power.
 4. corruption
The land was defiled by the previous owner.
 5. illegally obtain money.
He used wrong documents to defame the bank.

Grammar Time

- A
1. beside
 2. in
 3. to, to
 4. with
 5. on, beside
 6. under
 7. into, with
- B
1. I cannot walk anymore because I am tired.
 2. Mr. Singh is our principal and Mr. Sharma is our Maths teacher.
 3. I cannot pick the bag as it is very heavy.
 4. Neither Ajit nor Dev stole the pen.
 5. You must start once or you will be late.
 6. He was late because the bus didn't come.
 7. Seema could not come to my birthday party because she was not well.

Let's Write

Father calls his son as the temple of lord. There are many lessons and teachings given by a father to the son which includes:
Helping the poor and sharing food and money with them.
Paying labour well.
Counsel a wise always.
Never be proud of yourself.
Help others.
Be good and kind to everyone, even to your foes.
Never misguide someone.
Always be thankful to God.
Give ear to suffering and hand to needy.
Never think of revenge.
Feed the feeble.

Model Test Paper 1
Reading

- A 1. (a) (ii) Chameleons
(b) (ii) 10 inches
(c) (iii) carnivores
2. (a) An animal that preys on others
(b) Unable to concentrate
3. (a) True (b) True (c) False (d) False
(e) False

Writing

- B I remember when I was 1 year old, I was very fond of watching horror movies. Though I was very scared of ghost and darkness. But my interest never faded. My mother always warned me not to watch horror movies before going to bed. But one day I understood very well my mother's words. That night my dad was out of home. My mother was as usual busy with her household chores. I was seeing horror movie in the television. After movie I decided to go to bed. I slept as soon as I laid on the bed. I dreamt that I was carried by a huge creature with one eye to some mysterious world. Finally I entered that world from a cave made of bones. Nobody was there. I was searching for people though I was too scared and was sheeting badly. Then I went to a small hut where I saw my father was sitting. I rushed and grabbed from the back. Suddenly, the neck of my dad twisted and I saw that it was not my father, rather a ghost. I was running away fastly and heard the voice of my mother saying you are late hurry up and a splash of water was on my face.

I woke up and realised it was my mother waking me up for my school. And all what happened was just a nightmare and nothing else.

- C The Manager,
Happy Hunger,
Preet Vihar,
New Delhi

15th July, 20XX

Subject: Complaint against the meal.

Sir

I visited your restaurant with my family on my father's birthday. Unfortunately, the food quality and presentation really dampened our spirits.

The dinner started off in a very disappointing way when we were served tasteless lukewarm soup called sweet corn soup. The starters we ordered were not properly fried, though we have requested specially for good fried stuff. The main course tasted equally bad. We ordered vegetarian and they served non vegetarian dish to us.

Though the service was good but the quality and ambience was pathetic. I acknowledge that your waiters patiently heard our

complaints. I hope in future you will try to improve and work on your quality.

Regards

Mr. Ramesh Shukla

Grammar

- D
1. are staying
 2. is hot lying, is telling
 3. are approaching
 4. are running
 5. Is he flying
 6. Are you planning
- E
1. could
 2. would have
 3. could
 4. would have
 5. had
- F
1. limply
 2. terribly
 3. carefully
 4. honest
 5. beautiful
- G
1. Whom
 2. Which
 3. whom
 4. What
 5. Who

Literature

- H
1. (c) average
 2. (c) throw
 3. (c) Earth
 4. (a) deep cave
 5. (b) hard
- I
1. Every man will be thy friend
Whilst thou hast wherewith to spend;
But if store of crowns he scant,
No man shall supply thy want.
 2. If that one be prodigal,
Bountiful they will him call,
And with suck like flattering,
'Pity but he were a king'.
- J
1. Maggie was a lab specimen prepared by the scientist from a fertilised is egg. It was something that the world had only see in sci-fi movies.
 2. Alfie was regularly eating ice-cream. Due to this his mouth had become icy-cold and his breathe was like a blast of cold wind. Therefore, he was not able to breathe fire.
 3. Flatterer is a term used to say better than the reality i.e., a sweeter lie than bitter truth.
 4. The tiger was eighteen inches long when he was bought home.
 5. Use of head, bust and torso in soft flowing movements in done to express mood and emotions- curvaceous, concentration on 'tribhanga' or division of body into three parts head, bust and torso.

Model Test Paper 2
Reading

- A
1. (a) (iii) 4
(b) (ii) 175
(c) (ii) 60,000
(d) (ii) 20
 2. (a) Goat Island
(b) Lake Erie into Lake Ontario
(c) glacier
(d) Falls State Park
 3. (a) Nik Wallenda became the first person to cross the Niagra Falls, in 2012.
(b) Hydroelectric stations in the area divert less water during the summer when tourist number are high ensuring a spectacular flow of water for visitors.
(c) The American falls, The bridal Veil Falls and the Horseshoe Falls together make Niagara Falls.
(d) The Niagara Falls are located on the border of Ontario in Canada and New York in USA.

Writing

- B
- To: shallyverma2@gmail.com
From: preetisingh83@gmail.com
Subject: Congratulation on your achievement.
Hi!

I am very glad to know that you have won the first prize in the debate competition. It is not easy for a person to stand first. But you have proved that you are different and worthy of achievement. Your performance has indeed made me proud. I am proud to have a friend like you. All the very best for your future endeavours and may you always earn success.

Preeti

- C
- A man has a habit of stealing. Once he sees a monkey sitting in front of his hut deep in meditation. He tries to enter his hut and steal things. He was carrying a big bag with himself. That bag had all the precious things that he had stolen like watch, jewellery, expensive clothes, gold, silver etc. He took that bag inside the hut. As soon as he entered the monkey's hut he slipped his leg with a banana skin on the door, making him shout loudly. The monkey heard the shouting of the man and ran to see who was inside his hut. When monkey saw the man he communicated to other friends with his sound. There came more than twenty monkeys altogether. They snatched the bag from the man and teased him very badly. The man was rushed by the monkeys out of that area. He lost all the precious things he stole because of his greed and habit of stealing.

Grammar

- D
1. because
 2. but
 3. if
 4. until
 5. As
- E
1. Andy pleased to give him the letter.
 2. Andy told that he had to get back quickly or his master will kill him.
 3. Andy told that he didn't want to trouble his master.
 4. The postmaster inquired whom did I want it for.
 5. Mr. Egan asked why it wouldn't be given to you.
- F
1. Neither, nor
 2. Although, yet
 3. either, or
 4. as
 5. and
- G
1. whom
 2. that
 3. which
 4. which
 5. which

Literature

- H
1. (c) seven
 2. (c) William
 3. (c) Three
 4. (c) Both (a) and (b)
 5. (b) by the sea
- I
1. circle
 2. surprise
 3. and beautiful house
 4. sea
 5. far
- J
1. There was a wandering Pixie named Moon eye who suddenly came upon the sea.
 2. Shetty's family was stressed or disturbed because Radhika's cousin said that the building they are living in belong jointly to their ancestors. So, their cousins also had share in building, which was wrong. So, Shetty family had to find out old documents to prove themselves right within sixty days. This made them disturbed.
 3. Radhika's grandfather gave her indications by moving picture to and fro. He also once smashed the picture on the ground, so that what is written behind could be seen by others. His note gave everyone clue about Mr. Nagesh, which further gave a trace of Mr. Prakash Rao, who had every paper of their grandfather's property. This is how grandfather helped Radhika in solving the problem.
 4. When Raghu went to Grandpa and told him that he was unable to fall asleep, his grandpa took him to a room which was the library of the house.
 5. A father is exhorting his son in the poem. 'The Exhortation of Father to His Children'.

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