

CCE SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2

SECOND TERM (SA-II)

ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

CLASS X

(With Solutions)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

General Instructions :

(a) This paper consists of four sections :

Section A — Reading 20 marks

Section B — Writing 20 marks

Section C — Grammar 15 marks

Section D — Literature 35 marks

(b) All questions are compulsory.

(c) Marks are indicated against each question.

(d) Do not exceed the prescribed word-limit while answering a question.

SECTION A — READING

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets. (5 marks)

THE DISGUISE ARTISTS

Aesop prawns start life as colourless, almost transparent infants who drift with the tide. On reaching maturity, they drift inshore, reach out to grasp the first passing seaweed and, once established upon it, they proceed to colour themselves to blend with it. After a week, their colouring is complete and they are safe from the closest scrutiny.

Should disaster strike and their chosen home be destroyed, they first try to find a new home with the same colour scheme as the first. If this proves impossible, they philosophically settle for a different coloured home and restart their own colouring process. A week zips past — and they change colour to merge beautifully with their new homes once again. Aesop prawns also take on the colours of the day. Regularly at nightfall, they change to a deep transparent blue, reverting to their chosen house-colour as the sea lightens at dawn.

Interestingly, the “decision” to adopt a particular colour is in no way an act of will on the part of the prawn. Scattered over its body surface are small pigment cells, each containing a central bag of colours (a reservoir of primary pigments : red, yellow and blue) with five branches extending from it. These pigment cells are influenced by the light that falls directly on them or enters through the prawn’s eyes. Different coloured lights activate the hormones that control the flow of pigments. And after dark, red and yellow are withdrawn to make way for the nocturnal blue ‘night suit’ of the Aesop prawn. A system that provides the animal, at all times, with an enviable cloak of invisibility.

1. The unique feature of Aesop prawns is that _____.

- (a) they blend with their surroundings (b) they drift with the tide
(c) they grasp seaweeds (d) they are transparent

2. When Aesop prawns are rendered homeless, _____.

- (a) they change their colour
(b) they first look for a home of the same colour
(c) they cannot survive
(d) they become transparent

3. During the night Aesop prawns _____.

- (a) change to a deep blue colour (b) take on their chosen house-colour
(c) become red, yellow and blue (d) revert to light colours

4. Colour change of Aesop prawns is influenced by _____.

- (a) the will of the prawns (b) the light that falls on their body and eyes
(c) the hormones that control the pigments (d) the five branches of its colour bag

5. A word from the passage that means the same as 'night like' is _____.

- (a) reverting (b) pigment
(c) nocturnal (d) cloak

Ans.

- (a) they blend with their surroundings
- (b) they first look for a home of the same colour
- (a) change to a deep blue colour
- (b) the light that falls on their body and eyes
- (c) nocturnal

2. Read the passage given below and choose the most appropriate answer to each question out of the options that follow : (5 marks)

Pleasure and pain are the inseparable facets of human existence. While the experience of our well-being is rather vague and intangible, experience of pain is real, and affects our body, mind and spirit, altering our lives in more ways than one. Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience caused by tissue damage that results from physical trauma, burns, illness, injury or surgery. Despite the agony caused by pain, it is essential for our survival. If you don't feel pain, you could cause great harm to your body by inadvertently touching a hot iron or jamming your finger in the drawer and not even know it. Or you could rupture the appendix and be unaware of what was going on inside your body. Pain rings an alarm bell, alerting you to pay immediate attention and take quick action.

Have you ever wondered why a severely wounded soldier continues to battle on so defiantly or an athlete injured during a race goes on to win it? It happens so because the brain does not react immediately to the pain signals, the sufferer just ignores them because there are more important tasks to attend. The pain registers only after the task or event is over. The perception of pain has been studied extensively by psychologists who suggest that there is a gating system in the central nervous system that opens and closes to let pain pass through to the brain or block it. Psychological factors such as attention to pain, emotional state of a person, anticipation of pain and the way that a person interprets a situation can both open and close the gates. This is why when you are depressed or anxious your pain seems worse and intolerable – because

your feelings can open the pain gate. On the other hand, when your attention is diverted or focussed on pleasant tasks, your pain is almost imperceptible. Thus the physical cause of the pain may be the same; the pain circuits identical, yet the perception of pain is dramatically different.

1. Pain is unpleasant, yet _____

- (a) we need to experience it (b) we can't escape it
(c) it gives us pleasure (d) it is not real

2. Pain rings an alarm bell means that pain _____

- (a) makes other people attend to us (b) warns that something is wrong
(c) makes us scream (d) warns us beforehand

3. Gating system in the central nervous system _____

- (a) prevents pain (b) changes our response to pain
(c) destroys the nervous system (d) does not allow us to escape pain

4. Unhappiness or worry affects our system by _____

- (a) blocking the pain gate (b) diverting our mind away from pain
(c) causing depression (d) making pain seem worse

5. The writer feels pain is a _____

- (a) pleasurable experience (b) figment of our imagination
(c) necessary evil (d) source of great harm to the body

Ans.

- (a) we need to experience it
- (b) warns that something is wrong
- (a) prevents pain
- (d) making pain seem worse
- (c) necessary evil

3. Read the following passage and complete the sentences given below :

(5 marks)

A park created by a Maharaja, the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, 176 km from Delhi and 55 km west of Agra and the Taj Mahal, is perhaps the only habitat created by a Maharaja. Two kilometres away from Bharatpur town, the royal family of Bharatpur developed the area in the late 19th century.

The Maharaja constructed small dams for water conservation, diverted water from a nearby irrigation canal and soon thousands of water birds descended. The Maharaja, wanting to celebrate his success, invited dignitaries of British and Princely India to shoot waterfowl.

The sandstone in the park records the exploitation of those days. The first recorded shoot was by Lord Curzon in 1902. In 1956, the habitat shooting reserve became a sanctuary but the shooting continued until 1964. The sanctuary was upgraded to a National Park in 1981 and renamed Keoladeo Ghana.

This 29 sq. km fresh water shallow swamp of Keoladeo Ghana with kadam, babul (*Acacia nilotica*) — ber and ficus trees has a rich aquatic vegetation, 50 species of fish, five species of amphibians, 28 species of reptiles and more than 366 species of birds (which include 32 species of birds of prey) and 27 species of animals like blackbuck, sambar, spotted deer, bluebull and 379 floral species.

The painted storks, like many other birds in Bharatpur during the monsoon, are local migrants. The highlight of the park is that it is the only known wintering area of the highly endangered central population of the Siberian cranes.

Migratory birds at the park start arriving in October for wintering. That wetlands help in maintaining the freshwater flow within river systems is a known fact. In Bharatpur, the shallow aquifers of the Gangetic plain are recharged during the monsoon and form streams and wetlands in all seasons.

According to a report by Wetlands International, one-third of the world's wetlands are located in Asia.

(a) The dams for water conservation served a dual purpose for the Maharaja because _____

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Ans.

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(e) aquatic

4. Read the poem given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets : (5 marks)

Be the Best of Whatever You Are

Douglas Malloch

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,

Be a scrub in the valley — but be

The best little scrub by the side of the rill;

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass —

And some highway happier make;

If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass —

Be the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,

There's something for all of us here,

There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,

And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,

If you can't be the sun be a star;

It isn't by size that you win or fail —

Be the best of whatever you are!

1. Being the best scrub tree is as good as being a _____.
2. 'Be the liveliest bass in the lake!' Here bass means _____.
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Ans.

1. pine
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SECTION B — WRITING

(20 Marks)

5. Your brother, who is in a hostel, is very fond of eating outside. As a result, he keeps getting sick often. Write a letter telling him about the harmful effects of junk food and advising him to eat healthy food in 120-150 words. You are Arjun/Arpita of C-8, Lawrence Road, Amritsar. (5 marks)

Ans.

C-8

Lawrence Road

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Nov. 10, 20.....

Dear Manoj

How are you ? I hope the letter finds you in the best of your health. I have heard that you are not keeping well for the past few months. This is all because you eat too much of junk food. It seems you can't resist the temptation of aromas arising from the stalls which sell junk foods.

These junk foods are very harmful for your health. They may satisfy your taste buds but have absolutely no nutritive value. These contain artificial and harmful chemicals and flavours. These foods cause gastric problems and other serious health problems like mouth and stomach ulcers, etc. Besides, the frequent consumption of pizzas, burgers, soft fizzy drinks, etc. leads to health disorders like obesity, hypertension, sluggishness and lack of concentration, etc. When one becomes a junk food freak, he can't consider the pros and cons of eating such foods, but you should count on your well-wishers. I really want to see you excel in your life and not suffer with these health disorders. Only if you control eating junk food, you can gain health. They are also a great distraction. So, stay away from them. Eat healthy, nutritious and balanced diet and don't become an addict to fast foods.

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Regards.

Yours sincerely

Arjun/Arpita

Or

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Kasturba Gandhi Marg, advocating the need to be law abiding citizens. You are Ashok/Asha of D-11, Moti Bagh, New Delhi. (120-150 words)



Ans.

D-11, Moti Bagh,
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The Editor

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K.G. Marg

Delhi

Sir

Subject : The need to be law-abiding citizens

I wish to draw your attention towards the so-called educated people flouting rules and hence encouraging others to do the same. In Delhi, the people are well-educated and informed but they often park their vehicles in the 'NO PARKING' zones, blow horns at the traffic signals, throw garbage on the roads, etc. All this reflects the indifference and negligence of the 'responsible' Delhiites. Not only these people flout rules to suit their selfish motives, but they also encourage others to do the same. In this way, an act of negligence leaves a greater impact of the image and culture of the country. The rules are made to ensure for us a better and secure life with equal opportunities for all. By flouting these rules, we create an atmosphere full of chaos in which everyone tries to outdo the other. The recent rise in the cases of rash driving, hit and run and road-rage are nothing but the results of man's considering himself above the laws.

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6. You read the following article by a student in a magazine but you do not agree with the views expressed. Inspired by this, write a speech for your school assembly telling the students why schools must have a school uniform. (120-150 words)

(5 marks)

Quite frankly I've had enough of uniforms. "Wear a tie." "Button up your shirts." Seriously? If it's 46 degrees in the classroom and your school can't afford a cool environment, don't tell us to put our uniforms on. If it's 06 degrees, and we are freezing, don't tell us to take the sweaters off. We are stupid, so we must wear uniforms. Is that right? We are not smart enough to wear our own clothes? We must follow your stupid school rules just so the school rating goes up? I think school uniforms must be abolished.

Ans. Speech : Schools must have a school uniform

Respected Principal, teachers and friends,

The concept of a School Uniform has become a debatable issue. There is a group of students who consider it to be a violation of their freedom and want to be free to wear whatever they want to in the schools. But I disagree with them on this point. The school uniforms are an expression of the identity and integrity of the students. These instill in them the feelings and values like discipline, commonality and equality. The uniforms are same for everyone irrespective of one's social, economic and cultural background and status. These provide an equal footing to them that enables them to learn greater things like friendship, companionship, etc. The uniforms also keep the wild spirits of the students in check, allowing them the dignity of a representative of a whole being *i.e.*, school.

If the students are freed from the compulsion of a school uniform, their individual choices of dresses will widen the various gaps. They will not learn the senses of equality and companionship. They will be individuals but will have no dignity and integrity of being a representative of their school. They will not be disciplined. For them, the schools will become a place to exhibit their possessions and they will be distracted by many things besides studies. The weaker or poorer will start suffering from various inferiority complexes. There will be enmity and jealousy among students and the school life will lose all its essence.

Keeping all these in mind, I wish the students will once again consider the advantages of the school uniforms before opposing them.

Thank you.

Or

There have been a lot of thefts in your locality. Write a speech to be delivered at the community centre in your society on what precautions to take. Tell them, "A Stitch in Time, Saves Nine". (120-150 words)

Ans. Speech : A Stitch in Time, Saves Nine

Respected elders and friends,

We have gathered here to discuss and find a solution to the common problem of frequent thefts in our society over the past month. We all have our own security system, but still in the absence of a collective effort, all our attempts to ensure safety go in vain. Hence, we need to take some effective steps at the earliest to check it. First of all, we must have security around the society and at the main gate of the society. Besides, we must secure our windows and doors. We must not let strangers and suspicious people enter in our society and homes. We should get

our maids and servants verified and registered. We must inform the police about any suspicious activity in or around the society. Most important, we must be ready to support each other in times of crisis. We should keep the important phone numbers handy. We should keep an eye on our neighbours' homes in their absence. Above all, we should learn some life-saving skills too so that we may save our people and ourselves. I hope by taking these precautions, our society can be made safe and liveable. We must take prompt action as we all know that 'A Stitch in Time Saves Nine'. Let's start following the routine from today onwards.

Thank you.

7. You have been selected to participate in an interschool debate. The topic for the debate is : 'Media is biased because it is in the business of selling news.' Using the points given below prepare your debate in about 120 to 150 words. (5 marks)

Role of media — widely debated — media doing business — not serving society — aims at TRP's — news are concocted stories — must differentiate between constructive and destructive news.

Ans. Respected judges, my fellow contestants,

The motion before this august house is 'Media is biased because it is mainly involved in the business of selling news' and I fully support the motion.

Today the role of media in our democratic system has been widely debated. In recent times, Indian media has been a subject of criticism for the manner in which they have disregarded their obligation to social responsibility. Dangerous business practices in the field of media have affected the fabric of Indian democracy. Today media coverage of news is no longer based on true facts but on concocted stories. Biasness prevails as each channel or newspaper has its own priorities, ethics and perceptions. What the media offers today isn't news, but entertainment which is intended to be consumed like food, forgotten and replaced by a new dish, everyday. Data manipulation has reached alarming levels — the truth is being suppressed and we no longer know what is truly going on in our country. Scams are systematically hidden or selectively uncovered. We must understand, that as the upcoming youth, we have a lot of potential and we need to shoulder a lot of responsibilities. As readers and the general TV viewers, we must possess the sense to differentiate between constructive and destructive news.

8. It is Grandparents Day tomorrow. Your cousins and you want to give your grandparents a surprise. Plan a dialogue with your sister/brother about what you could do to make them feel important and happy. (120-150 words) (5 marks)

Brother : Sister, what can we do for our grandparents tomorrow ?

Sister : I am thinking about giving them a surprise this time.

Brother : What surprise ?

Sister : I think this time we should arrange a family get-together for them. We will call all our uncles and aunts and then we will record those precious moments.

Brother : This is really a nice plan. Can we also organise an outing for everyone ?

Sister : Why not ? Actually we should ask all of them to come at the India Gate and we shall take our grandparents there on some pretext. It will really be a perfect surprise for them.

Or

Complete this story in about 120-150 words : 'It was a quiet, cold and dark night, like it usually is in winters when all retire to bed early. Suddenly a shriek jerked the people in the building out of their beds. It was distinctly the voice of _____'

Ans. Story

It was a quiet, cold and dark night, like it usually is in winters when all retire to bed early. Suddenly a shriek jerked the people in the building out of their beds. It was distinctly the voice of Kavita didi. Kavita didi is a middle-aged school teacher, living alone in a flat on the second floor. She is very friendly and helpful to all. She is welcomed in every house, but she usually keeps to herself. Tonight her scream woke everyone out of their slumber. Everyone rushed towards her house. But her flat was locked from inside. People knocked at her door again and again but there was no response from inside. Somehow, people opened her door. They found her lying unconscious on the floor. There was no one else in the flat. When she regained her senses, she told them that she was terrified by a mysterious dark shadow in her flat. She showed them the place. People decided to recreate the earlier atmosphere. They found a dark shadow looming there. On observing it, they found it to be the shadow of a cloth hanging out of her window. Actually some cloth from the upper floor had fallen over her window which gave the impression of a mysterious figure in the streetlight. Everyone started laughing at Kavita didi. She herself smiled feebly at herself and decided to be brave.

SECTION C — GRAMMAR

(15 Marks)

9. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

When Alexander and his men (a) _____ the plain of Gaugamela, they found that the ground (b) _____ level. The Persian chariots stood in formation, ready to attack across that flat surface. Darius (c) _____ his scythed chariots to propel themselves forcefully into the Greek forces, with (d) _____ ripping at the flesh of both horses and men. The chariots began their rapid (e) _____ the army of Alexander, the Great. The Greek general, (f) _____ a quick assessment of the situation, ordered the ranks of the Greek fighters to split apart.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) (i) were reaching | (ii) reach |
| (iii) reached | (iv) have reached |
| (b) (i) had been made | (ii) is being made |
| (iii) is made | (iv) was made |
| (c) (i) has expected | (ii) did expect |
| (iii) had expected | (iv) expected |
| (d) (i) there carved blades | (ii) they're curved blades |
| (iii) their curved blades | (iv) they curving blades |
| (e) (i) drove to | (ii) drive towards |
| (iii) drives to | (iv) driven along |
| (f) (i) having made | (ii) have made |
| (iii) had to make | (iv) is having to make |

Ans.

- (a) (iii) reached
- (b) (i) had been made
- (c) (iv) expected
- (d) (iii) their curved blades
- (e) (ii) drive towards
- (f) (i) having made

10. Complete the headlines by choosing the correct answers from the options given below : (3 marks)

(a) **12 INJURED AS BUSES COLLIDE :**

_____ at the K.N.P. junction yesterday.

- (i) 12 persons were injured as two buses collided
- (ii) 12 persons have been injured when two buses collided
- (iii) 12 persons had been injured as two buses collided
- (iv) 12 persons are injured as two buses collide

(b) **DRIVE AGAINST LIQUOR MAFIA LAUNCHED**

The police _____ engaged in smuggling of liquor to the state.

- (i) has launched a drive against the mafia who have
- (ii) have launched a drive against the mafia that is
- (iii) had launched a drive against mafia that will be
- (iv) had launched a drive against mafia who were

(c) **CHINA DEVELOPS MEDICAL ROBOT**

A polytechnic university in China _____ that can conduct surgeries.

- (i) have developed a medical robot
- (ii) has developed a medical robot
- (iii) is developing a medical robot
- (iv) will be developing a medical robot

Ans.

- (a) (i) 12 persons were injured as two buses collided
- (b) (ii) have launched a drive against the mafia that is
- (c) (ii) has developed a medical robot.

11. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown in the example. (3 marks)

Example : important/it/is/to observe/rules/traffic

It is important to observe traffic rules.

- (a) not/children/below/of/the age/must/drive/eighteen years
- (b) protection/our/we/must/helmets/own/wear/for
- (c) phones/must/used/not/mobile/be/driving/while

Ans.

- (a) Children below eighteen years of the age must not drive.
- (b) We must wear helmets for our own protection.
- (c) Mobile phones must not be used while driving.

12. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your

answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied : (6 marks)

Chocolate can make peoples happy.
Chocolate are also considered very
good in health. One
bar off chocolate
have more protein than one banana.
You might had heard people saying
that chocolates spoils the teeth.

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>correct</i>
e.g., peoples	people	
(a) _____	_____	_____
(b) _____	_____	_____
(c) _____	_____	_____
(d) _____	_____	_____
(e) _____	_____	_____
(f) _____	_____	_____

Ans. Incorrect **Correct**
(a) are is
(b) in for
(c) off of
(d) have has
(e) had have
(f) chocolates chocolate

SECTION D — LITERATURE (35 Marks)

13. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (4 marks)

Her first journey — what careful, painstaking, elaborate plans she had had to make for it! She had thriftily saved whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons, and the like, and finally she had saved a total of sixty paise. How difficult it had been, particularly that day at the village fair, but she had resolutely stifled a strong desire to ride the merry-go-round, even though she had the money.

- (A) Who does 'her' refer to in the passage ?
- (B) Where was her first journey made to ?
- (C) Why had she resisted all temptations ?
- (D) Find a word in the passage that means 'with determination'.

Ans.
(A) 'Her' here refers to Valli, an eight-year old girl.
(B) Her first journey was made to the town.
(C) She had resisted all temptations to be able to go to the town by bus.
(D) resolutely.

13. (b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (4 marks)

My dear fellow... I'm so glad, and so on... Yes, indeed, and all that sort of thing. [Embraces and kisses Lomov] I've been hoping for it for a long time. It's been my continual desire. [Sheds a tear] And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son. May God give you both — His help and His love and so on, and so much hope... What am I behaving in this idiotic way for ? I'm off my balance with joy, absolutely off my balance! Oh, with all my soul...

- (A) Who is the speaker of these lines ?

(B) What purpose did the speaker initially suspect the guest had for visiting ?

(C) Why was the speaker glad ?

(D) Why does the speaker's joy not last long ?

Ans.

(A) Chubukov is the speaker of these lines.

(B) The speaker initially suspected that the guest had visited them to borrow some money.

(C) The speaker was glad because the guest had come to seek his daughter's hand in marriage.

(D) The speaker's joy did not last long because Natalya and Lomov got engaged in a dispute regarding the meadows and the dogs.

14. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below. (3 × 2 = 6 marks)

1. It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

A. The 'it' in these lines is _____.

(a) a tree

(b) the fog

(c) a cat

(d) the wind

B. 'It' has been compared to a _____.

(a) dog

(b) man

(c) cat

(d) night

C. The figure of speech used in these lines is _____.

(a) simile

(b) metaphor

(c) personification

(d) repetition

2. Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right,
And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright,
His beard was black, one leg was wood;
It was clear that the pirate meant no good.

A. Who held the pistols ?

(a) a child

(b) a dragon

(c) a pirate

(d) Belinda

B. What did the Dragon do to him ?

(a) became his friend

(b) scared him

(c) ate him

(d) screamed at him

C. What does the expression 'the pirate meant no good' convey ?

(a) that he was fierce and cruel

(b) that he was brave and fearless

(c) that he was going to do some harm

(d) that he was not a good person

Ans.

1. A. (b) the fog

B. (c) cat

C. (c) personification

- 2. A. (c) a pirate
- B. (c) ate him
- C. (c) that he was going to do some harm.

15. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

(3 × 2 = 6 marks)

1. What was Valli's favourite pastime ?

Ans. Valli's favourite pastime was to stand in the front doorway of her house and watch what was happening in the street outside. She loved to see the bus going through the street every hour, filled with new sets of passengers.

2. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent ?

Ans. There are two major theories/stories about the Kodavu people's descent. According to the first, Kodavus are of Greek or Arabic descent. Alexander's soldiers settled in Coorg and got married. According to the second theory Kodavus are of Arabic descent. It is proved as their traditional dress Kuppia matches Arabian Kuffia.

3. When would the baker come everyday ? Why did the children run to meet him ?

Ans. The baker would come twice a day—once in the morning and then after emptying his basket. The children ran towards him because they loved his sweet bread very much. They wanted to choose bread-bangles.

4. After her son's death, why does Kisa Gotami go from house to house ? Why does she not get what she wants ?

Ans. Kisa Gotami went to collect mustard-seed from a house where no one had lost a child, husband, parent or friend. Buddha had asked to collect mustard-seed from such a house for treatment of her dead son. She could not get what she wanted as there was no such house where no one had died.

VALUE BASED QUESTION

16. Through 'The Sermon At Benares' Lord Buddha exhorts us that death is inevitable and we need to overcome the suffering and pain that follows after the death of a dear and near one.

Based on your reading of the chapter write a paragraph on the topic : 'How to cope with the death of a Loved One'. (5 marks)

Ans. 'How to cope with the death of a Loved One'

The death of a loved one can be painful but what makes it even worse is if the death is an unexpected one. In such a situation one must realize that death is a reality and no one can escape it. It reigns supreme over the life of the mortals. Death is common to all and is the essential and ultimate destination of the life. All the grief, sorrow and sufferings and lamentations are simply futile as these cannot save the dying ones nor bring the dead back to life. So instead of lamenting, one should understand the truth of life and death. It will give us peace of mind. We will be free from sorrow and then, we will move on the path of immortality.

17. Answer the following question in about 80-100 words.

(4 marks)

How do the three nursery rhymes frighten Think Tank ?

Ans. Think-Tank is not very intelligent and mature. He has no imaginative powers. He misinterprets the various poems and gets frightened by them. The rhyme 'Mistress Mary, quite contrary' makes Think Tank believe that the Earthlings have discovered how to combine agriculture and mining. He thinks that the Earthlings can grow explosive and are preparing for a war. Then the rhyme of 'Hey diddle diddle!' makes him conclude that the Earthlings have reached a high level of civilization. He starts thinking that even the earth-animals have musical culture and know space techniques. It further terrifies him. Later the rhyme of 'Humpty Dumpty' takes all the courage out of him. He finds it about himself and the Earthlings plan to invade Mars and kill him. In this way, the simple nursery rhymes frighten him and compel him to flee from Mars.

Or

Losing a necklace changed the course of Loiseles' life. How did this happen ?

Ans. Loiseles were leading not a very affluent, but a contented life. Though Matilda was not satisfied with her life but she had a better place to live, maids to assist her and money to buy her occasional affluency. But losing a borrowed necklace completely changed the whole course of their life. They had to raise money by giving up their savings, properties, etc. and on high interest rates to buy a new diamond necklace and return it to M'me Forestier. They had to lead a miserable life, full of hard work and sufferings for the next ten years. They gave up all their riches and accepted their poverty. But they had peace that they had returned the necklace. When they got to know that the lost necklace was not worth over five hundred francs, it took away even that mental peace and satisfaction. They were left to repent for their folly all their lives.

18. Answer any two of the following questions in 50-60 words each.

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

(a) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life ?

Ans. Bholi's teacher played an important role in changing the course of her life by removing fear from her heart and making her speak like everyone else. She gave her a book and encouraged her to read. She helped Bholi gain self-confidence and independence.

(b) Mention any two of Ebrights' contributions to the world of science.

Ans. Ebright made significant contributions to the world of science. He performed numerous experiments on the insects and discovered an unknown insect hormone. Later, he went on to discover the chemical composition of cell and present before the world how the cell read the blueprint of its DNA.

(c) What was the lawyer's first impression of Lutkins ? Was he correct ?

Ans. On his first meeting, the lawyer found Lutkins friendly, kind, helpful and a cheerful person. But later he found himself duped by Lutkins. He made the lawyer go through the entire village in search of Lutkins himself. He befooled the lawyer and made him pay more than required. It shows that the lawyer was not correct in his judgment of Lutkins.