

SECTION A

- Q.1)** (a) (iii) Jammu & Kashmir (1)
 (b) (iv) Bhutan (1)
 (c) (ii) 5th Aug. 2019 (1)
 (d) 31st October 2019. (1)
 (e) False (1)
 (f) Aug. 2019 (1)
 (g) (iv) All three (1)
 (h) Northern (1)
- Q.2) 2.1)**
 (a) A case of a misinterpretation of a situation may arise in media when the information reported may not be authentic from every angle.----- growing consumerism and materialism. (2)
 (b) Manipulation of news with biases can hamper the honest and unbiased functioning of the media. Making money becomes more important than the quality of the information flow. (2)
 (c) A particular event or a celebrity receiving undue importance may set a wrong ideal before the youth.unnecessary sensationalism of an issue may project incorrect information to the public. (2)
 (d) Media has done much good to society by exposing various *scams, scandals, frauds, embezzlements* and many other cases of corruption, leading to *initiation* of inquiries and other processes of prosecution against the *perpetrators* of these crimes. (2)
- 2.2)** (a) bane (b) adversely (1+1)
 (c) authentic (d) unbiased (1+1)

SECTION B

- Q.3)** (a) Vrindavan Colony
 Nagpur
 5th January 2019

To,
 M/s. Vedom Electronic
 Commercial Street
 Nagpur

Subject : Complaining about the VIP Automatic Washing Machine.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am sorry to inform you that the VIP Automatic Washing Machine which I bought from your shop against cash memo No. 200 dated 7th December with a two year guarantee and one year warranty has stopped working, well just after ten days. Now the machine makes an unbearable noise and the motor tears delicate fabrics and gets heated up in no time. Even the agitator system is not swinging properly. Dryer buttons do not function well. Water has started leaking from the machine.

Due to all these discrepancies and inconveniences I feel cheated. I, therefore, humbly request you to repair my washing machine so that I can use it comfortably. It will be highly appreciated if you replace it with a new one as it is within the warranty period. I am also enclosing this letter to the VIP company higher officials so that they take care of these manufacturing discrepancies. Hope you will take quick action and oblige.

Thank you

Yours sincerely
Reet / Vrinda

OR

(b) **POLYTHENE BAGS — HELPFUL OR HARMFUL ?**

- By Ravi / Rani

I have seen some children carrying eatables in the polythene bags. We find the polythene bag extremely useful. Easy to handle, economical and light — are some of the advantages of the polythene bags. That's why it has become everyone's favourite. It is an acceptable fact that we have become so dependent on them that we never pay heed to carry cloth or jute bag with us. But the plastic or polythene bags have their harmful aspects. These are made up of chemicals. Disposing these bags is a big issue as these are non-biodegradable. So any eatable carried in these will be contaminated and polluted and affect our health and hygiene. We may suffer from skin disorders and many other diseases. Besides, these polythene bags do not get degraded naturally by the decomposers. So these stay undisposed in soil, drains or rivers for many years. These choke the sewage system causing overflowing drains turning in to health hazard. These bags consumed by the animals get stuck in their bodies and are fatal. In soil, the polythene checks infiltration and affects ground water level. So if the polythene bags have so many harmful effects, should we use them ? It is my humble view we should kill these bags before they kill us. We should not use these and also discourage others from doing so. We should adopt more eco-friendly options like using cloth and paper bags. This will go along way in keeping our environment clean.

Q.4) (a) The Aftermath of a Thunderstorm

I shot up in bed awakened by the sound that I had thoughts was my alarm clock. If it wasn't the alarm clock what was it ? Suddenly I heard a deafening crack. It took a few moments before I came to my senses and realised what was happening ?

There was a thunderstorm. It started off with lightning and thunder, followed by a heavy downpour. We could hear the wind howling even though we had closed all our doors and windows. The storms caused havoc in the town. Trees were uprooted and some roads became flooded with water. A few houses in the village had their roofs blown off. Some trees fell on the roads, causing massive traffic jams. In some areas, electric wires had snapped and fallen across the roads, posing hazards to vehicles as well as to pedestrians. In many parts of the city, there was power failure which was not restored until many hours later. The next morning, people found it difficult to get to school or to office as certain roads were closed to traffic. Electricians were busy repairing the street lights and clearing the broken wires. It took almost a week to repair the damage caused by the thunderstorm. We also form a group to help the victims.

OR

(b) **Clever Trap**

There had been many robberies in our area in the recent weeks. The burglar was very clever and nearly always struck around 3:00 AM at night, when most people in our locality were in their deepest sleep. Although my parents were not worried, I installed traps here and took inspiration from the movie 'Home alone that I recently saw'. These traps were meant to catch the burglar in case he comes to steal in our house. Last night when I was asleep in my first-floor bedroom. I heard a strange noise. As I peeped out of my blanket, I was shocked to see a strange man trying to open the window. My body went numb and I could not move or think of anything. It was sheer luck that the burglar was caught in one of my traps. As soon as he stepped on the mat, the bell rang. He panicked and tried to run away but the super glue that I had used on the mat kept him in this place. Due to the bell, my parents had woken up and realised that something had happened. Soon, they realised that the burglar was caught in my trap and they called the police. The police applauded me for helping them to catch the thief and also loved my trap. The trap laid by me proved its worth.

Q.5) (a) in (b) is (c) it (d) are (1 x 4 = 4)

Q.6) **Incorrect** **Correct** **Incorrect** **Correct**
 (a) plays played (b) for of
 (c) on in (d) was is (1 x 4 = 4)

Q.7) (a) She was determined to pursue her interest in music.
 (b) She noticed a girl playing a piano and decided to play too.

- (c) But most of the teachers and her father discouraged her.
 (d) Finally she became one of the greatest musicians of the world.

(1 x 4 = 4)

SECTION C

- Q.8)** (a) Coorg Regiment. (1)
 (b) General Cariappa. (1)
 (c) regiment (1)
 (d) tales of valour (1)

OR

- (a) 'John Berryman'. (1)
 (b) the boy (1)
 (c) About worldly things / About loss (1)
 (d) epistemology (1)

Q.9) ANY FIVE - (1 mark for content + 1 mark for grammatical accuracy)

- (a) The young seagull was maddened by hunger. When the young seagull dived at the fish, he fell outwards and downwards with a scream. His monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. Soon his wings spread outwards and he could feel the tips of his wings cutting through the air. He gathered courage and flew away. (2)
- (b) The poet compares the fog with a cat. The fog seems to move quickly like a cat does. Similarly, the fog also appears to stop at some point as if a cat sitting on its haunches. According to the poet, the entry of fog into any harbour of city also resembles the pouncing of a cat onto its prey. (2)
- (c) First, of all Think-Tank declared that the books were sandwiches. He ordered the crew of the place probe to eat one of those. Soon he notices that the earth things did not eat them. Secondly, he thought it to be communication devices. He ordered them to listen to it. Those sandiwiches are not for ear communication, they are for eye communication. (2)
- (d) When all the others including Belinda were terrified to see the pirate, Custard jumped up, snorted, clashed his tail to attack the pirate and gobbled him. In this way, he proved that he was a brave dragon unlike what others pose him to be. (2)
- (e) Lencho was not at all justified in calling them 'a bunch of crooks' because the postal officials were actually trying their best to keep his faith in God alive. So all of them did their best to help him by collecting money for him and sending it to him in place of God. (2)
- (f) His uncommon appearance and strange habits also made him a talk of the village. He was wearing bandages round his forehead, dark glasses, false nose, .big bushy side-whiskers, and a large hat. He never took off his bandages and clothes. He was unsocial. He always kept the door of his room shut and locked from inside. If anybody entered his room, he would get furious. All this appeared rather unusual to the people of the village. (2)

Q.10) ANY ONE (4 mark for content + 2 mark for fluency + 2 mark grammatical accuracy)

- (a) Nelson Mandela means by an "extraordinary human disaster" the apartheid policy of the white race against the black people. For long the white people ruled South Africa. They snatched freedom from the coloured race to whom South Africa belonged. The black people were subjected to oppression for long. They didn't have any freedom to discharge their obligations to their own families and their own community and country. They yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of living their own lawful lives. The white rulers had no compassion for them. They oppressed their own people and put them in prison. If they had some freedom it was curtailed. They lived the life of a slave. Mandela himself had to spend many years in 'Robben Island' as a prisoner where he was beaten mercilessly. He considered it as a great glorious human achievement that a black person like him became the President of a country where the blacks were not considered even human beings and were treated badly. (8)

OR

- (b) Frost presents the two darkest traits of humanity; the capacity to hate and the capacity to be consumed by lust or desire. Of the two, attributes the greater of the two evils, is desire. In giving desire, the foremost position with regard to the destruction of the world. Frost is providing a powerful statement on the subject of greed and jealousy, saying that above all else, desire is the trait of humanity that is most likely to lead to its demise. Desire represents the greatest problem that attributes to the cause of the war. Frost then attributes hatred with the same capacity to do harm. However, he lessens the relative importance of hatred yet still presents it as having the ability to lead to the destruction of the world if it were to happen

for a second time.

Love, compassion, equality, consideration and sympathy can alone help mankind in establishing peace on the earth. Too much desire and too much coldness bring an end of the world. (8)

Q.11) ANY ONE (4 mark for content + 2 mark for fluency + 2 mark grammatical accuracy)

- (a) It is seen that those who easily trust others are honest and simple-hearted. They are also the persons who are easily cheated. This is fully applicable to the young lawyer. He easily trusts the hack driver who is himself Oliver Lutkins. The young lawyer comes to New Mullion to serve summons on Lutkins. But Lutkins traps him in his trap. The hack driver (Oliver Lutkins) tells lies after lies about Lutkins. He tells the young lawyer that he will be available at Fritz's shop. He takes him there. When he is not there he tells that Lutkins will be at Gustaffs barber shop. He then takes him to his mother. She is such a ferocious woman that she threatens to burn him alive. It is rightly said that people should not be too trusting as this always leave them to be a fool. (8)

OR

- (b) 'Yes, it is very true that love and affection can transfer even a criminal and change him into a good human being. Anil was a simple and honest person. Hari Singh targeted him. Anil took Hari Singh to his house and and behaved well with him. He even started teaching him how to read and write. Anil's trust and faith in Hari Singh forced him not to cheat him. When he stole his money and went out of the house, Anil's love and confidence forced him to come back and put the money from where he had taken it. Anil also wanted him to have a respectable life in the society. All these changed Hari Singh and transformed him from a thief to a good human being. The story, thus, is full of good things of quality. Through Anil, it tells how good values like hard work, honesty, self-content etc, pay one in the end. In changing Hari Singh's mind, it shows how bad characters turn into good one. We all should be like Anil. (8)

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