



**SECTION A**

- Q.1.** (a) Pragyan (1)  
(b) Movement (1)  
(c) Chandrayan-I (1)  
(d) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1)  
(e) India's Orbiter, Lander, Rover Mission (1)  
(f) 20th August 2019 (1)  
(g) Satish Dhawan Space Centre (1)  
(h) False (1)

**Q.2) 2.1)**

- (a) All of us are now aware of the threats facing the Earth of the degradation that man is causing to his own environment. We know that the global temperature is rising, that the ozone layer is being disrupted, that the groundwater level is going down alarmingly. We also know that our air, water and soil are being increasingly polluted, that our forests are being steadily depleted. (2)
- (b) The most important reason is that our concept of development is unscientific and illogical. Our development has made life more complicated and difficult for us. (2)
- (c) Kerala was one of the most beautiful places on the Earth, all lush green with the Sahya Mountains on the East and the Arabian Sea on the West. Forty-four rivers and an intricate network of lakes and streams and backwaters and two regular rainy seasons kept this land cool and prosperous. (2)
- (d) The soil and water and the network of streams and canals have become polluted. In the name of development we have cleared most of our precious lands. Felling and encroachment, the so-called developmental activities and big dams have almost wiped them out. We have at present not more than 5% good forest in Kerala. (2)

- 2.2)** (a) Intricate (b) groves  
(c) degradation (d) felling (1 x 4 = 4)

**SECTION B**

**Q.3) Format = 1, Content = 4, Expression = 3**

- (a) Slate Public School  
Hingna, Nagpur

10 March, 2020

The Sales Manager  
Mittal Electronics and Domestic Appliances Limited  
Nagpur

**Sub :** Order for electronic & domestic appliances

Sir

We are your old and regular customer. We want to place a bulk order for the purchase of electronic and domestic appliances for the school hostel. As the new session will start from the next month, we have to ensure that we receive them within a week. Any delay will not be entertained. We expect a usual 10% discount on the goods purchased given to the institutional buyers. The particulars and the numbers of the items are as given below :

S.No.	Particulars	Qty.
1	Ceiling Fan (Usha)	5
2	Table Fans (Usha)	2
3	Air Conditioners (LG)	2

We hope all the items will reach us within a week as per the required *specifications* and discounts.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Amit / Amita

(Secretary)

**OR**

(b)

**Exercise Enhances Memory**

— *Mohit / Mohini*

A healthy mind lives in a healthy body. A study was conducted on obesity and many related diseases were found amongst teenagers. It is a fact that the present generation is definitely going to be of couch potatoes and the spectacled. We see all a round us children wearing spectacles and are obese. This all is due to eating rich food including the junk food and sitting for hours before TV screens, playing video games and no exercise. Such things do not bode well for human health.

Generally speaking studies and sports are indispensable for a proper growth and a good career. So physical exercises in the form of workouts, cycling, walking, playing traditional games are as important for good health as air and water for survival. An hour's daily workout, walking, cycling etc, done for six months to a year increase the size of crucial parts of the brain. Exercise not only helps us to control weight but also improved our fitness, skin texture, flexibility, learning & memory.

We need to spread awareness among the children and masses through posters and morning assembly talks. We must know that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body. So let us go out and exercise for better performance at academics and live a pleasant and contented life.

**Q.4) Format = 1, Content = 4, Expression = 5**

(a)

**A GOOD DEED**

I was returning home. I was lost in my own thoughts. However, I was in full command of myself. I saw a boy and stopped my car. I found him *shaken up*. It took me no time to understand that he, perhaps, had lost his way. I don't know what made me brake the car just near him. I asked him what he wanted. Finding some relief in the form of my asking him, he gathered up the courage and said, "I had been kidnapped two days before and was hidden in an old house in the forest. But I chanced upon getting some minutes to escape from there. Finding my way out, I came on this deserted road and called you to stop." I was horrified to hear him. I said to him, "Come inside my car and tell me everything." He told me that he was the only son of a billionaire. He had been kidnapped for *ransom*, while coming out of the school. He couldn't recognise the kidnappers as they had *covered* their faces. Luckily they escaped with the boy according to a well thought out plan.

I drove the car with him inside. I offered him some food as he had not eaten anything for days together. I asked him the details of his father and contact no. He gave the details. I wasted no time in calling them. I could understand the plight of his family. How terrible they were feeling! After a few hours I united the boy with his family. I was *elated* to have rendered all possible help to someone. Later I came to know that the boy's father had got ready to pay the ransom under the supervision of the police. But it didn't happen.

**OR**

(b)

**FOOTBALL**

We were playing football on the lawn. The football hit a neighbour's window and broke the glass pane. We had to stop as the ball had landed in the drawing room of our neighbour after breaking the glass-pane. Everyone knew what was coming. So we prepared ourselves to face the music. Our neighbour Ramesh was a veteran of so many such battles. He had earned a lot of notoriety among the children in the neighbourhood. He generally found excuses to pick up quarrels. He appeared at the window. He was in a furious mood. He started calling names. He threatened to break our heads and legs. We were dumbfounded. He continued heaping insults on us and calling our names. We were waiting for him to cool down and throw the ball below, back to us. But nothing of this kind happened. At last, with folded hands, we begged him to excuse us for our unintentional act. We hoped to get our ball back and resume the game. But he didn't relent. All our beggings and pleadings couldn't move his heart. He sounded more threatening and dangerous. We stood helplessly not knowing how to pacify such a monster. Suddenly a

stone came from nowhere and hit the second window of our neighbour. He was not prepared for such a situation. We realised that it was high time for us to run away from the place. We ran towards our respective houses leaving the monster crying and threatening to break our heads and legs.

**Q.5)** (a) has (b) at (c) and (d) of (1 x 4 = 4)

<b>Q.6)</b>	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>	
(a)	of	for	(b)	independence	independent
(c)	is	are	(d)	their	our

(1 x 4 = 4)

**Q.7)** (a) He ran away with fifteen thousand worth cash and jewellery.  
 (b) A case has been registered at the police station.  
 (c) Police department has promised to arrest the thief as soon as possible.  
 (d) All eyes are now on the alertness and efficiency of the police department. (1 x 4 = 4)

### SECTION C

**Q.8)** (a) (i) Stepan Chuckov (b) (ii) Otter  
 (c) *Camusfearna* (d) 'came to my mind' (1 x 4 = 4)

**OR**

(a) (i) Snorting (b) (i) moving tail  
 (c) *robin at a worm.* (d) Sound of irons striking (1 x 4 = 4)

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

- (a) The neighbours were anxious to meet the lawyer because he was a lawyer. A lawyer is supposed to be intelligent and clever. But Lutkins deceived such a man. This was really superb of him. So they were anxious to see such a lawyer who has been befooled. (2)
- (b) Lencho looked at the raindrops. He compared them to new coins of money. It is because the crops needed the rain badly. The rain was coming in drops now. Coins are money. A good crop would mean money. So the crops were money for Lencho. So he compared them with coins. (2)
- (c) The poem shows the true nature of the humans who measure love through the outer beauty only. But this outer beauty is transient. What is important is not the outward appearance but the love or beauty that lie within us. God doesn't love a man due to the physical beauty as humans tend to do, but loves humans for themselves. (2)
- (d) No doubt, Horace Danby was a meticulous planner. He made an extensive study of the place before making an attempt to rob it. In the present case also he studied the rooms, the electric wiring, the paths and the garden before making his attempt. He also made sure about the family and the servants. Everything was going smoothly. But he had an attack of hay fever which upset him for some time. While he was still upset, a lady appeared from the doorway. She posed as the mistress of the house. She had caught him red-handed making a burglary in the house. His fear of prison made him do what she wanted. He broke open the safe without gloves This proved to be a costly mistake". (2)
- (e) The point of dispute is of Oxen Meadows. Lomov says they are his. Natalya says they are theirs. Lomov says that his aunt's grandmother gave those Meadows to the peasants of Natalya's father's grandfather. It was in return for their making bricks for them. (2)
- (f) 'How to Tell Wild Animals' is basically a light, humorous poem. Its intended purpose is to make us aware of some distinguished marks of different animals. The poet wants us to have this knowledge in mind when we go out for a stroll, especially in a forest. The knowledge about animals is a must to safeguard against danger from anyone of them to our life. (2)

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

- (a) Wanda Petronski 'a Polish girl' has shifted to America with her parents and younger brother. She is too kind and simple-hearted. Hence, she never behaves badly with anyone. She feels disturbed when Peggy teases her. But she replies confidently and courageously to what Peggy says to her. She wears the same blue faded dress everyday but she never complains about shortage of anything. She is too talented and has a good hand at drawing. She also wins the drawing contest and, thus, shows her active side. She is forgiving and generous as she forgives Peggy and Maddie by gifting them two of her drawings wherein she draws their faces. To conclude, it can be said that she is a mature, sensible and loving girl who cares about everyone.

Wanda Petronski in her letter shows such a great character. It lifts her up in our eyes. She remains polite, peaceful and friendly towards Peggy and Maddie despite their teasing her. Her letter lifts her up in our estimate. Really she has great character traits. An ordinary person would spit poison on Peggy and Maddie as they display racist hatred. But Wanda shows her polite, peaceful and friendly traits. Only few persons have such character traits. They are just great and can command respect from peace-loving persons. Such traits are necessary for a tension-free life. There are persons in every society who enjoy racism and regionalism. But these are not good for civilization and human progress. By bearing out such traits as Wanda displays, one becomes God-like. We need to emulate such good qualities in our characters. (8)

**OR**

- (b) Upbringing plays an essential role in personality development of an adult. Whenever we wish to admire or criticise someone, we question the upbringing of that person. Robin Klein's poem Amanda highlights the tension in the 'proper' upbringing of a child. To instill good values and moral principles in a growing up child comes as a foremost duty for the parents. However, the poem Amanda shows how a child feels trapped within the cluster of instructions. Amanda is no less than a victim in this travesty. No proper space is given to her creativity. She is instructed for everything. As a result, she feels trapped and seeks an escape. Her imagination proves to be the shelter for her escape and also her defence against her nagging parents. Situation of Amanda is so worse that she wishes to be an orphan, in order to get rid of her parents. She imagines enacting various roles varying from mermaid to Rapunzel. Amanda wishes to live alone and carefreely. It is very important to understand the situation of Amanda where her freedom is cut short by constant instructions and guidelines. Proper balance should be maintained when dealing with such delicate issues. Love and care should always be part of this two way transaction. (8)

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

- (a) Tricki is Mrs Pumphrey's dog whom she loves dearly. She doted on him and pampered him by overfeeding him. Mrs Pumphrey was governed by the belief that Tricki did not eat very well and she fed him more than required. Tricki, whose only fault was greed, happily ate all the rich food she lovingly fed him and grew fat as a result. He looked like a bloated sausage on four legs. The fact that he didn't exercise at all made things even worse. When he could not eat any more, Mrs Pumphrey panicked and gave him his favourite food : cream cakes and chocolates. This over-indulgence made Tricki listless and lethargic to the extent that he could barely move. So, he surely was a victim of over-indulgence. She calls Dr Herriot for his treatment. Dr Herriot immediately takes the dog, to his clinic. He restricts his diet and makes him do plenty of exercise. When Tricki recovers completely, she thinks that the medical treatment given by Dr Herriot has cured him. She describes Tricki's recovery as " a triumph of surgery." (8)

**OR**

- (b) There are three main ingredients in the making of a scientist : a first rate mind, curiosity to know the unknown and the will to win for the right reasons. All the great researchers and scientists have these qualities. Curiosity to know more and a motivation of find reasons for existence of anything or any phenomena are necessary for becoming a successful scientist. The urge to know more develops the scientific aptitude in a person. At a very young age, Ebright became competitive by participating in various country fairs. Never lost hope and kept on trying to do better In addition to curiosity and motivation, Ebright displayed the qualities of hard work, sincerity, determination and patience. He also accepted failure and success in the right spirit. Thus, he became a successful scientist. Ebright had all these great characteristics of a scientist. He was gifted with a sharp mind from his birth. He had also a curiosity to learn from the things around him. The book 'The Travels of Monarch X' opened the vast world of science to him. He was a champion debater and public speaker at school. He was also a good canoeist. He became an expert photographer. Thus, he had a well rounded personality. He won a number of awards for his prize projects in country and international science fairs. He was also expert photographer of nature and scientific exhibits. (8)