

PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER (2023-24)

CLASS: X

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- (i) The Question Paper contains four sections – Reading Skill, Grammar, Writing Skill and Literature.
 - (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION - A

20Marks

(READING SKILL)

Q 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)

1. India has launched an ambitious project, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, to provide primary education to all children. One of the major aims of the government has been to reduce the large number of drop-outs from the schools because it affects the economic development.

2. Various studies by different economists have shown that investment in education promotes economic growth. In any field, illiterate workers are unskilled and untrained; their general health is very poor. Literacy as well as education can create more productive labour force having enhanced knowledge and skills which ultimately tend to boost productivity both quantitatively and qualitatively.

3. Literacy in common people is also necessary for political stability in any country. Literacy increases the thinking power and understanding of the good or bad. When the people are literate, they can easily see through the cunningness of corrupt political leaders, thereby lessening the possibility of their being shortchanged by the latter.

4. Furthermore, educated folk tend to show a greater tendency towards fruitfully associating themselves with the establishment. With the increased participation rate of both men and women in local self-governance institutions, people can avail the opportunity to improve their local economic factors such as roads, electricity, etc.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the project 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' aim to provide ?

- A. high education to all
- B. primary education to all

- C. mid-day meal to students
- D. books to students

2. What has been one of the major aims of the government?

- A. spread education among the underprivileged
- B. increase the number of drop-outs from the school
- C. reduce the number of drop-outs from the school
- D. achieve hundred per cent literacy in the country

3. What does the Investment in education promote?

- (a) physical growth
- (b) economic growth
- (c) general health
- (d) timely growth

4. What does literacy increase?

- A. thinking power
- B. understanding of good or bad
- C. rising prices
- D. Both A and B

5. Which word in paragraph number 3 means the opposite of 'illiterate'?

- A. necessary
- B. stability
- C. understanding
- D. literate

Q6. Which project has been launched by India to provide primary education to all children?

Q7. How can more productive labour force be created?

Q8. What is necessary for political stability in any country?

Q9. How is the general health of the unskilled and untrained workers?

Q10. Which word in paragraph number one means the same as 'decrease'?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 10 Marks

1. Since he was a boy, Naveen Gulia had dreamed of joining the Paramilitary forces. So, after school he enrolled in the National Defence Academy and was accepted into the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

2. In 1995, Gulia fell while participating in infantry obstacle training at the IMA, crushing his spine and leaving him paralysed from the shoulders down. So severe were his

injuries that he spent two years in hospital, finally returning home in 1997, in a wheelchair.

3. Determined to use his mind if he could not use his body, Gulia completed a Masters in computer management and began teaching in a school. Gradually, he also rekindled his old passion for adventure sports. He started with just driving. Then he joined a flying club.

4. In 2004, Gulia made it to the Limca Book of Records as the only person to drive non-stop from Delhi to Marsimik La in Leh (Jammu & Kashmir), the highest motorable pass in the world. It took him 55 hours. Gulia also flies microlite aircraft, and paragliders. "The truth is, you become successful because of your difficulties, not despite them," he says.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whose life story has been depicted in the passage?
2. Where did Naveen Gulia get enrolled himself after school?
3. What does 'IMA' stand for?
4. In which year Naveen Gulia got paralyzed from the shoulders down?
5. In which subject did Gulia complete his master degree?
6. Since his boyhood, Gulia had dreamed of joining _____.
 - A. Air Force
 - B. Navy
 - C. Paramilitary Forces
 - D. All of these
7. How many years did Gulia spend in hospital after the accident?
 - A. 2 years
 - B. 3 years
 - C. 4 years
 - D. 5 years
8. When did Gulia make a record for the Limca Book?
 - A. 2005
 - B. 2004
 - C. 2003
 - D. 2001
9. How much time did Gulia take to drive non stop from Delhi to Leh?
 - A. 60 hours
 - B. 50 hours
 - C. 70 hours

D. 55 hours

10. According to Gulia, which thing makes a person successful?

- A. health
- B. money
- C. difficulties
- D. luck

**SECTION – B
(GRAMMAR)**

10 Marks

Q3. Attempt any ten sentences from the given items.

(10 X 1 =10)

a. Choose the correct **form of verb** from the given choices :

1. Diwali _____ (celebrate) every year with great zeal.

- A. celebrates
- B. is celebrated
- C. was celebrated
- D. is celebrating

2. By the time she was sixteen, she _____(become) a great singer.

- A. becomes
- B. has become
- C. had become
- D. None of these

b. Choose the correct **article** from the choice given:

3. He bought _____ Alsatian dog.

- A. the
- B. a
- C. an
- D. No article

4. _____ Bible gives me a lot of peace and wisdom .

- A. No article
- B. The
- C. A
- D. An

c. Choose the correct **punctuated sentence**.

5. The ramayana is the holy book of the hindus

- A. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus?
- B. The Ramayana is the holy book of the hindus.
- C. the Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus.

D. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus.

6. leela said have you any small bangles.

A. leela said, "Have you any small bangles?"

B. Leela said, "Have you any small bangles?"

C. Leela said, "Have you any small bangles."

D. Leela said, "Have you any small bangles"?

d. Choose the correct **modal** from the choice given:

7. We _____ leave for Goa in the morning.

A. dare

B. must

C. need

D. shall

8. If he had money, he _____ buy a car.

A. should

B. would

C. can

D. must

e. Choose the most suitable option showing the transformation of following **simple sentences into complex sentences** using adjective clauses.

9. I want to talk to this man.

A. This is the man who I want to talk.

B. This is the man to whom I want to talk.

C. This is the man I want to talk.

D. This is the man why I want to talk.

10. He was born in this city.

A. This is the city how he was born.

B. This is the city when he was born.

C. This is the city where he was born.

D. This is the city that he was born.

f. Choose the correct **Non-finite** from the choices given.

11. ___ (Gamble) is a crime.

A. Gamble

B. to gamble

C. Gambling

D. Having gambled

12. It is easy ___ (advise) others.

A. advise

B. to advise

- C. advising
- D. None of these

SECTION – C
(WRITING SKILL)

10 Marks

Q4. Attempt any one of the following : (5)

- (i) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the examination.
- (ii) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against poor supply of water in your locality.

Q5. Attempt anyone of the following: (5)

- (i) You are Neha, a student of 10th class. You attended an NSS camp recently. Write a report in about 40 words for your school magazine about the same.
- (ii) Suppose you are Rohit. Your friend Naman wants to know about your school library. Write down the conversation between you and your friend.

SECTION - D
(LITERATURE)

40 Marks

Q6. Do any one of the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. (5)

'Paper has more patience than people'. I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding; Yes, paper does have more patience and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a diary, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the chapter.
2. Who does 'I' refer to here?
3. Who does have more patience than people ?
4. Who does the phrase 'stiff backed notebook' refer to here?
5. Which word in the passage means the same as 'sad'?

Or

Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping-pong balls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I had brought back from his native marshes. With the ping-pong ball he invented a game of his own which could keep him engrossed for up to half an hour at a time.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken.
2. With which things would Mij play for hours?
3. With which thing Mij invented a game of his own?
4. Who was Mij?
5. What does the word 'engrossed' mean here?

Q7. Answer any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Why is 10th May 1994 important for South Africa? (Long Walk to Freedom)
- (ii) How did the woman in control room react when the writer asked about another aeroplane? (The Black Aeroplane)
- (iii) Describe the wildlife of Coorg. (Coorg)
- (iv) Why did Lomove want to get married? (The Proposal)

Q8. Attempt any one of the following questions :

(6)

'Lencho had deep and indomitable faith in God'. Elaborate this statement.

Or

'The Sermon at Benares' is about a universal truth of life. Discuss.

Q9. Attempt any one of the following stanzas :

(5)

Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice might nonplus,
The Crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus:
Hyenas come with merry smiles;
But if they weep they're Crocodiles.

QUESTIONS:

- (1) What does The phrase 'beasts of prey' mean?
2. Name the poem and the poet.
3. For a novice what would be difficult?
4. How do hyenas come?
5. How would you identify a crocodile?

Or

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,

Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. How much brave is Belinda described?
3. How much brave are Ink and Blink described?
4. How much brave is Mustard described?
5. For what did Custard always cry ?

Q10. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- i. Which things can destroy the world according to Robert Frost? (Fire and Ice)
- ii. What is the theme of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?
- iii. Why did the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball? (The Ball Poem)
- iv. How is the night described in the poem 'The Trees'?

Q11. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh? Support your answer with evidence
- (ii) Why did Mrs. Hall believe that the house was haunted?
- (iii) Write a short note on the role of Richard's mother in his success?
- (iv) Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber Nath ?

Q12. Attempt any one of the following questions :

(6)

Describe the bond between Mrs. Pumphrey and her pet dog Tricki?

or

Matilda was an example of vanity. Comment.

Answer key

Practice Question paper

Class: 10th

Marking instruction

Question No.	Expected Answers	Marks awarded
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (B) primary education to all2.(C) to reduce the number of drop-outs from the schools3. (B) economic growth4.(D) Both A and B5. (D) literate6. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan7. More productive labour force can be created through enhanced knowledge and skills.8. Literacy in common people is necessary for political stability in any country.9. The general health of the untrained and unskilled workers is very poor.10. to reduce	10 Marks (1 Mark each)
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The life story of a boy named Naveen Gulia has been depicted in the passage.2. After school, he enrolled himself in the National Defence Academy.3. IMA stands for Indian Military Academy.4. In 1995, he was paralysed from the shoulders down.5. He completed his master degree in Computer Management.6. (C) paramilitary forces7.(A) 2 years8. (B) 20049. (D) 55 hours10. (C) difficulties	10 Marks (1 Mark each)

3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (B) is celebrated 2. (C) had become 3. (C) an 4. (B) The 5. (D) The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus. 6. (B) Leela said, " Have you any small bangles?" 7. (D) shall 8. (B) would 9. (B) This is the man to whom I want to talk. 10. (C) This is the city where he was born. 11. (C) Gambling 12. (B) to advise 	10 Marks
4	<p>Letter</p> <p>Format : 1 mark Sender's address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject and Salutation, Body of letter & Complimentary Close</p> <p>Award full marks if all aspects are included. Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing.</p> <p>Content : 2 marks Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks Award full marks if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate • Coherent and relevant ideas • One or two grammatical/ spelling mistake <p><u>Model Answer</u> Examination Hall Gurugram 5th March 2023</p> <p>Sewa Sadan Sector 90 Gurugram</p> <p>Dear Aman</p> <p>I was thrilled to hear the wonderful news of your recent success! Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable achievement.</p>	5 Marks

I have always admired your unwavering determination, dedication, and passion for your chosen field. Your hard work and perseverance have truly paid off, and I am incredibly proud of you for reaching such a significant milestone.

Your success is not only a personal triumph but also an inspiration to those around you. As you embark on this new chapter of your life, I wish you all the best for continued success and prosperity.

With warmest regards and admiration.

Your truly Friend
Sneha

Or

941, Sector 13
Ambala
5th March 2023

The Editor
The Tribune
Ambala

Subject : complaint against poor water supply in our area

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to express my deep concern and frustration over the persistent issue of poor water supply in Sector 13. We have been facing irregular and inadequate water supply since last six months. The water supply is erratic and smelly. This situation is not only disrupting our daily routines but also posing a serious threat to our health and well-being.

Despite repeated complaints to the concerned authorities, no significant action has been taken to address this issue. I urge you to highlight this pressing matter in your esteemed newspaper to bring it to the attention of the relevant authorities. It is imperative that immediate action is taken to improve the water supply infrastructure, ensure regular and adequate supply of clean water, and address the concerns regarding water quality.

	<p>Thank you for considering my concerns.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Aman</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Report Format : 1 mark Box, Title/ Heading, Place, Date, Name of reporter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award full marks if all aspects are included. • Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing. • Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing. <p>Content : 2 marks</p> <p>Accuracy & Expression : 2 marks Award full marks if :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate • Coherent and relevant ideas • one or two grammatical/ spelling mistake <p>Model Answer :</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Gyan Kunj Sr. Sec. School N. S. S. Camp Report by Neha</p> <p>6th April 2023 Bhiwani</p> <p>I recently participated in a seven-day NSS camp from 16th March to 23rd March. It was held by our school in the nearby rural village. During the camp, we conducted various activities, including teaching children, cleaning up the village, and organizing a cultural program. The camp was a great opportunity to learn about the challenges faced by rural communities and to make a positive impact on their lives. I learned about teamwork, leadership and social</p> </div>	<p>5 Marks</p>

	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">responsibility. I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the camp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Model Answer : Naman: Hey, I've heard that your school library is pretty amazing. Can you tell me more about it?</p> <p>Rohit: Sure! Our school library is a great place to relax, study, and learn. We have a wide variety of books, magazines, and other resources. We also have computers that you can use for research or just for fun.</p> <p>Naman: That sounds awesome! What kind of books do you have?</p> <p>Rohit: We have books on just about every topic you can imagine. We have fiction, non-fiction, history, science, math, and more.</p> <p>Friend: Wow, that's impressive. What about magazines?</p> <p>Me: We have a lot of popular magazines, like Time, Newsweek, and National Geographic.</p> <p>Naman: That's amazing! It sounds like your school library has everything I could ever need.</p> <p>Naman: Yes, It's definitely a great resource for students.</p> <p>Rohit: Thanks for telling me about it!</p>	
6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of the Chapter : From the Diary of Anne Frank 2. The word 'I ' refers to Anne Frank here. 3. Paper does have more patience than people. 4. The phrase 'stiff backed notebook' refers to diary. 5. depressed <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of the Chapter : Mijbil the Otter 2. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping pong ball, marbles, rubber fruit and the terrapin shell. 	5 Marks

	<p>3. He invented a game of his own with the ping- pong ball.</p> <p>4. Mij was the pet otter of Maxwell.</p> <p>5. Kept busy or engaged</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>(i) Suggested value points : the first democratic and non-racial government elections held, Nelson Mandela the first Black president, an end to the policy of apartheid, period of liberty for the black people.</p> <p>Model Answer : 10th May 1994 is important for South Africa because the first democratic and non racial government elections were held on this day in the country. Nelson Mandela was elected as the first Black President of the country. This day symbolised the victory of good over bad. This day remarked an end to the policy of apartheid. On this day, the period of liberty for the black people started after more than 300 years of white supremacy.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested value points : landed the plane safely with the help of the black aeroplane, asked the woman about the mysterious plane, the woman was shocked, no such plane was seen on the radar.</p> <p>Model Answer : The narrator was able to land his plane safely with the help of the black aeroplane. After landing, he asked the woman in the control centre about the mysterious aeroplane. But the woman was shocked at his question. The reason was that there was no such aeroplane flying in the sky that night. No black plane was seen on the radar.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested value points : full of diversity, animals like langoors, squirrels and loris, birds are kingfishers, thriving fauna.</p> <p>Model Answer : The wildlife of Coorg is full of diversity. It consists of animals like macaques, langurs, Malabar squirrels, loris and elephants. The birds spotted in Coorg are kingfishers. Thus it has a thriving fauna in its jungles.</p>	<p>2 X 3 = 6</p>

	<p>(iv) Suggested value points : eager to marry, reached the critical age of 35, suffering from palpitation and sleep sickness, wanted the company of someone who looks after him. (any other relevant point)</p> <p>Model Answer : Lomov wanted to get married as he was already thirty five years old. He called this age 'a critical age'. Moreover, he was suffering from palpitation and sleep sickness. He wanted company of someone to look after him. He wanted to lead a regular life.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Suggested value points : Lencho a poor hardworking farmer, crop destroyed in a hailstorm, no one to support his family, indomitable faith in God, hopeful that God would help him, wrote a letter to God to send him 100 pesos, received the money without showing any surprise and got angry when counted the money, God could not make this mistake, wrote another to God and asked to send the rest of money not through mail because the employees are a bunch of crooks</p> <p>Model Answer : Lencho was a poor but hard-working farmer. His crop was destroyed completely because of hailstorm. He became hopeless because he did not have even a penny. There was no one in the valley to support his family. But he had firm faith in the almighty God. He hoped that God would help him and make sure that he and his family would not starve. He wrote a letter to God and asked Him to send 100 pesos. He went to the town and mailed the letter through the post office. When he received the money, he didn't try to know about the sender. Because he had an unquestioning faith in God. When he counted the money, he got angry. He knew that God could not not make a mistake. He was sure that God would not send him less the amount than he had asked for. He thought that the post office employees had taken his money. So he wrote another letter to God and requested Him to send rest of the money. He asked God not to send the money through mail because the post office employees were a bunch of crooks. All these things show his deep faith in God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p>	<p>6 Marks</p>

	<p>Suggested value points : The Sermon about the universal truth of life, death is inevitable, illustrated through the story of Kisa Gotami, her only son died, wanted medicine to revive her son, Buddha asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds, unable to find a house where no one had died, realised the fate of mortals, human life short and full of pain,</p> <p>Model Answer : Yes, 'The Sermon at Benares is about a universal truth of life. And the universal truth of life is that death is an inseparable part of life. Death is inevitable. We need to overcome the suffering and pain that follows. This fact is illustrated through the story of Kisa Gotami. Her only son had died. She wandered looking for someone who would revive her son. Buddha told her to get a handful of mustard seeds from a house where no one had ever died. After failing to procure a handful of mustard seeds from such a house, she sat down by the roadside. She was feeling helpless and tired. She considered the mortal nature of man. She saw the lights of the city that flickered and were extinguished. At last it was darkness everywhere. She realised that death was common to all and she was being selfish in her grief. This is what Buddha wanted her to understand that everyone who is born has to die one day. Life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The phrase 'beasts of prey' means animals that kill other animals for food. 2. Name of the Poem: How to Tell Wild Animals Name of the Poet: Carolyn Wells 3. It would be difficult to distinguish between a crocodile and a hyena for a novice. 4. Hyenas come with smiling face. 5. A crocodile is identified through its tears from its eyes. <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of the Poem :The Tale of Custard the Dragon Name of the Poet : Ogden Nash 2. Belinda is described as brave as a group of bears. 3. Ink and Blink are brave enough to hunt lions. 4. Mustard is as brave as an angry tiger. 5. Custard always cried for a safe cage. 	<p>5 Marks</p>

(i) Suggested Value Points :

both fire and ice are destructive, fire of violent desires will end the world, ruined by hatred if gets perished twice, need of the hour is to save the earth.

Model Answer :

According to Robert Frost, both fire and ice are destructive. Here fire symbolises desire and ice symbolises hatred. The poet says that fire of violent desires will put the world to an end. if the world has to perish twice, it will be ruined by hatred.

In fact, the poet wants to say that the need of the hour is to figure out what needs to be done to save the earth.

(ii) Suggested Value Points :

shows his concern for the wild caged animals, freedom natural instinct, man should not harm wildlife, wild animals not meant to be displayed in the zoo.

Model Answer :

Through the poem, the poet wishes to convey his concern for the wild animals which are forced into a life of captivity by man. Love for freedom is the natural Instinct of every living being. Everyone loves freedom and does not want to live in confinement so men should not harm and destroy wild life. Wild animals are not meant to be caged and displayed in the zoo.

(iii) Suggested Value Points :

the boy should learn the lesson of life, how to accept the loss, things are found and lost , be brave enough to understand the inevitability of loss.

Model Answer :

The poet does not offer the boy money to buy another ball. The reason is that the poet wants the boy to learn that loss is a part of life. The poet wants that the boy should learn how to accept the loss of worldly possessions. it is the nature of life that things are found and lost too. Nothing remains with us forever. So we have to be brave enough to understand and accept the inevitability of loss.

(iv) Suggested Value Points :

use of effective imagery, night is fresh and moon shines, smell of leaves, moon appears like a broken mirror.

	<p>Model Answer : The night is described with the use of effective imagery. The night is full of freshness. The whole moon shines. The smell of leaves and lichen reaches those inside the captivity like a voice coming from far away. The trees block the view and make the moon appear like a broken mirror on the crown of the oak.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>(i) Suggested Value Points : Anil forgave Hari Singh, gave him a fifty rupee note, told him that he would be paid regularly, said nothing although he knew about the theft.</p> <p>Model Answer : Yes, Anil had forgiven Hari Singh. It is evident because Anil made tea and gave a fifty rupee note to Hari. He told Hari Singh that he would now be paid regularly. Hari Singh was aware that Anil knew about the theft. But he did not say anything.</p> <p>(ii) Suggested Value Points : no one in the room, heard sniff close to her ear, the hat leapt and dashed into her face, bedroom chair pushed them out of the room.</p> <p>Model Answer : One day Mr. and Mrs. Hall peeped into Griffin's room. They found nobody there. Suddenly Mrs. Hall heard a sniff close to her ear. The hat leapt up and dashed itself into her face. Then the bedroom chairs sprang into the air and pushed them both out of the room. These things made her believe that the room was haunted.</p> <p>(iii) Suggested Value Points : played an important role, got him a children's book, got him all things required for the development of scientific aptitude, inspired his interest in learning.</p> <p>Model Answer : Ebright's mother played an important role in making him a successful scientist. She got him a children's Book title 'The Travels of Monarch X' which became a turning point in his life. She bought him all those things required for the</p>	<p>2 x 3 =6 Marks</p>

	<p>development of scientific aptitude. She encouraged and inspired his interest in learning.</p> <p>(iv) Suggested Value Points : Bholi got furious at his demand of dowry, through the garland, broke her silence, would not marry a greedy and heartless man like him.</p> <p>Model Answer : Bholi was furious at the act of Bishamber Nath who demanded a dowry of 5000 rupees to marry her. She had cold contempt on her face. She threw the garland into the fire. She broke her silence and said that Bishambhar was a heartless creature. She said that she would not accept a greedy, mean and coward as her husband.</p>	
12	<p>(i) Suggested Value Points : Mrs. Pumphrey loved Tricki very much, provided a comfortable life, maintained his wardrobe full of fancy dresses, overfed him with cod liver oil, malt and horlicks, Tricki became seriously ill and taken to surgery, sent eggs and brandy, happy to see Tricki healthy, Tricki also happy to see his mistress.</p> <p>Model Answer : Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich woman who loved her dog Tricki very much. She wanted her dog to spend a comfortable and lavish life. She had maintained a wardrobe full of fancy fur coats, dresses, bed etc. for Tricki. She used to overfeed him out of her love and concern. She used to serve him cod- liver oil and malt between the main meals and horlicks after dinner to give him strength. This made the dog lazy, inactive and very fat. He started vomiting and fell ill. Mrs. Pumphrey got worried and made a frantic call to Dr. Herriot. Tricki was taken to his surgery. Even in the hospital, she continued to shower her love by sending eggs, wine and brandy. After a fortnight, she was called to take back the dog home. This news made her say that it was a triumph of surgery. When Tricki saw his mistress, he jumped into her lap. He was also very happy to go home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Suggested Value Points :</p>	6 Marks

Matilda not satisfied with humble surroundings, to show vanity borrowed diamond necklace from her friend, sense of victory at the ball, lost the necklace and did not confess to the friend, got into poverty and debt to replace the necklace, lifestyle changed in negative sense, worked hard for 10 long years, an example of vanity.
(any other relevant point)

Model Answer :

Matilda was a very pretty young lady. But she was not satisfied with the poverty of her family. She hated her own humble surroundings and spent her time dreaming about a luxurious life. To get pleasure and to show her vanity, she borrowed a diamond necklace from her friend Mme. Forstier. She had a sense of victory at the ball. Everybody praised her beauty. But she lost the necklace in the party. She did not confess it to her friend. Rather she got into poverty and debt to replace it by a necklace that looked similar to it. She and her husband had to make severe compromises in their lifestyle. She worked hard at the household chores while her husband over worked at the office. They worked hard for ten long years to pay up the loan. All this shows that Matilda was an example of vanity.