

I PRE BOARD (2020-21)
ENGLISH – Core
CLASS-XII

(SET 3)

Time allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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Part A (40 Marks)

READING (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

(1x10 = 10)

“Crack-crack...kowowww! Thunder, and then a shock of lightening etched its reflection upon the corrugated metal siding,” Rowan read aloud.

She worked to read clearly, with depth and emotion. Her eyes scanned the next paragraph. She took a breath to continue, but was interrupted by her younger brother Nolan, stretched out on the living room couch, flicking a pencil against his forehead.

“I was never a big fan of onomatopoeia,” Nolan said, in his usual, supercilious manner. “It is impossible to write words that truly sound like a thunderstorm, a jar opening, or a falling tree, yes? But please, do continue.”

Rowan sucked her teeth. “That’s why I can’t stand doing this in front of you, Nolli. You are no help at all. Haven’t you something better to do?”

“Ha! Better than to annoy you before your moment of reckoning? I don’t think so.” Nolan's enjoyment of getting under his big sister’s skin was fully conspicuous.

“Nolli, please keep quiet!” Mother Ann broke in. “This is important. Rowan presents in less than an hour. She needs to focus. Row, sweetheart, please continue.”

Mother Ann's comments seemed to assuage Rowan’s irritation. She cleared her throat and continued where she had left off. “Farmer John knew this was a storm of epic proportion. Even the cows retreated to their hutches. Not one person in the...” “The cows *retreated*?

The cows *retreated*?” Nolan chortled upon hearing the repetition of this line in his own voice. “That’s great. Even the stupid cows retreated! Oh, man. That must have been one heck of a storm-a-brewing’. Mama, I’m scared!” Nolan howled at the ceiling and curled up into a tight little ball of laughter.

“Nolli!” Mother Ann shouted suddenly, her thunderous voice tantamount to the rumbling storm Rowan was attempting to capture in her reading. Nolan gave a little start. “You have no idea how difficult it is to speak in front of a crowd. Your sister has been preparing for this presentation for weeks and I swear if you don’t...”

Mother Ann continued to castigate Nolan most thoroughly, scolding him for his rudeness and lack of respect. Then, feeling as though she had achieved the intended effect, she sighed rather contentedly and reclined in her chair. Sometimes she reminded even herself the fury by which, if completely necessary, she could quell any quarrel.

Nolan had fallen silent and was now sitting upright, his hands folded before him. He actually appeared a bit remorseful. "Oh, Mother," Rowan sighed, crumpling to the floor, despondent. "It's no use. 'The Storm' shall be the end of me." "Ahh, but Rowan, my dear," Mother rejoined. "This is but a mere shower!"

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below. (1x10 = 10)

Questions:

i) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best definition for **onomatopoeia**?

- A. a story that is told orally
- B. a word that imitates the sound it represents
- C. the repetition of the initial letter sound
- D. the repetition of similar vowel sounds

ii) Why does Rowan get upset with Nolan?

- I. because he is annoying her
 - II. because he interrupts her reading
 - III. because he is making fun of her delivery of the reading
- A. I only
 - B. II only
 - C. I and II
 - D. II and III

iii) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best definition for **supercilious**?

- A. arrogant and haughty
- B. comical and carefree
- C. gifted with words
- D. youthful and smart

iv) Which of the following words best describes Nolan's personality?

- A. juvenile
- B. malicious
- C. intelligent
- D. playful

v) What is Nolan most likely referring to when he jokes about Rowan's "moment of reckoning"?

- A. the end of her life
- B. an upcoming presentation
- C. a time when Mother will yell at Rowan
- D. a time when Nolan will annoy Rowan even more

vi) In the middle of the story, the author writes, "Mother Ann's comments seemed to assuage Rowan's irritation." Which is the best way to rewrite this sentence, while keeping its original meaning?

- A. Mother Ann's comments made Rowan feel worse.
- B. Mother Ann's comments were intended to defend Rowan.
- C. Mother Ann's comments did nothing to help Rowan.
- D. Mother Ann's comments helped to ease Rowan's irritation.

vii) As used at the end of the story, which is the best antonym for **despondent**?

- A. hopeless
- B. irritated
- C. optimistic
- D. critical

viii) What does Mother Ann most likely mean when she tells Rowan, "This is but a mere shower"?

- A. Rowan's present situation isn't that bad
- B. Rowan's presentation will be a disaster.
- C. . It has started to rain outside
- D. Mother's anger with Nolan was just for show.

ix) If X is **tantamount** to Y, then X

- A. is longer than Y
- B. is less than Y
- C. equals Y
- D. and Y have no connection

x) If Mother Ann is **castigating** Nolan, what is she doing?

- A. yelling at him
- B. abusing him
- C. threatening him
- D. punishing him

xi) **Which of the following statements are correct:**

- I. Rowan has to write a story that includes a description of a Storm.
- II. Nolan has been trying to annoy Rowan just before her presentation.
- III. Mother thundered like a storm at Nolan's behaviour.
- IV. Nolan is participating in the presentation with Rowan.
- V. Mother gives an insight on the philosophy of life.

- A. Options I , IV and V
- B. Options II, III and IV
- C. Options II, III and V
- D. Options III , IV and V

2. Read the passage given below.

Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy

Concussions are brain injuries that occur when a person receives a blow to the head, face, or neck. Although most people who suffer a concussion experience initial bouts of dizziness, nausea, and drowsiness, these symptoms often disappear after a few days. The long-term effects of concussions, however, are less understood and far more severe. Recent studies suggest that people who suffer multiple concussions are at a significant risk for developing chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a degenerative brain disorder that causes a variety of dangerous mental and emotional problems to arise weeks, months, or even years after the initial injury. The majority of people who develop these issues are athletes who participate in popular high-impact sports, especially football. Although both new sports regulations and improvements in helmet technology can help protect players, the sports media and fans alike bear some of the responsibility for reducing the incidence of these devastating injuries.

Improvements in diagnostic technology have provided substantial evidence to link severe—and often fatal—psychological disorders to the head injuries players receive while on the field. Recent autopsies performed on the brains of football players who have committed suicide have shown advanced cases of CTE in every single victim.

The National Football League (NFL) has revised its safety regulations. Players who have suffered a head injury on the field must undergo a "concussion sideline assessment"—a series of mental and physical fitness tests—before being allowed back in the game. In an effort to diminish the amount of head and neck injuries on the field, NFL officials have begun enforcing stricter penalty calls for helmet-to-helmet contact, leading with the head, and hitting a defenseless player. Furthermore, as of 2010, if a player's helmet is accidentally wrenched from his head during play, the ball is immediately whistled dead. There is hope that these new regulations, coupled with advances in helmet design, will reduce the number of concussions player endure, and thus curb the number of CTE cases.

Efforts by the NFL and other professional sports leagues are certainly laudable. Fatal cases of CTE have been reported in victims as young as 21. With appropriate equipment and form, tackling need not be dangerous. Proper tackling form—using the arms and shoulders to aim for a player's midsection rather than leading with the top of the head—should be taught at an early age. Furthermore, at an early age, athletes should be educated about the serious dangers of head injuries.

Perhaps the most important factor in reducing the number of traumatic brain injuries, however, lies not with the players, the coaches, or the administrators, but with the media and fans. Sports media producers have become accustomed to showcasing the most aggressive tackles and the most intense plays. NFL broadcasts often replay especially violent collisions, while the commentators marvel at the physical prowess of the players involved. Some sports programs even feature weekly countdowns of the hardest hits. When the media exalts such hazardous behavior, professionals are rewarded for injuring each other on the field, and amateurs become more likely to try to imitate their favorite NFL athletes. Announcers, commentators, television producers, and sportswriters should engage in a collective effort to cease glorifying brutal plays. In turn, fans should stop expecting their favorite players to put their lives on the line for the purposes of entertainment. Players must stop being encouraged to trade their careers, health, happiness, and their lives for the sake of a game.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven that follow. (1x10 = 10)

i) The author apparently believes that

- A. NFL officials have not thoroughly implemented stricter safety regulations
- B. doctors need to do more research about the potential long-term effects of CTE
- C. amateur athletes suffer more serious long-term effects of CTE than professional athletes
- D. fans share some of the blame for athletes' injuries

ii) According to the author, each of the following statements are true EXCEPT which one?

- A. Tackling itself is not dangerous; however, players who use improper tackling form may suffer injury.
- B. Scientists have established a link between players who shoot themselves and others and the onset of CTE.
- C. NFL officials have done nothing to address the problem of CTE.
- D. Athletes who are praised for exceptionally brutal hits are likely to continue engaging in such dangerous behavior.

iii) According to the author, which of the following contribute(s) to an increase in incidences of CTE in amateur players?

- I. fewer safety regulations than professional players
- II. a lack of education geared to youth players about the dangers of head injuries
- III. a desire to emulate professionals

- A. I only
- B. . I and II only
- C. . II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

iv) As used in paragraph 4, which is the best synonym for laudable?

- A. praiseworthy
- B. ineffective
- C. determined
- D. blameworthy

v) The author's tone in the final paragraph can best be described as

- A. apologetic
- B. depressed
- C. confused
- D. solemn

vi) As used in the final paragraph, which is the best antonym for exalts?

- A. ignores
- B. misrepresents
- C. criticizes
- D. reports

vii) In the final paragraph, the author writes, “Players must stop being encouraged to trade their careers, health, happiness, and their lives for the sake of a game.” Which of the following literary devices is used in this quotation?

- A. Irony, characterized by the expression of something which is contrary to the intended meaning.
- B. Climax, characterized by the arrangement of words, phrases, or causes in an order of ascending power.
- C. Litotes, characterized by the expression of understatement used for intensification of a rhetorical purpose.
- D. Hyperbole, characterized by the use of exaggeration for emphasis or rhetorical effect.

viii) What do you think is the most important factor in reducing brain injuries and CTE in sports?

- A. Improvements in diagnostic technology
- B. New sports regulations and improvements in helmet technology
- C. Tackling With appropriate equipment and form
- D. Stricter penalty calls for helmet-to-helmet contact

ix) Based on the information in the passage, How does CTE occur?

- A. brain injury that occur when a person receives a blow to the head can lead to CTE
- B. depression, anxiety, and aggression may cause CTE
- C. people who suffer multiple concussions are at a risk of CTE
- D. occurs in athletes who participate in popular high-impact sports, especially football

x) When the writer says that ‘ Players must stop being encouraged to trade their careers, health, happiness, and their lives for the sake of a game’. He doesn’t want to say that....

1. The players must not risk their lives to bring an unusual fascination in the game.
2. The players should stop the trade of match fixing for the sake of money and should pay attention at their career.
3. The players have a very short career in sports and they must keep some other options open.
4. Life is valuable and should be respected and at no cost the players should risk it.

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 3 and 4
- D. 4 and 1

xi) which of the following statements are not correct as per the passage?

- A. The sports Shows should broadcast the weekly countdowns of the hardest hits to make the players ashamed of their acts.
- B. There has been a connection in the presence of CTE in the players who committed suicides
- C. The media and the audience have been a factor in promoting the players to take risks that may lead to CTE
- D. Players who have suffered a head injury on the field must undergo a Concussion Sideline Assessment”.

LITERATURE (20 marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)

(A)

“I flailed at the surface of the water, swallowed and choked. I tried to bring my legs up, but they hung as dead weights, paralysed and rigid. A great force was pulling me under. I screamed, but only the water heard me. I had started on the long journey back to the bottom of the pool.”

i) How does the author describe going beneath the water the final time?

- A. His head throbbed
- B. He was paralyzed with fear
- C. His legs felt heavy and paralysed
- D. His lungs ached

ii) Why does he describe the journey in the pool as a long one?

- A. It was a very deep pool
- B. He went nineteen feet down the pool
- C. It appeared long as there was no escape
- D. There was a great force of wave in the pool

iii) Name the literary device used in ‘**they hung as dead weights**’

- A. Metaphor
- B. Simile

- C. Transferred Epithet
- D. Irony

iv) Which proverb most aptly describes the theme of the story 'Deep water'?

- A. Slow and steady wins the race
- B. Time and tide wait for none
- C. A bad workman blames his tools
- D. Where there is a will, there is a way

(B)

“They accordingly went back to Gandhi and told him they were ready to follow him into jail. “The battle of Champaran is won,” he exclaimed. Then he took a piece of paper and divided the group into pairs and put down the order in which each pair was to court arrest.”

i). Who were willing to follow Gandhi ji into jail?

- A. the landlords
- B. the peasants
- C. the lawyers
- D. the British

ii). _____ made them willing to follow him?

- A. the support which he showed in spite of being a stranger
- B. the fearless manner in which he asked for refund
- C. the desire to experience the atrocities of the British in jail
- D. the request of the peasants to show support to British

iii) What qualities of Gandhi Ji are reflected in the above paragraph ?

- A. Courage and determination
- B. Persuasiveness and leadership
- C. Forgiveness and truthfulness
- D. Non-violence and willingness

iv) Why did Gandhiji exclaim, “The battle of Champaran is won”?

- A. The peasants were ready to fight their battle.
- B. The lawyers took charge and were ready to contest the case.
- C. The peasants of all other provinces also came to Champaran to witness the battle.
- D. The solidarity of the lawyers brought support and strength to the movement.

(C)

“ Thus agreed, together they lifted the man. He was very light, like a fowl that had been half-starved for a long time until it is only feathers and skeleton. So, his arms hanging, they carried him up the steps and into the side door of the house. This door opened into a passage, and down the passage they

carried the man towards an empty bedroom. It had been the bedroom of Sadao's father, and since his death it had not been used. They laid the man on the deeply matted floor. Everything here had been Japanese to please the old man, who would never in his own home sit on a chair or sleep in a foreign bed."

- i) Who are 'they' in the paragraph?
 - A. The gardener and Yumi
 - B. The assassins and the General
 - C. The prisoner and Hana
 - D. Hana and Sadao

- ii) What did they agree upon?
 - A. They agreed upon taking the wounded man into their house
 - B. They agreed upon carrying the man to the sea and throw him into it.
 - C. They agreed upon operating on the wounded man.
 - D. They agreed upon handing over the man to the General

- iii) The quality of Sadao's father that has been highlighted in the paragraph is
 - A. Superstitious
 - B. Rationalism
 - C. Traditionalism
 - D. Positivity

- iv) Name the figure of Speech in 'He was very light, like a fowl that had been half-starved for a long time until it is only feathers and skeleton'
 - A. Metaphor
 - B. Simile
 - C. Irony
 - D. Hyperbole

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1 x 4 =4)

(A)

*A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.
Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits.*

- i) What does 'inhuman dearth of noble natures' refer to?
 - (a) Despair and despondence of life
 - (b) Darkened ways
 - (c) Selfish and self-centred behavior

- (d) Grandeur of the dooms
- ii) According to Keats what can help one get rid of sadness?
- (a) A beautiful object of nature
 - (b) Refreshing sleep after a tiring day
 - (c) By achieving Contentment
 - (d) Beautiful thoughts
- iii) The expression '*quiet breathing*' imply..
- (a) Sense of peace and serenity
 - (b) Sense of aggressiveness
 - (c) Sense of restlessness
 - (d) Sense of disappointment
- iv) Which figure of speech has been used in the expression '*gloomy days*'?
- (a) Personification
 - (b) Transferred epithet
 - (c) Oxymoron
 - (d) Enjambment

OR

- (B)
- Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.*

- i) What is the *wedding band* symbolic of?
- (a) Oppression
 - (b) Class inequality
 - (c) Fear
 - (d) Marital bliss
- ii) Which of the following adjectives describe Aunt Jennifer?
1. Bold
 2. Expressive
 3. Unafraid
 4. Proud
 5. Submissive
 6. Terrified

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 3 and 4

(c) 5 and 6

(d) 2 and 6

iii) Why did Aunt Jennifer create Tigers?

(a) To vent out her feelings as she could not express it to anyone

(b) She liked embroidery and wanted to show her creativity

(c) To pass time as she was not happy in her marriage

(d) Was asked to do so by her very dominating husband

iv). An example of transferred epithet is-

(a) Chivalric certainty

(b) Terrified hands

(c) Fluttering Fingers

(d) Ringed with Ordeals

5. Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below. (1x 8 = 8)

i). Why according to M.Hamel is Language the key to freedom?

(a) language gives expression to thoughts and lets free ideas prosper

(b) French is a logical language and the Germans would understand the fact some day

(c) Language helps to keep the people united and creates stronger bonding

(d) Because it is the only means of communication of the French during German invasion

ii) “The steel canister seems heavier than the plastic bag he would carry so lightly over his shoulders.”

Identify the literary device used in the sentence.

(a) Oxymoron

(b) Personification

(c) Contrast

(d) Alliteration

iii). Which statement is incorrect about the Rattrap Seller?

(a) The peddler believed on the philosophy of the entire world being a Rattrap and the people in it are the rats who are tempted with different baits.

(b) The peddler would also rely upon begging and petty thievery to support his opulent lifestyle.

(c) The peddler was welcomed both by the crofter and the Ironmaster at their respective houses as a guest.

(d) The peddler did not deceive the Ironmaster at the inception of the development of his misunderstanding.

iv). The images of Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling in the poem , My Mother at Sixty six have been used to ...

- (a) Highlight happy situations in a very sad time that provide a lot of comfort
- (b) Show how nature is full of various happy moments around us
- (c) Present a contrast the mother's situation against the youthfulness
- (d) Show how trees are young and appear to race in the opposite direction

v). Keeping Quiet' uses fishermen to symbolize man's

- (a) Persistent pollution of the natural environment.
- (b) Rapid degradation of human values.
- (c) Limitless exploitation of natural resources.
- (d) Constant participation in acts of terror.

vi). Which statement of Douglas rightly explains the phrase "At last I felt released"?

- (a) A student who gets the expected results
- (b) A student who is preparing for his examination
- (c) A student who failed in an examination
- (d) A student who is awaiting his result

vii). How the Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhiji's life?

- (a) He taught peasants a lesson of self-reliance
- (b) It was Gandhi's final triumph
- (c) It gave a spark to Civil Disobedience movement
- (d) It gave a start to Quit India Movement

viii) According to the poem 'Keeping Quiet', Earth is an example /symbol of apparent stillness with potential life. Which one of the following may be quoted as similar example?-

- (a) warriors indulge in green wars
- (b) underground seeds grow into fruitful trees
- (c) fishermen harm ocean life
- (d) salt gathers hurt their hands

ix) According to Keats, in A Thing of Beauty' what makes humans love their life ?

- (a) Constant troubles and sufferings
- (b) Persistent unhealthy state of mind
- (c) Never ending gloomy days
- (d) Intermittent phases of joy and happiness

x) In the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' the Tigers prancing proud and unafraid at the end signify:

- (a) Permanence of patriarchal society
- (b) Fulfilled desires of Aunt Jennifer
- (c) Sleek, Chivalric Denizens
- (d) Mastered by Ordeals

PART B (40 marks)

WRITING (16 marks)

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1x 3)

analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (A) You are Secretary of the music club of your school . Your school , Little World School is celebrating 7th Inter - school music carnival for the students of classes 8th - 12th . Write a notice inviting those who are interested to appear for an audition in the presence of a renowned singer Mr. Gautam Sharma. Construct necessary details.

OR

- (B) You are setting up a showroom for garments. You need smart and trained staff to run the showroom. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be printed in News Today, for a walk-in-interview for the posts of Floor Supervisors and Salespersons.

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1x 3)

analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (A) On 15th December your school is going to hold its Annual Sports Day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Diksha, Sports Secretary, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior.

OR

- (B) Draft a reply accepting an invitation to be present on the birthday celebrations of your friend's son. You are Devesh Sarin and your friend is Alok Gautam of 42, Ashok Vihar, Delhi.

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1x 5)

analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

- (A) You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals have caused traffic jam as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. So write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper telling him about the nuisance created by the stray animals. Sign your name as Preeti / Krishnan, C/5, Gwahati, Assam.



OR

(B) You are Chetan Sharma, a commerce graduate from Delhi University. You are seeking a suitable job. You came across an advertisement in *The Times of India*, inviting young and dynamic fresh graduates as sales assistants in a reputed company. Write a letter in 100-120 words, responding to the given advertisement, submitting your candidature with a detailed bio-data to Box No. 8365, C/o *The Times of India*, New Delhi.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1x 5)

evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

(A) Due to the globalization of food industry and fast food culture, traditional healthy diets are increasingly being replaced by unhealthy junk food containing artificial additives and preservative chemicals. Write an article in 120-150 words for the magazine *Food Mood*, expressing your views on the need for inculcating healthy dietary habits. You may use the cues given below along with your own ideas. You are Ashi /Ashish.

- no nutritional value
- contains artificial additives
- Repeated exposure to healthy foods
- constant encouragement by parents

OR

(B) Your school organised an exhibition-cum-sale of the items prepared under Work Experience Sessions by your school students. There was an overwhelming response from the public. You are Vaibhav Bansal, the Coordinator, S.U.P.W. activities, Nita School, Gurgaon. Prepare a report in 120-150 words for a local daily using the given cues along with your own ideas.

- Overwhelming response by parents and others
- Wide array of items
- Students encouraged by positive feedback
- Sale money will be donated to an Old Age Home

LITERATURE (24 marks)

10. Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each. (2x5=10)

- i. Describe how the story, 'The Rattrap' shows that basic human goodness can be brought out by understanding and love.
- ii. What was the mood in the classroom when M. Hamel gave his last French lesson?

- iii. The poet says, “and yet for these children, these windows, not this map, their world”. Which world do these children belong to? Which world is inaccessible to them?
- iv. Most of us do not raise our voice against injustice in our society and tend to remain mute spectators. Anees Jung in her article, “LOST SPRING” vividly highlights the miserable life of street children and bangle makers of Firozabad. Which qualities does she want the children to develop?
- v. What is the exotic moment referred to in the poem, ‘Keeping Quiet’? What makes it exotic?
- vi. Why was Gandhiji opposed to C.F. Andrews helping him in Champaran?

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each. (2 x2=4)

- i. The same situation can be viewed through two different perspectives. How does “Should Wizard Hit Mommy?” Establish this point through the views of Jack and Jo?
- ii. While we condemn the crime, we are sympathetic to the criminal. Is this the reason why prison staff often develops a soft corner for those in custody? Explore in the light of Evans Tries an O Level’.
- iii. How, according to Mr Lamb, can one overcome of sense of hurt or humiliation caused by remarks at one’s physical disability?

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

(A) “The Rattrap” is a story that focuses on human loneliness and the need to be kind to other. It shows how an act of kindness can change a person’s view of the world. In keeping with this mood of the story, write your opinion on ‘On being kind and compassionate can bring a change in the toughest of the people also’.

OR

(B) The people in this story ‘The Last Lesson’ suddenly realise how precious their language is to them. What shows you this? Why does this happen?

13. Attempt ANY ONE out of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

(A) Jack could not convince his little daughter on the ending of the story and is unusually rigid. He appears to be an immature father. What is your opinion about it? Justify by giving instances from the story.

OR

(B) The Third Level is a story of Conflict of Man v/s Society. Justify.
