

Sample Paper 2

Class X Exam 2022-23

English-Language and Literature (184)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
- The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
- Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS 20

I. Read the passage given below. 10

- Over the past few decades, research has revealed a great deal of information about how readers get meaning from what they read and about the kinds of instructional activities and procedures that are most successful in helping students to become good readers. For many years, reading instruction was based on a concept of reading as the application of a set of isolated skills such as identifying words, finding main ideas, identifying cause and effect relationships, comparing and contrasting and sequencing. Comprehension was viewed as the mastery of these skills.
- One important classroom study conducted during the 1970s found that typical comprehension instruction followed what the study called a mentioning, practicing, and assessing procedure. That is, teachers mentioned a specific skill that students were to apply, had students practice the skill by completing workbook pages, then assessed them to find out if they could use the skill correctly. Such instruction did little to help students learn how or when to use the skills, nor was it ever established that this particular set of skills enabled comprehension.
- At about this time, a group of psychologists, linguists, and computer scientists began to focus research attention on how the mind works — how people think and learn. A goal of this new research movement, called cognitive science, was to produce an applied science of learning.
- In the field of reading, a number of cognitive scientists focused their attention on how readers construct meaning as they read. Specifically, they studied the mental activities that good readers engage in to achieve comprehension. From these studies an entirely new concept emerged about what reading is. According to the new concept, reading is a complex, active process of constructing meaning - not skill application.

The act of constructing meaning is :

Interactive - it involves not just the reader but also the text and the context in which reading takes place.
Strategic - readers have purposes for their reading and use a variety of strategies and skills as they construct meaning.

Adaptable - readers change the strategies they use as they read different kinds of text or as they read for different purposes.

- While cognitive science research was producing valuable information about comprehension processes, reading education researchers were reporting important findings about what comprehension instruction looks like in the most effective reading classrooms.
- The convergence of these strands of research has provided a wealth of information about what good readers do as they read, about how good and poor readers differ, and about the kind of instruction that is needed to help students to become good readers.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

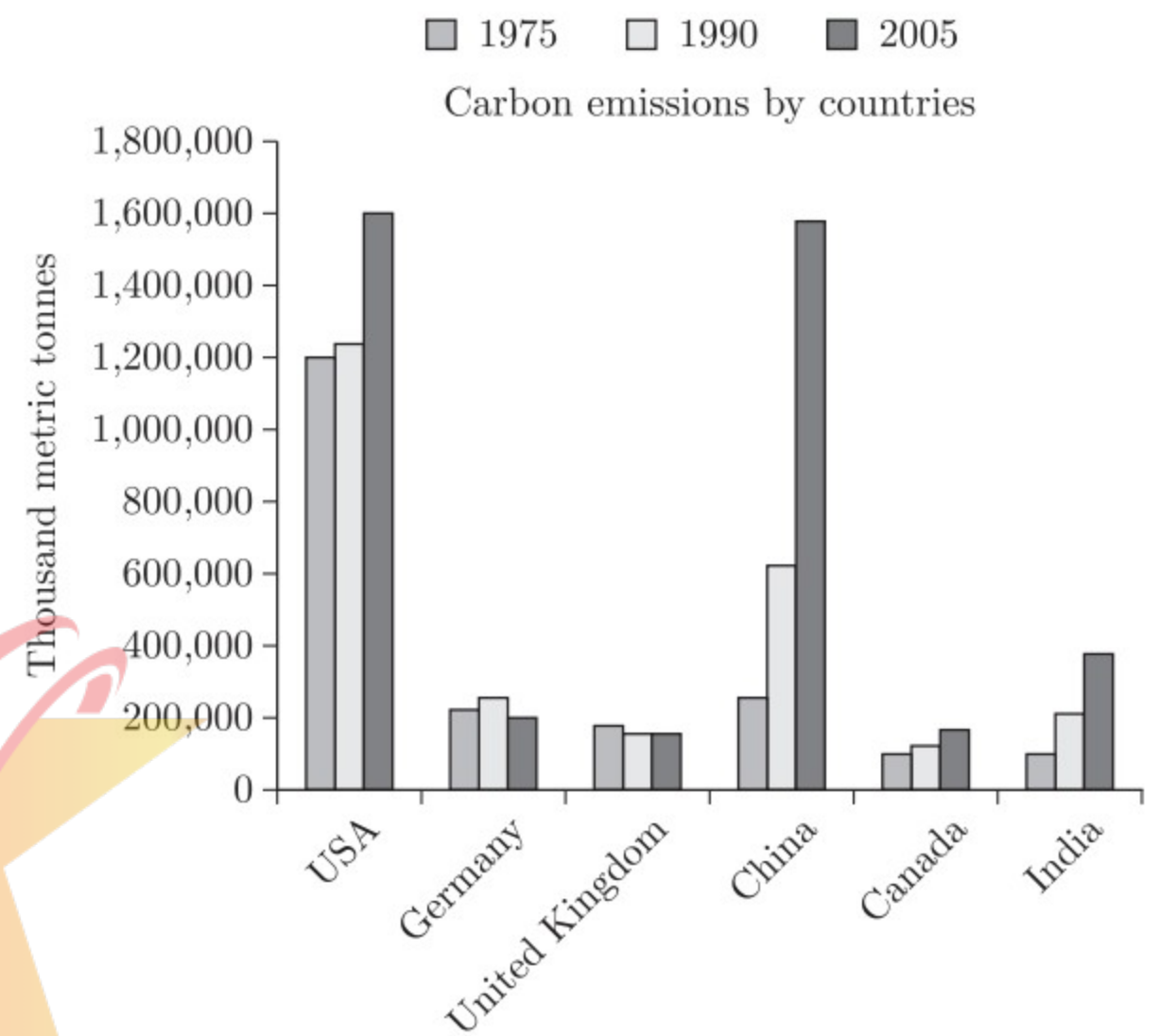
- Which of the following is not a procedure that followed a typical comprehension instruction during the 1970s, as revealed after a classroom study done by researchers ?
 - practicing procedure
 - mentioning procedure
 - memorisation procedure
 - assessing procedure
- A number of cognitive scientists, in the field of reading, focused their attention on :
 - how much an average reader can read in a day.
 - learning why many people preferred learning through reading.
 - learning why readers had a much better knowledge of vocabulary than others.
 - how readers construct meaning as they read.

- iii. Supply 1 point to justify the following:
Readers change the strategies they use.
- iv. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:
According to the new concept of reading, reading is not _____ but a complex, active process of constructing meaning.
 - (a) an insignificant expertise
 - (b) a comprehension skill
 - (c) a skill application
 - (d) a preferred ability
- v. The act of constructing meaning is :
 - I. Comprehensive
 - II. Adaptable
 - III. Strategic
 - IV. Interactive
 - (a) I, II and III
 - (b) I, III and IV
 - (c) II, III and IV
 - (d) I, II, III and IV
- vi. Which instruction gave no help to the students to learn how or when to use certain skills nor was it ever established that this particular set of skills enabled comprehension?
- vii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
In the late 20th century a group of psychologists, linguists, and computer scientists began to focus research attention on how the mind works i.e. how people think and learn.
- viii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3:
bow : obeisance :: objective : _____
(Clue : A bow is a synonym for an obeisance, similarly an objective is a synonym for a...)
- ix. Choose an option that clearly states the meaning of the word 'convergence'.
 - (a) two or more things become similar or come together
 - (b) two thoughts or things going parallelly
 - (c) the emergence of new and distinct thoughts or patterns
 - (d) the violent mixing of two or more things
- x. For many years, reading instruction was based on a concept of reading as the application of a set of

isolated skills.
List any two such isolated skills.
1. _____
2. _____

II. Read the passage given below. 10

- 1. The chart given below provides information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years (1975, 1990, and 2005).



- 2. The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005.
- 3. As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.
- 4. USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all.
- 5. The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i.** The data given in the graph compares the amount of emission of _____.
 - (a) nitrogen
 - (b) carbon dioxide
 - (c) oxygen
 - (d) none of these
- ii.** Which country was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all in year 2005 in terms of percentage increase?
- iii.** According to the passage, which country is the most polluter country?
 - (a) India
 - (b) China
 - (c) USA
 - (d) Germany
- iv.** Infer one reason for the following, based on information in the passage:
Surging of CO₂ emission in million tonnes.
- v.** Which country has the lowest emission of CO₂ in the graph?
 - (a) Germany
 - (b) United Kingdom
 - (c) Canada
 - (d) India
- vi.** Which country has observed a dramatic rise over the years in CO₂ emission?
 - (a) India
 - (b) China
 - (c) USA
 - (d) Germany
- vii.** Substitute the word 'nearly' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:
The carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose...
- viii.** Name two countries which had the same level of CO₂ emission in the first and the second decade?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____

- ix.** State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
The countries have achieved meteoric rise in CO₂ emission.
- x.** Which of the following countries reported gradual growth in reduction of global CO₂ emission?
 - (a) Germany and India
 - (b) USA and China
 - (c) The United Kingdom and USA
 - (d) Germany and The United Kingdom

III. SECTION B- GRAMMAR 10

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 10

- i.** Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.
If we _____ one more batsman in our team, we would have won the match.
 - (a) had had
 - (b) would have been
 - (c) would have
 - (d) would have had
- ii.** Read the conversation between Reena and Rakesh. Complete the sentence by reporting Rakesh's reply correctly.
Reena : Have you seen 'Three Idiots'?
Rakesh : I saw them yesterday in my class.
Reena asked Rakesh if he had seen 'Three Idiots'. Rakesh replied that _____.
- iii.** Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.
The swimmer was tired but he _____ reach the shore before he collapsed.
 - (a) will
 - (b) could
 - (c) may
 - (d) must
- iv.** Select the option identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:
Have you ever learn from a mistake you have made?

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	learn	learnt
(b)	Have	Has

(c)	a	the
(d)	made	make

- v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option :
- I bought a new car last year, but I _____ my old car yet, so at present I have two cars.
- (a) sell
 - (b) have not sold
 - (c) sold
 - (d) did not sell

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.
- Neither you nor your sister should _____ (talk) to them.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Sanjay and Madan, by completing the sentence :
- Sanjay: I am surprised to see you here in Delhi. When did you come?
- Madan: I came here yesterday. I have been offered a job here.

Sanjay told Madan that he was surprised to see him there in Delhi and asked when he had come. Madan replied that he had come there the previous day and added that _____.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.
- A good business letter is one that get results.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:
- He said, "Reena, do you want to buy a house in Noida?"
- x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.
- He said I _____ use his car whenever I wanted.
- (a) will
 - (b) would
 - (c) could
 - (d) can

- xi. Ram and Shyam are discussing their plans for the weekend. Fill in the blank to complete the dialogue below by choosing the correct options.
- Ram: What are you doing this weekend, shyam?
- Shyam: I don't have any special plan.
- Ram: How do you like the idea _____.
- (a) of go for a picnic to the Dal Lake?
 - (b) of going for a picnic to the Dal Lake?
 - (c) of went for a picnic to the Dal Lake?
 - (d) of going for a picnic by the Dal Lake?

- xii. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following sentence:
- Every trees have a single woody stem called a trunk which supports a mass of branches carrying leaves.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

IV. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 10

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. You are Praveen of 23, Civil Lines, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Editor of Dainik Bhaskar, Jaipur about frequent break-down of electricity.

Or

B. You have seen an advertisement of a new model sports bike launched by Honda. You are a passionate racer and are keen to buy the new model of racing bikes being offered. Next month a zonal level Bike Marathon is taking place and you are keen to enroll your name as a contestant. Write a letter to M/s Honda Bikes and Scooters, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi enquiring about the price, specifications and availability of accessories that long distance racers would require. You are Man Singh living in Green Park, New Delhi.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

A. You are Suresh/Lalita. Given below is a table based on data given about the number of tourists who visited your city in the past two years. Write an analytical paragraph on 'Promotion of Tourism' taking information from the table given below together with your own ideas in 100-120 words.

Year	Tourists Who Visited	
	Domestic	International
2020	444569	8563
2021	436350	11478

Plans of Tourism Department:

- To develop a wildlife park.
- Illumination and light and sound programme at one of the places of tourist interest in the city.
- To develop a big amusement park.
- Convention centre and a multiplex in the city.

Or

B. You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. You decided to make the school population aware of the advantages of tree plantation and tell them how trees can serve as better air-conditioners. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words. Take help of the cues given below.

Cues :

Trees keep environment cool by

- taking heat of earth and air
- absorbing carbon-dioxide that helps in controlling temperature rise
- bringing rains
- checking direct sunlight
- providing shade

SECTION C- LITERATURE

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V. Reference to the Context

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Or

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. 5

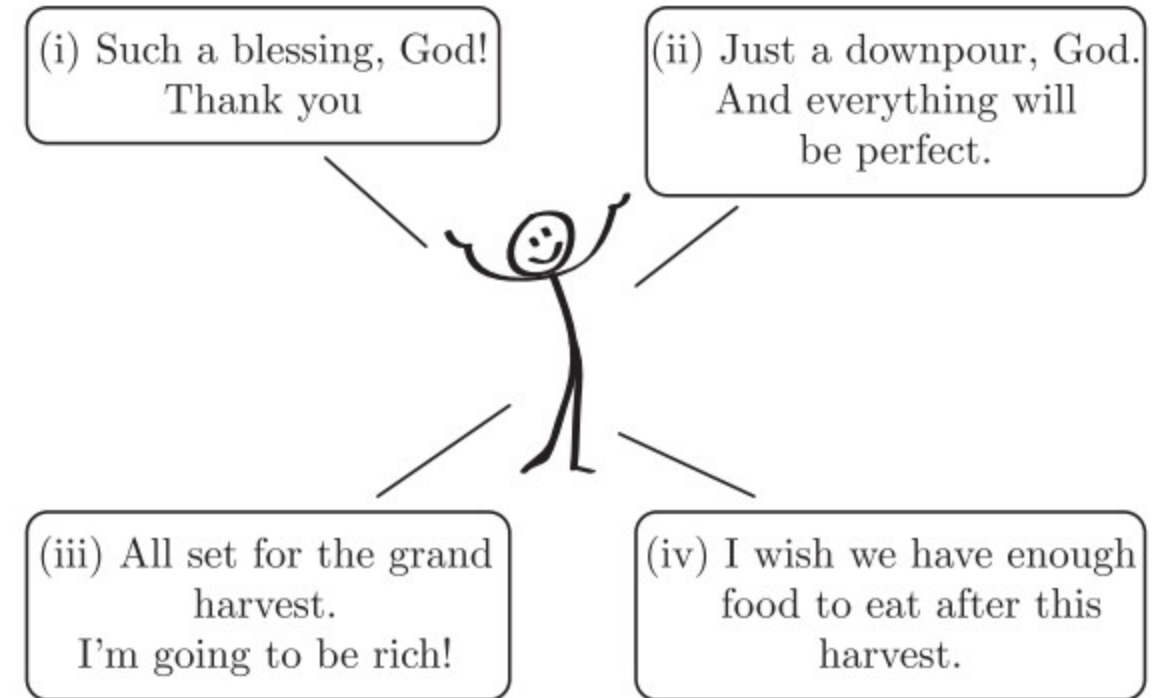
1.A The house- the only one in the entire valley- sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a good downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho - who knew his fields intimately- had done nothing but see the sky towards the north-east.

(A Letter to God)

- Where was Lencho's house located?
- The field of corn dotted with flowers means that
 - not a single flower was bigger than a dot
 - the flowers were scattered across.
 - the flowers were in shaped like dots.
 - the flowers had shrunk in size.

iii. Find the word from the passage which means 'very closely'.

iv. Based on the given extract, what is Lencho not likely to think while looking at his field?



- Option (i)
- Option (ii)
- Option (iii)
- Option (iv)

v. Which quote supports the idea in the given extract?

- "Farming is a profession of hope."
- "I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."
- "Farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."
- "Those too lazy to plough in the right season will have no food at the harvest."

1.B The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man? As they gazed, a remarkable sight met their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere! Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter, and at last disappeared altogether.

(Footprints Without Feet)

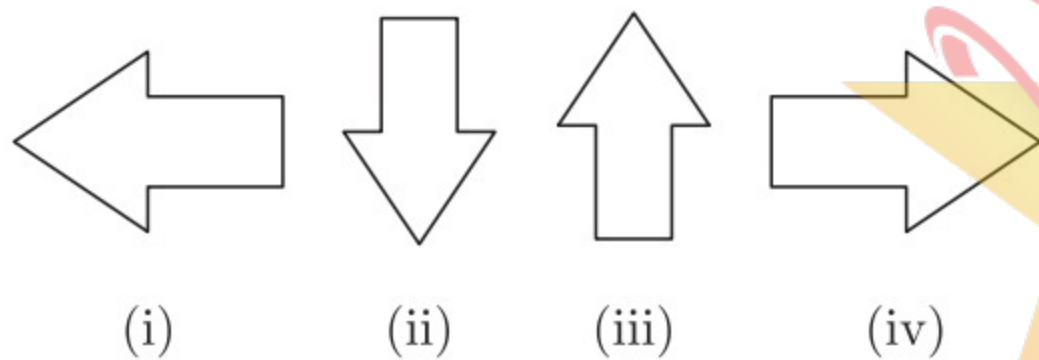
- Infer one reason for the following, based on information in the extract.
The boys were surprised to see a barefooted man in London.
- Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text.

partition : divide :: conjugate : _____
 (Clue : To partition means to divide, similarly to conjugate means to...)

- iii. Pick the option that best describes how the boys are feeling based on the extract.
- enchanted, curious, puzzled
 - captivated, curious, puzzled
 - repulsed, curious, captivated
 - enchanted, repulsed, curious

- iv. The boys felt that the footprints were
- seen due to some magic trick.
 - a figment of imagination.
 - of a man who was invisible.
 - those of a mysterious man.

- v. Pick the option that lists the correct direction of the footprints on the stairs, as noticed by the boys.



- option (i)
- option (ii)
- option (iii)
- option (iv)

2. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given. **5**

2.A Has given my heart
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of a day I had rued.

(Dust of Snow)

- i. How does the poet feel now?
- Ecstatic
 - Pessimistic
 - Reckless
 - Despondent
- ii. What does the poem Dust of Snow teach us?
- iii. Which poetic device has been used in 'And saved some part'?
- Assonance
 - Personification
 - Alliteration
 - Enjambment

- iv. What does the word 'Rued' mean?
- Feel happy
 - Feel remorse for
 - Feel ravishing
 - Feels on the top of the world
- v. Fill in the blank with suitable poetic device.
 _____ has been used in 'Has given my heart'.

Or

2.B But I can get a hair-dye
 And set such colour there,
 Brown, or black, or carrot,
 That young men in despair
 May love me for myself alone
 And not my yellow hair.

(For Anne Gregory)

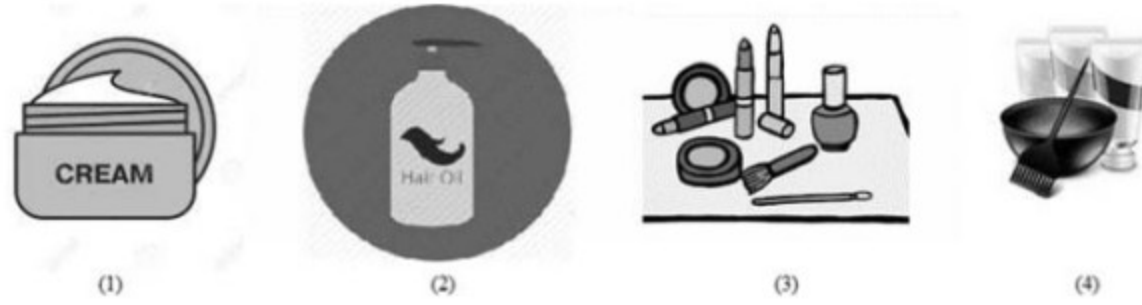
- i. Given below are the taglines of four hypothetical brands. Choose the correct option that fits the best with the first three lines of the given stanza.

- LITELIFE
Food that makes you light.
- GET SET
My home. My gym.
- LOOKBOOK
No game over, get makeover.
- PLANET FOOD
Eat! Eat! Eat! Repeat!

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3
- Option 4

- ii. The form of the given stanza is a part of
- an agreement.
 - a disapproval.
 - an engagement.
 - an argument.
- iii. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in the passage:
 Anne says that she can change her hair colour.
- iv. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 The speaker wants to change her hair colour so that it may appeal to young men.
- v. Choose the product that best shows what Anne would invest in, to ensure that young men love her for herself

and not her hair.



- (a) Option 1
- (b) Option 2
- (c) Option 3
- (d) Option 4

VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. $4 \times 3 = 12$

- i. Nelson Mandela speaks of twin obligations. What are they?
(Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)
- ii. What does Anne write in the diary about herself and her sister ?
(From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- iii. How did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life?
(The Sermon at Benares)
- iv. How did Belinda, Ink, Blink and Mustard react on seeing the pirate ?
(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)
- v. The tigers in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations, describe them in contrast to its natural habitat.

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 3 = 6$

- i. Why did Hari Singh think that Anil's job was queer?
(The Thief's Story)
- ii. Why did Horace Danby feel sure of his success in that year's robbery?
(A Question of Trust)
- iii. Which character traits of Bholi have had an everlasting impression on you? Why?
(Bholi)

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. **6**

- i. One is known by one's roots. The people of Coorg are also recognized for their values and traits in spite of being thousands of miles away from their places of origin-Greece and Arabia. Describe their values and traits.
(Glimpses of India)

Or

- ii. If the Buddha were to summarise the life lessons of 'the Ball poem' what would that sermon be? Think and create this address for people of your age.

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. **6**

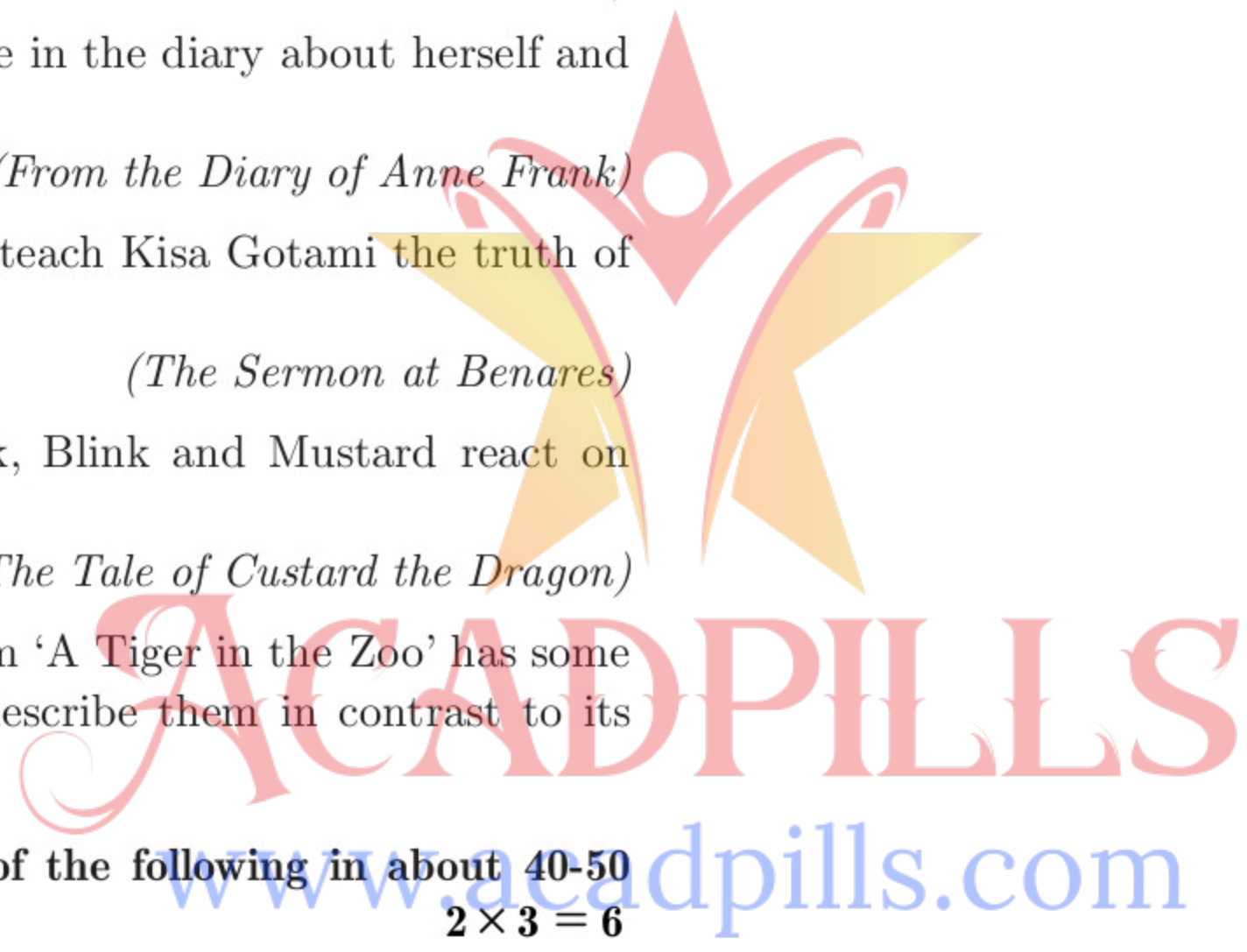
- i. Not to accept the limitations of our life makes us unhappy in our lives. Describe how Matilda Loisel suffers in her life because she does not accept that she is not a rich person.

(The Necklace)

Or

- ii. Give a brief character sketch of Fowler ? What are the values reflected in his character?

(The Midnight Visitor)





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