

**SECTION – A**  
**(Reading)**

**Ans-1. Read the passage carefully:**

- (a) *(iii)* Shanty-towns and informal dwellings
- (b) *(ii)* Large scale illegal migration from Pakistan and Bangladesh
- (c) *(iii)* political upheaval in the states
- (d) *(ii)* Poverty and unemployment
- (e) *(ii)* lack of quality education to the young population
- (f) *(ii)* middlemen and politicians
- (g) rural peasantry
- (h) False

**Ans-2. Read the passage carefully:**

- 2.1 (a) The earth is the only planet of our solar system which contains plenty of water. This water has made our earth colourful and pulsating with life of a vast variety.
- (b) At present, the sea occupies near about 70 per cent of the earth's surface.
- (c) The sea plants contain rich nutrients. These nutrients are not found in other vegetarian food.
- (d) The first decision is that the size of the holes in fishing nets should be big enough to let baby fish escape through. Otherwise, killing of large quantities of very young fish would have an adverse effect on the fish population. The second decision is regarding the protection of the blue whales.

**Ans-2.2**

- (a) *(i)* countless
- (b) extinct
- (c) *(i)* judiciously
- (d) developed

**SECTION – B**  
**(Writing & Grammar)**

**Ans- 3.**

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**Sub :** Rash and reckless driving

Dear Sir

Through the column of your esteemed daily, I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards rash and reckless driving of vehicles like bikes, cars, trucks etc. on the road in the city. Nowadays rash and reckless driving has become a passion among the people especially youth. They drive two-wheelers and cars recklessly. They want to reach their destination in no time. It leads to serious accidents. Trucks and cars hit the rickshaws, children, aged people, light vehicles, etc. They do accidents and leave the spot immediately. Sometimes it becomes difficult to note the number of the offending vehicles also.

The traffic police should take strict measures in this regard. The offenders should not be left untouched. They must be penalised so that they could not dare to repeat the same offence in their lives. This way it can be checked to some extent.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely  
Vikram Tyagi

*OR*

**Environmental Pollution**

– Rahul

Environmental pollution has posed a major threat to the survival of mankind. It makes our environment dirty, unhealthy and unsuitable for humans and animals to live. There are mainly four types of pollution i.e, air, land, water and noise pollution. Land pollution is caused due to dumping of garbage on roads, industrial wastes, debris etc. Air pollution is caused due to release of harmful gases in the air. Smoke from vehicles, burning of fuels, fireworks, release of chemical gases from industries and factories causes air pollution. It causes diseases like asthma, lung disorder etc. Water pollution is caused due to hazardous pollutants, garbage disposal and disposal of wastes in rivers and ponds from factories and industries. Noise pollution is caused due to the loud noise generated in the environment. It is mainly caused due to loud speakers, running of machines, honking of moving vehicles etc. It leads to hypertension, depression, stress, aggression etc. Environmental pollution if not eliminated completely can be controlled to certain extent if the govt takes effective measures in this regard. Awareness should also be created among the public and NGOs and voluntary organisations should also come forward in this work.

**Ans- 4.**

**Slow and Steady wins the race**

Long long ago, there were two friends – a tortoise and a hare in the jungle. They were famous for their friendship in the jungle. They discussed each topic. One day, the hare made fun of the tortoise. The hare challenged the tortoise for a race. Both of them agreed. The date and time of the race was fixed. All the animals of the jungle were very much excited about the race. The hare went around and boasted of himself while the tortoise remained calm and quiet. The race started. The hare covered half the distance while the tortoise could cover only half of what the hare had covered. The hare took a nap in the midway and thought that by the time the tortoise would come near him, he would wake up and cover the remaining distance very soon. The hare slept there and the tortoise reached at its destination walking slowly but continuously. This way the tortoise won the race. Thus, it can be said that slow and steady wins the race.

*OR*

Once upon a time, there lived a woodcutter in a village with his wife and children. Although he was very poor but honest to the pie. He used to go to the forest daily to cut trees for wood with his axe. One day, he was felling a tree on the bank of a river. The woodcutter's axe slipped out of his hand and fell into the river. He got frustrated and started weeping. Hearing this, the Mercury God said, "Don't worry. I will get back your axe." He dived into the river and brought an axe made of gold. He gave it to the woodcutter, but he said it was not his axe. Because it was made of gold. Then, the second time, the God dived deep into the river and brought an axe made of silver. He gave it to the woodcutter. This time again he said that it was not his axe because it was made of silver. The Mercury God dived third time into the river and brought out an axe made of iron. The woodcutter cried aloud, "This is mine. This is my axe." This way God was very pleased with the honesty of the woodcutter. As a reward, God Mercury gave all the three axes to the woodcutter.

- Ans- 5.** (a) (iii) the  
(b) (iv) their  
(c) (i) straight  
(d) (ii) most

- Ans- 6.** (a) in on  
(b) a an  
(c) was is  
(d) to by

- Ans- 7.** (a) Early rising is good for both old and adults.  
(b) Too many cooks spoil the broth.  
(c) He could not attend the annual function due to high fever.  
(d) One must do one's duty very carefully.

**SECTION – C**  
**(Literature)**

- Ans- 8.** (a) (iii) Robin Klein  
(b) (ii) Nails  
(c) sit up straight  
(d) good habits

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- (a) (ii) A Letter to God  
(b) (i) Seventy pesos  
(c) bunch of crooks  
(d) the rest of the money from God
- Ans- 9.** (a) The postmaster collected money from the post office employees and put it in an envelope addressed to Lencho with a letter containing 'God'. He just did this to keep the faith of Lencho alive in God.
- (b) Mandela does not feel that the oppressor is free because according to him, an oppressor is a prisoner of hatred, who is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. He feels that both the oppressor and the oppressed are robbed of their humanity.
- (c) When Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom, it fumbled the taps. It was full of joy seeing the flow of water. It played, splashed and thoroughly enjoyed like a hippo in water. It frolicked and splashed water all around.
- (d) The poet here portrays the miserable life led by the animals in the zoo. He shows two different lives i.e., in the zoo and the life at a natural habitat. This poem conveys that animals should not be caged. They should live in their natural habitats.
- (e) Tricki's condition made Mrs Pumphrey call the vet for help. Tricki had become fat and lazy. He just used to lie on his rug and pant. He also refused to eat food, even his favourite dishes. His bouts of vomiting added to Mrs Pumphrey's worry. That is why she called James Herriot.
- (f) It was difficult for Hari to rob Anil because Anil was the most trusting person Hari had ever met. He was really simple and kind. Hari knew that loss of money will not affect Anil but the loss of trust will make him sad.

**Ans- 10.** “A Baker from Goa” highlights the importance of the traditional practice of making loaves of bread for every occasion and festival of the Goan people. This tradition continues even today. This shows how our traditional practices can keep us to our past and heritage.

Traditional values shape our personality and also provide us emotional support. They enable us to face difficult situations and make us mentally strong. Traditional practices also have an impact on our behavioural pattern towards the other people in society.

*OR*

Yes, it is true that fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. In the story, the young seagull lacked the value of courage and confidence. He was too scared of flying. His family tried hard to make him fly but he refused to do so because of his fear of sinking in the sea water. They even scolded him for his cowardice. They tried to tempt him with food but he was not willing to learn flying. Once he dived, his fear disappeared and he enjoyed his first flight.

It is a fact that unless we try to do something and overcome our fear, we can't learn. Confidence and motivation are the two most important traits that make learning possible.

**Ans- 11.** The statement stands true in almost all the aspects of life. Money may buy us all the luxuries and fulfil our needs but it cannot buy us knowledge, civilised thinking, skills and abilities to achieve our dreams. Education lays the platform for all to act upon our goals according to our abilities. It enables us to keep up with the fast moving world. It opens the door to opportunities. Money, on the other hand, can assist us to a certain level. It can buy us a plan but education gives us the knowledge of its execution. Just as in the story ‘The Thief’s Story’, Hari Singh prioritised the chance of being literate over a few hundred rupees, we must understand that education can help us to achieve whatever we desire.

*OR*

Curiosity to know more and a motivation to find reasons for existence of anything or any phenomenon 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 county fairs. He 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.

Answers being written by students may have caused spelling errors.