

CLASS : X

SUBJECT – ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SOLUTIONS

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| <p>1. i. A. discussing the relationship between the size of mammals and the nature of vegetation in their habitats</p> <p>ii. C. incorrect assumptions on the part of geologists</p> <p>iii. D. suggest the size of antelope herds</p> <p>iv. C. prove a hypothesis</p> <p>v. D. all of these</p> <p>vi. The prejudice that vitiated the reasoning of geologists is their belief that large animals require dense jungles as their habitat. The prejudice probably originates from India and the Indian islands where troops of elephants are associated with impenetrable jungles and noble forests in everybody's minds.</p> <p>vii. Dr. Smith calls Africa a sterile country because a large part of it lack any type of vegetation. Only on the southern coasts there are some fine forests. But apart from these, a traveller may pass for days through open plains, covered by a poor and scanty vegetation. However, the animals inhabiting these wide plains is great.</p> <p>viii. B. I wish there was enough data.</p> <p>ix. The partial explanation suggested by Darwin states that the underwood vegetation probably are very nutritious and re-grow quickly. He indicates that these may be adequate to feed the large herbivores.</p> <p>2. (i) leads to a weakened immune response, making individuals more prone to diseases.</p> <p>(ii) opinion</p> <p>(iii) support memory, learning, and decision-making skills.</p> <p>(iv) The main findings of the study conducted by the National Sleep Foundation were that about 35% of adults in the United States report getting less than seven hours of sleep per night, which falls</p> | <p>below the recommended amount. Furthermore, individuals who consistently get less than seven hours of sleep are more likely to experience health problems and have a lower quality of life.</p> <p>(v) From the information provided in the paragraph, it can be inferred that lack of sleep is associated with an increased risk of mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety.</p> <p>(vi) the process of organizing and storing information</p> <p>(vii) According to the paragraph, sleep deprivation has detrimental effects on both physical and mental health. Lack of sleep weakens the immune response, making individuals more susceptible to infections and diseases, which can lead to chronic conditions such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases. On the other hand, sleep deprivation impairs cognitive performance, attention, and decision-making abilities. It has also been associated with an increased risk of mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety.</p> <p>(viii) (c) Adequate sleep is necessary for optimal brain function and mental well-being.</p> <p>(ix) (a) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion</p> <p>3. (i) (a) feeling</p> <p>(ii) will should</p> <p>(iii) (a) very few/some</p> <p>(iv) (c) matches</p> <p>(v) (d) must</p> <p>(vi) (c) exciting → excited</p> <p>(vii) (d) had finished</p> <p>(viii) (b) The few</p> <p>(ix) (a) is</p> <p>(x) whether he had got the tests done</p> <p>(xi) he had not</p> |
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(xii) Karna to get the tests done that day itself.

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Bangalore-37
10 February, 20X5

The Editor,
Deccan Times
Bangalore -42

Subject: Inadequate Parking Facility

Sir,

With due respect, I wish to say that I Anoop, own an electronic shop in the Commercial Street, M.G. Road. There is a good number of shops on both sides of the street. Every day, huge crowds gather here for shopping. Many shopkeepers and people come by their car in the area. But the main problem is that the parking facility is inadequate, space is less, the vehicles are more. This causes great inconvenience to the people. Shopping in this area has become very difficult, as the passages and by-lanes get jammed by vehicles. Besides, too many vehicles cause too much traffic, which further worsens the situation, sometimes causing accidents even. An open field adjacent to the commercial area, is lying vacant. This can be used as an authorised parking place, which will reduce the problem of parking in the area.

I hope the concerned authorities will take this matter into consideration without further delay and take immediate action.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Anoop Jalota

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22/8, Sector-20
Chandigarh
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4th December 2025
M/s. Oxford Publishing House
1/22 Sardar Patel Road
New Delhi - 110002

Subject- Complaint regarding receipt of wrong set of books.

Sir/Madam

On February 1, 2025 bought a book set (Order No. 000154) to be delivered to 22/8, Sector-20, Chandigarh. To my dismay, I have not received the set I ordered for and have instead, received the wrong set of books. I am highly disappointed at such casual and unprofessional attitude shown by your prestigious Publishing House.

To resolve the problem, would appreciate it if you could replace the wrong book set with the one originally ordered. Please let me know as soon as possible what action you propose to take. Enclosed are copies of the transaction document and the receipt.

I look forward to your reply and a resolution to my problem and will wait for ten days before seeking help from a consumer protection agency. Please contact me at the above address or by phone at 098100XXXXX.

Yours truly

Arun/Varuna Joshi

Enclosure(s) - Copy of receipt and transaction docs.

5. Three types of nuts de walnuts, almonds and pinenuts over a period of three years 2017 to 2019. The data shows the number of people in hundreds.

In the beginning of 2017 all the nuts were under 100 but almonds were the most preferred one at slightly below 100 and pinenuts were the least favourite at even - less than 50.

The year 2018 shows great hikes in interested people in all three nuts with almonds reaching its highest of all three years, going a little more than 200. Walnuts began at around 50 in 2018 but reached its highest of 200 by the end of 2018. Almonds showed a gradual growth from 2017 and towards 2018 end. Pinenuts also seem to be showing increase in interest and goes a little higher than 100 by the end of 2018.

2018 stands as the best year for the

consumption or sales of all three nuts but as 2019 approached it faced a decline in sales of all three nuts. Almonds had a sudden fall and reached 150 and remained static at it throughout the year. Walnuts although started on a low note, showed a hike and touched 200 but came down a bit towards the year end of 2019. Year 2019 proved to be the best for pinenuts consumption as it reached its highest of 100 in this year.

To conclude the given data we can say that 2018 was the best year for all three nuts in terms of consumption but there was a sudden slump in the year 2019 and 2019 also faced static interest levels.

OR

The double bar graph shows the data or number of buyers of two different newspapers X and Y in a city over a period of five months.

The data shows that the most popular newspaper among the buyers is Y-newspaper. The X-newspaper was bought by 400 people in May, 450 in June, 250 in July, 550 in August and 650 in September. If we observe we will find out that it has started with a good number of 400 people which consistently increased except for the month of June and then reached its highest number of buyers in September.

On the contrary, the most popular Y-newspaper started with 500 buyers in May, came down to 350 in June and then again jumped to 500 in July, 450 in August and highest 700 in September. It shows that Y newspaper is the most bought and preferred newspaper which started with 500 buyers in May and then saw a rise of 700 buyers in September.

It is clearly evident that there was not any great difference between the buyers of two newspapers but Y-newspaper had made a good progress fetching more buyers in the given five months.

6. (A)

- (i) (A) a gun is only used by police officials
- (ii) (A) crafty: fox :: menacing: gun
- (iii) balcony

- (iv) Max was another secret agent. The words slender, a little less than tall and had crafty, pointed countenance give the reader his description.

OR

(B)

- (i) This was because Bholi shouted in fear and pulled her hand away.
- (ii) (C) She was dressed in a decent manner for the interview.
- (iii) (D) Hopeful and Elated
- (iv) Bholi was a neglected child because she never got new clothes to wear. She was always passed on the old dresses of her sisters. Her clothes were not even washed or mended by anyone.

7. A.

- (i) In these lines, the poet is filled with sorrow for the caged tiger. He feels that a tiger should be free in his natural habitat. He should be hiding in the shadows and quietly moving through the long grass near the water hole. He should be waiting for a fat and healthy deer to pass in the hopes of getting a heavy meal. The poet wants to convey that the actual life of a tiger is in a jungle and not in a cage.
- (ii) long grass
- (iii) The poet wishes for the tiger to be sliding through the foliage as this would assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.
- (iv) (d) plump

OR

- B. (i) Responsible
 - (ii) (B) carefree childhood days.
 - (iii) (D) whatever he has lost, is irretrievable.
 - (iv) The dash is meant to convey a sense of unexpected interruption. It brings an interruption in the flow of the the poem where the poet tries to convey that there can be interruptions in life due to loss of someone or something.
8. (i) One can never attain peace of mind by weeping or grieving. Weeping and grieving will only spoil one's health. His body will suffer and he will make himself sick and pale. His pain will be

greater. In order to obtain peace of mind, one should draw out the arrow of lamentation and complaint and grief. Then he will become composed and obtain peace of mind.

- (ii) Valli was mesmerized by the sights she saw on both the sides. On one side there was the canal and beyond that there were palm trees, grasslands, mountains and the blue sky. On the other side there was a deep ditch and then ...there was an expansion of acres and acres of green fields as far as the eyes could see.
- (iii) Nelson Mandela said that he was not born with a desire to be free because he was born free. He had no restrictions. He was free in every way that he could know. There were no restrictions on him as far as he obeyed his father and abided by the customs of his tribe. He was free to run in the fields near his mother's hut, and could go to swim in the clean streams near his village. He was free to toast mealies and ride the broad backs of the slow moving bulls. Thus he could enjoy every kind of freedom. Therefore he said that he was not born with a desire to be free.
- (iv) The family members of the young seagull took no notice of him when he pretended to be falling asleep. His two brothers and his sister were lying on the plateau dozing with their heads sunk into their necks. His father was busy preening his feathers. Only his mother was looking at him. The young seagull closed his eyes and pretended to be falling asleep to get the attention of his family members towards him.
- (v) For Anne Frank, writing in a diary was a strange experience. It was because she had not written anything before. Secondly, she felt that later on neither she nor anyone else would be interested in the musings and thoughts of a thirteen-year-old girl school girl. Thirdly, she herself felt a great need to get all kinds of things off her chest.

9. (i) No matter how trivial, the crime is, it remains a crime. True, Horace was a good and respectable person in the society. But he was completely not

honest. He never stole more than his needs. He stole only once a year, that too for the noble cause of buying rare and expensive books. Nevertheless, a crime is a crime. Therefore, we can never accept that Danby was completely honest.

- (ii) Griffin who had successfully escaped from his landlord after setting his house on fire had run into a departmental store where he clothed himself and decided to take a nap. Unfortunately, Griffin was discovered by the store clerks early morning the next day, prompting him to once again leave behind all his clothes and escape into the chilled January air to save his life.
- (iii) Tricki was not suffering from any ailment in reality. In fact, the cause of his suffering was his obesity caused by Madam Pumphrey's overly luxurious treatment. She only fed Tricki lots of sweets and other foods instead of maintaining a healthy diet for him. This caused him to grow fatter and greeter until he was so obese that he became inactive and lethargic. Tricki's main ailment was his inability to say 'No' to food.

10. A plant that grows into a huge tree has its deep roots in the soil. In the same way, I think that our traditions, heritage, values and practices are the roots that nourish us. They shape our personality and provide us with emotional support. They make us mentally strong and enable us to face a difficult situation. They even impact our behavioral pattern towards the other people in the society. The story highlights the importance of traditional practice of making breads at every occasion. In Goa, every occasion, every occasion is incomplete without bread.

A marriage is incomplete if it does not include a sweet bread known as 'bol'. All festivals and feasts are incomplete without cakes and bolinhas. Even today, the elders remember those old famous breads baked by Portuguese bakers. From childhood till their old age, they remember the Portuguese bread. This shows that bread is an important part of

the Goan life that continues even today. Thus our traditional heritage keeps our past heritage alive and nourish us. We must be rooted in our rich cultural heritage.

OR

As good neighbours we must have mutual respect, cordial relationship and should avoid unwanted interferences in each others matters. Unfortunately, Lomov lacked the noble values. When Lomov came to Chubulov's house to ask for Natalya's hand in marriage, Chubukov became extremely happy.

When Natalya entered, she also talked politely to Lomov. At the moment, when they started talking about a stretch of land called 'Oxen Meadows', they started arguing over its ownership claiming the land to be theirs. Chubukov also started arguing in favour of Natalya and cursed Lomov.

As soon as this argument got over, Lomov and Natalya again started arguing over whose dog was better. These arguments show that they both lost their tempers on trivial issues and forgot about the marriage proposal.

They should have followed the principle of forgive and forget. They should have been courteous to each other. They should not complaint and blame each other for trivial things, they should develop mutual understanding and help each other.

11. Hari Singh was an experienced thief who had robbed many people at the tender age of fifteen years. Confident of Anil's gullibility, he joined him as a cook with the motive of robbing him soon. But Anil was a kind and considerate person. son. He employed Hari Singh and taught him how to cook. He trusted him and dealt with him sympathetically overlooking many of his shortcomings. Hari Singh ironically, did not know how to tackle kindness, generosity, and goodness. It was very difficult to rob such a good human being. His conscience pricked him. Strangely, he had not been able to see his own transformation despite his

cleverness. He returned home a changed man and a better version of himself.

OR

A child is like a wet clay that can be moulded in any way. The most important influence of child has in his/her life is the inflence of his mother. Richard's mother too played a vital role i making him a great learning. He was a single child. After his father died, his mother made him the focus of her life.

She would buy him all kinds of microscopes, telescopes and other equipments. After dinner, she gave him problems to solve. This helped Richard to learn a lot. She was his only companion for a long time. She always tried to give him work that required no physical labour, but those which enhanced his learning skill.

It was his mother who got him the book- "The travels of Monarch X". This book opened the world of science for Richard. She also wrote to Dr Urquhart to guide her son. The scientist helped Richard and guided him. Thus his mother shaped him in to an extraordinary manner.