

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
FINAL EXAMINATION (4 March 2025)
ENGLISH
Class - IX (Set - A)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

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Section - A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

(1×10=10)

1. Although everybody has a creative spark, the potential is not always fully utilised. How does one recognise those who are developing their creative energies to the fullest? Mad painters and tormented poets are only comic stereotypes of the creative personality. The essential traits of creativity are found among a wide variety of less conspicuous creators, people in all walks of life. Unfortunately, the structure of our social and educational environment does not always promote its growth.
2. Generally speaking, creative people often believe their purpose in life is to discover and implement the interrelatedness of things, to make order out of disorder. They also see problems where others see none and question the validity of even the most widely accepted answers. Creative persons are compulsive problem seekers, not so much because they thrive on problems, but because their senses are attuned to a world that demands to be put together, like a jigsaw puzzle scattered on a table.
3. Several tests now in use reveal that highly creative people are much more open and receptive to the complexities of experience than are less creative people. The creative temperament has a tendency to break problems down into their most basic elements and then reconstruct them into whole new problems, thereby discovering new relationships and new solutions.
4. Highly creative people aren't afraid to ask what may seem to be naive or silly questions. They ask questions like, "why don't spiders get tangled up in their own webs?" and, "why do dogs turn in circles before lying down?" Such questions may seem childlike, and in a way they are. Children have not yet had their innate creative energies channelled into culturally acceptable directions and can give full rein to their curiosity - the absolute prerequisite for full creative functioning, in both children and adults.
5. Unlike children, creative people appear to have vast stores of patience to draw upon. Months, years, even decades can be devoted to a single problem.
6. The home that encourages inquisitiveness contributes to creative development. The teacher who stresses questions rather than answers and rewards curiosity rather than restricting it is teaching a child to be creative.
7. To be extremely intelligent is not the same as to be gifted in creative work. The Quiz Kids are often referred to as geniuses. They would undoubtedly score high in memory functions....But it is doubtful whether they are also fluent in producing ideas.
8. Contrary to popular myths that glorify youth, more creative achievements are likely to occur when people grow older. While memory may falter with age, creativity is ageless.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

1. Why is each person not able to use his/her creativity fully?
2. Mention two of the three traits of highly creative people, that we get to know from the passage.
3. What is the attitude of the creative persons towards the complexities of life?
4. How can teachers promote creativity among students?

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5. Tick the correct options:

- i) The purpose of creative people in life is ____
a) to find and implement the interrelatedness of things.
b) to make order out of disorder
c) to see problems where others see none
d) all of the above
- ii) Due to the structure of our social and educational environment, many people are unable to demonstrate their
a) Traits b) potential c) growth d) energies
- iii) In order to make students creative, a teacher should lay stresses on ____
a) Extremely intelligent children
b) Less conspicuous creators
c) Questions and reward curiosity
d) None of these
- iv) Why are Quiz Kids referred to as geniuses?
a) Because they are less open and less creative
b) Because they are not often producers of ideas.
c) Because they don't challenge the most widely accepted answers.
d) Because they score high in memory functions.
6. Which word in the passage (6) is the synonym of 'curiosity'?
7. Which word in the passage (1) is the antonym of 'delighted'?

Q2. Read the passage carefully.

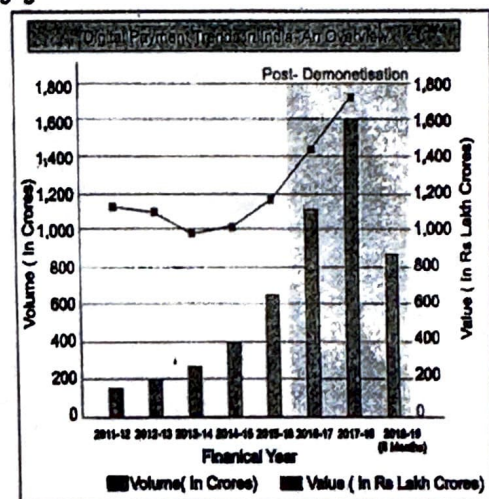
(1×10=10)

Demonetisation refers to an economic policy where a certain currency unit cease to be used as legal tender. It occurs whenever there is a change in the national currency: The existing form or forms of money is pulled from circulation and retired, to be replaced with new notes or coins. Sometimes, a country completely replaces the old currency with new currency.

On 8 November, 2016, the Indian government decided to demonetize the 500 and 1000 rupee notes, the two biggest denominations in its currency system. These notes accounted for 86% of the country's circulating cash. With little warning, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced to the citizenry that these notes would be rendered immediately ineffective with immediate effect. People were given time till the end of the year to deposit or exchange them for newly introduced 2000 rupee and 500 rupee notes.

The government's goal was to combat India's thriving underground economy on several fronts: eradicate counterfeit currency, fight tax evasion (only 1% of the population pays taxes), estimate black money accumulated from money laundering and terrorist-financing activities, and to promote a cashless economy. Individuals and entities with huge sums of black money Acquired from parallel cash systems were forced to take their large denomination notes to a bank, and account for them satisfactorily and submit proof if tax if tax paid If the owner could not provide proof of making any tax payment on the cash, he possessed a penalty of 200% on the tax due was imposed.

Demonetisation has a severe impact on the gold market. The extraordinary demand for the yellow metal, made a stiff hike in the cost. However, the Government made it mandatory that every buyer had to submit his/her PAN card details for purchases made. Erring jewelers were brought to book. Many Indians switched to alternative payment methods. The biggest gainers were mobile wallet companies that offered easy transactions through a large network of partners. Alibaba-backed Paytm saw a sevenfold increase in overall traffic. Prepaid cash cards were another options that the customers found useful. Other alternatives were mobile payment systems linked to e-commerce businesses like Ola Money, Free Charge, Flipkart Wallet.



1. Answer the questions given below:

- i) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the primary objectives of demonetization
- a) Eradicate counterfeit currency, fight tax evasion, promote a cashless economy
 - b) Promote tax evasion, encourage black money accumulation, reduce government revenue.
 - c) Increase the circulation of high-denomination notes, combat inflation, discourage digital transactions.
 - d) Promote parallel cash system, increase the demand for gold, encourage money laundering.
- ii) Select the penalty imposed on individuals and entities who could not provide proof of tax payments on the demonetized cash.
- a) 50% of the tax due
 - b) 100% of the tax due
 - c) 150% of tax due
 - d) 200 % of the tax due
- iii) Which of the following is not a mobile wallet company?
- a) Free charge b) Ola Money c) Paytm d) Samsung
- iv) What is common between Flipkart and Ola money?
- a) Both are foreign based companies.
 - b) Both are owned by the same businessman.
 - c) Both were banned during demonetization.
 - d) Both provide mobile payment platforms.
2. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from Paragraph 4.
- awful : dreadful :: serious : _____
3. Substitute the word 'combat' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from para 3.
- The government's goal was to combat Indians thriving underground economy.
4. Explain the impact of demonetization on India's economy in 2016, as described in the passage.
5. Which sectors of the economy benefited from demonetization, and how did they adapt to the changes in the payment system?
6. Which caused a stiff hike in the price of gold following demonetization?
7. List one reason why the government decided to demonetize the 500 and 1000 rupee notes and not any other

SECTION – B (WRITING)

- Q3. You are Shivani, the head girl of your school's student council. Your school has decided to host a blood donation camp in collaboration with a nearby hospital. Write a notice in 50 words informing volunteers above 18 to participate along with their parents. (4)

OR

You are a student of class 9. You sent an application for a leaving certificate to the Principal a week ago, but neither have you received an answer nor you have received the certificate. Write an email to the Principal requesting for a prompt response. (5)

- Q4. Complete the dialogue below:

Mona : Hi Alisa! How are You? a) _____ here in Mumbai?

Alisa : You're right. (b) _____ to see you here. Tell me about you as we have met after a pretty long time.

Mona : Well, (c) _____. I was married 3 years ago with Arun who is an Accountant in the Bank in India.

Alisa: (d) _____ a child has 3 years is a long period? It'll be a great pleasure to see the child.

Mona : Yes, sure, I have a little baby and she is _____

Alisa : That's fine. Let's sit and talk more.

- Q5.** You are Shubham/ Surabhi, a resident of 'R' Block, Shivaji Nagar, Mumbai. For the past few days you have been noticing that garbage is not being removed from your area. People cannot bear the stinking smell and unhygienic condition caused by this garbage. Write a letter in 100-150 words to the editor of a newspaper to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to take necessary action. (7)

OR

Imagine yourself as Gaurav. Your room mate Tejas' right hand is plastered as it got fractured while playing badminton in the school. Write a letter to his father informing him about the accident and also asking him not to worry.

- Q6.** Write a paragraph on the topic 'My Childhood Days' taking hints given below: (8)

Hints:

Childhood the prime stage spends happy life with parents and families
schooling days ignorant about future friendly atmosphere cricket match not
attended school breached the trust of parents.

OR

Taking help from the given cue/s, write a paragraph on 'Save Earth' in about 150 words.

Hints:

Earth the habitat of all organisms The only place where life is found water bodies
like rivers, streams, lakes, seas etc. sustain all forms of life.

Section – C (Grammar)

- Q7.** Fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate options given below: (3)
William Shakespeare is considered to be (a) (a/an/the) unparalleled literary genius of the Elizabethan age. He wrote for (b) (a/an/the) contemporary Elizabethan stage in simple lyrical language which the court and public (c) (can/could/will) enjoy.
- Q8.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank is given. Identify the error and write it along with the correction in the answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example. (3)

	Incorrect	Correct
e.g. Scotland has the rich cultural heritage.	the	a
Part of this are reflected in the thousands	(a)
of castles that are scatter around the length	(b)
and breadth of the country. Most of a	(c)
castles is now in ruins.	(d)

- Q9.(I)** Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given information to make a meaningful sentence. (3)

have been/ by/ infuriated/ / of/ etiquette/ lack/ people's/ I

Freedom of speech cannot be taken away from one. Yet one cannot keep on speaking all the time.

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(II) Report the dialogue to complete the paragraph that follows:

Rahul: Do you know that Ranjit met with an accident and is in hospital?

Samar: Oh! I don't. Is he badly hurt? Which hospital is he in?

Rahul: The doctors say that there is nothing to worry. He is admitted to Beach Hospital.

Rahul asked Samar if he knew that Ranjit had met with an accident and was hospitalised. Samar expressed his ignorance and enquired (a) He also asked (b) Rahul told him that according to the doctors that was nothing to worry and said that he was admitted to the Beach Hospital.

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

Q11. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any two out of three extracts: (4+4=8)

A) 'Well John' said I, 'I haven't read a best seller in a long time. May be I've had notions about them somewhat like yours.

- a) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- b) What are the common notions that he is referring to?
- c) Find out a word from the passage similar in meaning to idea.
- d) What is the bent of mind that the two men portray in this passage?

OR

B) I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the
Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn
To embellish the gardens.
When I cry the hills laugh,
When I humble myself the flowers rejoice,
When I bow, all things are elated.

- (a) What poetic device is the expression "I am beautiful pearls" an example of?
- (b) What can we infer about the mythical origin of rain from the extract?
- (c) In what way is rain life giving?
- (d) Which two natural things have been personified in the fourth line?

C) "Yes madam, we found this scoundrel stinking along the road and as he wouldn't give any account of himself we arrested him on suspicion. Holy virgin, isn't he strong and didn't he struggle! While we were scouring him. These candlesticks fell off his pockets."

- (a) Who is the speaker here?
- (b) For whom is the word 'scoundrel' used here?
- (c) How was the person arrested?
- (d) Find out a word from the extract similar in meaning to misgiving.

Q13. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2X6=12)

- 1. How did grandmother's illiteracy affect the quality of her life? (How I Taught My Grandmother To Read)
- 2. What kind of person was Charles Hooper before the tragic accident? (A Dog Named Auke)
- 3. At first the fellow soldiers had a certain respect for the 'Professor'. Why did they feel terrorised in his presence later? (The Man Who Knew Too Much)

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4. What is the significance of divergence of roads in real life? (The Road Not Taken)
5. How does the poet describe the effectiveness of the solitary reaper's melody? (The Solitary Reaper)
6. According to Juliette, her villa has a wonderful location. Why does she think so? (Villa for Sale)
7. How is the rain welcomed on the earth? (Song of the Rain)

Q14. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words:

(6)

- a) Describe some of the values one can observe in the character of the Bishop. How far do you think these values can be practised in real life?

OR

- b) Private Quelch was a knowledge person. But, he had the tendency to show off. While Harold Bramble, a child prodigy was more intelligent but always remained aloof from the world of show off. As a part of the research, compare and contrast the experiences of the two in about 120 words.

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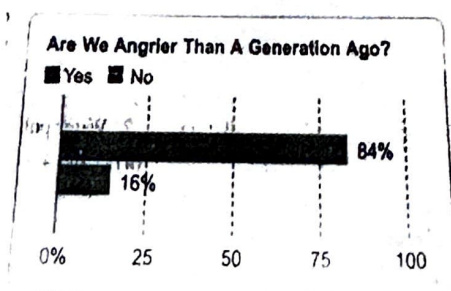
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Section - A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage carefully.

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1. Anger is usually defined as a strong feeling of hostility, displeasure, indignation, rage or annoyance. It is an emotional state that is accompanied by physiological and biological changes including an increase in heart rate and blood pressure, as well as an increase in the levels of one's energy hormones, adrenaline, and noradrenaline. An angry mind often loses its capacity to think properly. Anger problems seem to be growing in scope and intensity and the collateral issues associated run the risk of becoming more explosive and destructive. While anger is a normal human emotion, ongoing impulsive anger often leads to massive, sometimes irrevocable, problems in interpersonal, relationships, work and on general quality of life. People that have difficulty managing anger are susceptible to road rage, verbal and physical violence, and some may find themselves in legal trouble due to anger-fueled incidents.
2. Anger can be caused by both external and internal events. You could be angry at a specific person (such as a co-worker or classmate) or event (a traffic jam, a cancelled flight), or your anger could be caused by worrying or brooding about your personal problems. Memories of traumatic or enraging events can also trigger angry feelings.
3. Anger in a limited quantity is considered to be good as it gives one an opportunity to unleash negative feelings. Anger is a natural, adaptive response to threats. A certain amount of anger is needed to fight, defend and justify ourselves in society. Hence anger in small quantities is needed for our survival, like it is justified to get angry when one feels that one's rights have been denied. But excessive anger can lead to destructive results including violent actions.



4. One of the most commonly used anger management methods includes breathing exercises. A number of anger management courses are available nowadays to help one control one's anger. It always helps to have someone from whom one can seek help and talk. It is important to learn how to express one's anger assertively rather than aggressively. One can also substitute the thought that makes one angry with more pleasant thoughts. Nowadays mental health professionals and psychologists are also available to help people control their anger.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a) How is anger actually defined, according to paragraph 1?
 - (i) Strong feeling of hostility
 - (ii) Strong feeling of displeasure
 - (iii) Indignation, rage or anger
 - (iv) All of these

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b) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence.

An angry mind often (Paragraph 1)

- (i) enhances its capacity to think properly
- (ii) loses its capacity to think properly
- (iii) minimises its capacity to think in an improper way
- (iv) neither enhances nor minimises its capacity to think only

c) Choose the option that can be the suitable title for the passage.

- (i) Taming one's anger (ii) Increasing one's anger
- (iii) Minimising one's anger (iv) Anger-not a new phenomenon

d) Which type of people face difficulty in managing anger?

- 1. The people who are susceptible to road rage.
- 2. The people who are susceptible to change.
- 3. The people who are susceptible to verbal and physical violence.
- 4. The people who are negligent about any other activities.

- (i) 1 and 2 (ii) 2 and 3 (iii) 1 and 3 (iv) 2 and 4

e) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from para 1.

normal : natural :: aggression : _____

f) List one reason why anger in a limited quantity is considered to be good? (Para 3)

g) List two simple methods of managing one's anger.

h) What is the range of scale or magnitude of anger?

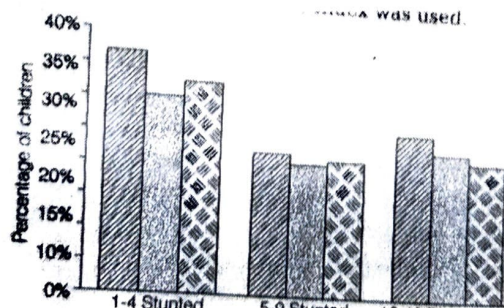
i) How does anger management courses help us?

j) Which word in passage (1) is the antonym of 'reversible' ?

Q2. Read the passage carefully.

(1×10=10)

- 1. A new survey by the Ministry of Health has found distressingly high levels of malnutrition among Indian children and adolescents. Only 6.4% of children under the age of 2 had received a minimum acceptable diet. One in five children between the ages of 5 and 9 was stunted, which means that they were at a low height for their age. One in four adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19 was thin for their age.
- 2. Conducted between 2016 and 2018, the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey collected data on the nutritional status of a representative sample of 1.1 lakh children and adolescents from the ages of 0 to 19 years from 29 states and Delhi.
- 3. The study measures the nutritional status of children in three age groups: 0-4, 5-9 and 10-19 using different techniques. For children under two years of age, the parameter measured was "minimum acceptable diet". WHO standard is a composite of two indicators: Dietary diversity or whether the child ate food from four of seven food groups in the past day and Meal frequency or how often the child was fed in a day. While for adolescents, Body Mass Index was used.



4. Correlating both sets of data, it found better nutritional outcomes among those consuming non-vegetarian diets. More significantly, there is a strong correlation between the consumption of eggs and better nutritional status in most states, particularly among younger children.
5. These findings are significant in the light of the debate over whether eggs should be served in lunches in government schools and Anganwadis. Several studies have shown consumption of eggs turns children healthier. Children whose mothers were vegetarian were more likely to be stunted than children whose mothers consumed eggs or meat, in all three age groups.
6. It must be noted, however, that there are several other factors at play in determining rates of stunting including child's residence, sanitation practices, mother's education, and the financial status of the child's family.
7. Taken together, malnutrition appears highly correlated with lack of consumption of eggs and meat across age groups. There are several anomalies, as would be expected, given that this is a state-level data and nutrition and dietary habits vary from district to district.

1. Answer the questions given below:

- i) In the line "..... are several anomalies", the word "anomalies" DOES NOT refer to
 - a) Repetitions b) Errors c) Deviations d) Abnormal
- ii) The given passage highlights
 - a) Stunting in India
 - b) Malnutrition amongst children and adolescents
 - c) The need of inclusion of eggs
 - d) Benefits of eggs
- iii) Which of the following is the outcome of the study?
 - a) Only 6.4% children under 2 years received proper diet
 - b) One out of five children aged 5-9 had low height
 - c) One out of four adolescent were thin
 - d) All of the above
- iv) Based on your understanding of the passage choose the option that lists the factors that affect stunting.
 - 1) Diet 2) Sanitation 3) Residence 4) Education 5) Financial Status 6) Meal Frequency
 - a) 1 and 2 b) 3 and 6 c) 4 and 5 d) All of these

2. Answer the following:

- a) What is dietary diversity?
- b) What does the given passage highlight?
- c) What is the significance of the debate?
- d) What does the minimum acceptable diet comprise?

3. The survey divides children into _____ categories. (Fill in the blank)

4. Find out a word which is the antonym of 'Flourishing' in para 7.

SECTION – B (WRITING)

- Q3.** Being the Head Boy of your school's Eco Club, write a notice in about 50 words to inform students about an upcoming Tree Plantation Drive. Encourage participants to volunteer by providing details regarding the drive. (4)

OR

Your ward studies in class 9. Due to the pandemic, the company you work in has suffered some heavy damages to its profit. Your salary is too low to pay the school fees. Write an email to the Principal informing her of the same.

Q4. Complete the dialogue below:

(5)

Mother : Son, you (a) _____ morning. Take rest for an hour or so as you may be tired.

Son : OK, mama. (b) I _____ as you think. But (c) _____ so, I shall take some rest.

Mother : After (d) _____ you'll feel fresh and (e) _____.

Son : Right mama. Thank you.

Q5. You are Prabhu Kumar/ Parvati of 17 E, M.K. Road, Kochi. Write a letter in about 100-120 words to the editor of a national newspaper expressing your concern over the over-use of mobile phones by youngsters.

(7)

OR

You were a part of an organising committee for an inter-school event which was very successful. You and the other committee members were congratulated and praised at the school assembly by the Principal. Write a letter to your grandmother telling her about the event and your feelings at being recognised and praised in front of the school.

Q6. Taking help from the given cue/s, write a paragraph on Harry Potter in about 150 words.

(8)

Hints:

Harry Potter a series of fantasy novels adventures of the wizard takes one into the world of fantasy Invited to attend the boarding school overcome emotional hurdles.

OR

Taking help from the given cue/s, write a paragraph on 'Adventure' in about 150 words.

Hints:

Rishikesh located in Uttarakhand on the bank of river famous for its scenic beauty tourists destinations places to visit Gateway to the Garhwal Himalayas various adventure activities River rafting, cliff jumping, beach camping.

Section – C (Grammar)

Q7. Fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate options given below:

(3)

African elephants (a) slightly bigger in size and dark (b) colour than the Asian elephants. Being herbivorous, they depend on plants in (c) forest to fulfil their food demand.

- a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) can (iv) have
b) (i) in (ii) on (iii) for (iv) from
c) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) about

Q8. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Attempt all the sentences of the given paragraph.

(4)

Nature has been generous to Ranthambhor
and park is criss-crossed with streams
and rivulets flowing great rock formations.
The interior the park abounds in
wide grasslands as well thick forest cover.

Before	Word	After
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)

Q9.(I) Rearrange the following jumbled words to make a meaningful sentence.

(1)

are/ not only/ they/ important/ to man/ birds/ and animals/ to/ but also

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(II) Read the dialogue to complete the paragraph that follows:

(2)

Teacher : Why are you interested to take admission in this institute?

Student : This institute has very talented teachers.

The teacher asked the student (i) The student replied that (ii)

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

Q11. Read the given extract carefully. Attempt any two out of three extracts:

(4+4=8)

A) O Listen ! for the vale profound
Is overflowing with the sound.

- a) What sound is being referred to here?
- b) What is the effect of the sound?
- c) In what pitch do you think the song is being sung? Why?
- d) Explain : the vale profound

OR

B) Then the whining schoolboy, with satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
unwillingly to school.

- (a) Why is the schoolboy whining?
- (b) What is the simile used in these lines?
- (c) Why does he have a shining morning face?
- (d) Is the school boy interested in going to school?

C) "Ah thanks, thanks, Monseigneur. I.I (he sobs) Ah 'I' am a fool, a child to cry but somehow you have made me feel that That it is just as if something had come into me as if I were a man again and not a wild beast."

- (a) Who is the speaker here?
- (b) Why does the speaker thank Monseigneur?
- (c) Explain 'as if I were a man again and not a wild beast'.
- (d) Write the antonym of the word 'wild'.

Q13. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

(2X6=12)

1. How did the accident change Chuck's life?
2. What was Pescud's first impression of the mansion?
3. Briefly describe the brook's journey from the 'thirty hills' to the 'brimming river'.
4. What views does Mrs. AL Smith have about the French people?
5. How is the rain a messenger of mercy, between the field and the cloud?
6. Why did the privates treat Corporal Turnbull as a hero figure?
7. Why was the narrator's grandmother so desperate to know what had happened in the story. 'Kashi Yatre'?

Q14. Answer any one of the following in about 150 words:

(6)

- a) Do you think hardwork and intelligence are enough for success in life? What other qualities or values are required? Discuss with reference to 'How I Taught My Grandmother To Read' and 'The Man Who Knew Too Much'.

OR

- b) Your younger brother has poor dental health. After reading the poem "Oh, I wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth, you feel like writing a letter to him advising him to take care of his teeth.

In your letter you should

- highlight the importance of good dental health
- say what your brother can do to improve his oral health
- advise him to read the poem by Pam Ayres.