

**SECTION-A****A) Read the following passage and answer the following questions.****(4)**

Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest. 'Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out.

1. What is the primary reason the narrator feels hesitant about writing in a diary?

- A) She is unsure of what to write about.
- B) She believes her thoughts are unimportant to others.
- C) She has never written anything before.
- D) She fears her diary will be discovered.

2. Which phrase in the passage reflects the narrator's view on the relationship between writing and people?

- A) "Writing is a strange experience."
- B) "Neither I nor anyone else will be interested."
- C) "Paper has more patience than people."
- D) "I feel like writing."

3. What emotional state is the narrator experiencing when she contemplates writing?

- A) Joyful and excited
- B) Confused and anxious
- C) Depressed and listless
- D) Indifferent and bored

4. What action is the narrator contemplating when she feels bored and listless?

- A) Going to a friend's house
- B) Writing poetry
- C) Staying in or going out
- D) Starting a new hobby

**B) Fill in the blank with correct words.****(4)**

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days I had been pleasantly \_\_\_\_\_ by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their \_\_\_\_\_ before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international \_\_\_\_\_ on South African soil. This event marked a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in our nation's history, bringing together \_\_\_\_\_ from all over the globe to celebrate. The atmosphere was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and excitement as everyone prepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.

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- A) change
- B) besieged
- C) respects
- D) leaders
- E) gathering
- F) celebration
- G) visitors
- H) officials
- I) anticipation
- J) moment

**C) Answer the following questions any three.****(6)**

1. In "A Letter to God," how does Lencho's perception of God reflect his understanding of faith and providence? Analyze the significance of his unwavering belief despite the circumstances he faces.

2. In "Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom," discuss the transformation in Mandela's views on forgiveness and reconciliation. How do his experiences shape his understanding of leadership in the context of South Africa's apartheid?

3. In "Two Stories About Flying," compare and contrast the attitudes of the two pilots in the respective stories. How do their experiences reflect different approaches to fear and bravery in the face of adversity?

4. In "Mijbil the Otter," how does the author use descriptive language to convey the bond between Mijbil and the narrator? Discuss how this relationship highlights themes of companionship and the innate nature of animals.

5. In "Fire and Ice," Robert Frost explores the themes of desire and hatred through the contrasting elements of fire and ice. Analyze how the poet uses imagery and symbolism to convey his message about the potential for destruction inherent in both emotions. What does this suggest about the nature of human conflict and the choices we face?

**SECTION-B**

**D) Read the following passage and answer the following question (2 marks)**

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down  
All his young days into the harbour where  
His ball went. I would not intrude on him;  
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now  
He senses first responsibility

1. What does the "ultimate shaking grief" symbolize in the context of the boy's experience with loss?
2. How does the imagery of the boy "standing rigid, trembling" enhance the emotional weight of the moment described in the poem?

**E) Tick the correct figure of speech (2 marks)**

1: "The way a crow / Shook down on me" employs which figure of speech?

- A) Simile
- B) Personification
- C) Metaphor
- D) Alliteration

2: "I hold with those who favor fire" illustrates which figure of speech?

- A) Hyperbole
- B) Irony
- C) Symbolism
- D) Paradox

**F) Answer the following Questions (Any 6) (12 marks)**

1. In "Letter to God," what does Lencho's faith in God reveal about his character, especially after the hailstorm?
2. How does Mandela's description of his feelings upon being released from prison illustrate the theme of freedom in "Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom"?
3. In "His First Flight," what internal conflicts does the young seagull face before finally flying, and how does this reflect a universal theme of overcoming fear?
4. Discuss how the portrayal of village life in "Glimpses of India" highlights the importance of community and tradition in Indian culture.
5. What role does the postman play in "Letter to God," and how does his reaction to Lencho's letter add depth to the story's themes?
6. Analyze the significance of the phrase "I learned that I am the master of my fate" in the context of Mandela's journey in "Long Walk to Freedom."
7. Compare the experiences of the two pilots in "The Black Aeroplane" and "His First Flight." How do their reactions to challenges reflect different aspects of determination?
8. In "Glimpses of India," how does the author use food to convey cultural diversity and identity? Provide specific examples to support your answer.

**SECTION - C**

**G) Error Correction (3 marks)**

- 1) The next movement he feels
- 2) his wings spread inwards.
- 3) The wind rushed against her breast ,
- 4) feather, then under his stomach,
- 5) and before his wings. He could
- 6) felt the tips of his wings
- 7) cut through the air.

**H) Fill in the blanks using correct punctuation marks (3 marks)**

I looked at my watch one thirty in the morning (a) should call Paris Control soon (b) As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane (c) I saw the lights of a big city in front of me (d) I switched on the radio and said Paris Control Dakota DS 088 here (e) Can you hear me (f) I'm on my way to England Over. DS 088 here. Can you hear me? I'm on my way to England. Over."

**I) Convert into indirect speech. (3 marks)**

Anne said, "Margot and I were send to Aachen to stay with our grandmother. Margot went to Holland in December, and I followed in February.

**J) Do as Directed. (5 marks)**

- 1) He felt certain that his wings would never support him. [question tag]
- 2) He stretched out his hand towards me. (voice)
- 3) He stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons. [complex]
- 4) I switched on the radio and said [No sooner.....]
- 5) There was no answer. (Interrogative- sentence)

**SECTION - D**

**K) Read the following passage and Answer the following questions. (4)**

In the realm of quantum physics, the phenomenon of entanglement challenges classical intuitions about the separability of particles. When two particles become entangled, their states are linked in such a way that the measurement of one instantly influences the state of the other, regardless of the distance separating them. This

non-locality defies traditional notions of causality and has profound implications for information transfer and cryptography. Moreover, entangled particles can exist in a superposition of states, a concept that further complicates our understanding of reality. The implications of entanglement extend beyond theoretical constructs, as experimental validations, such as Bell's theorem, demonstrate the existence of quantum correlations that cannot be explained by classical physics. These revelations not only provoke philosophical debates regarding determinism and free will but also pave the way for advancements in quantum computing, where entanglement is harnessed to perform calculations far beyond the capabilities of classical computers.

1. What phenomenon in quantum physics challenges classical intuitions about particle separability?
2. How does the measurement of one entangled particle affect the state of another?
3. What does Bell's theorem demonstrate about quantum correlations?
4. In what area of technology does entanglement play a crucial role according to the paragraph?

**L) Read the following verse and answer the following questions.**

**(4)**

In shadows deep where whispers dwell,  
The echoes of forgotten tales compel.  
Through tangled woods where silence reigns,  
A hidden path where mystery gains.  
The moonlight weaves through branches bare,  
Illuminating secrets that linger in air.  
Each rustle tells of ages past,  
Of fleeting moments that forever last.  
Yet in the dark, a spark ignites,  
Awakening dreams, igniting nights.  
For in the stillness, truth is found,  
A symphony of silence, profound.

1. What theme is suggested by the setting described in the poem?
2. How does the moonlight contribute to the imagery in the poem?
3. What does the phrase "a symphony of silence" imply about the nature of truth?
4. In what way do the "whispers" in the poem serve the overall narrative?

**M) Write any 2 from the following questions**

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- 1) Write a diary entry reflecting on a significant event in your life or best day in your life, detailing your thoughts and emotions.
- 2) Write a notice for your school informing students about an upcoming science fair, including the date, time, and participation details.
- 3) Write a dialogue between two friends discussing their plans for the weekend, highlighting their differing opinions and interests.

#### SECTION-E

**N) Write a report summarizing the findings of a recent school survey on student satisfaction, including key statistics and recommendations for improvement.**

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**O) Write a letter to the editor advocating for more green spaces in your community, discussing the benefits of parks and recreational areas for residents' well-being.**

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**P) Write any one essay on the given topics in 200 words.**

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1) "The Impact of Technology on Education."

(Introduction, Enhanced Learning Opportunities, Improved Engagement and Interaction, Challenges and Considerations, Conclusion)

2) "The Importance of Mental Health Awareness."

(Introduction, Enhanced Understanding of Mental Health, Reducing Stigma and Discrimination, Promoting Support Systems, Conclusion)

**Q) Story writing in 150-180 words.**

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Dark night – quiet jungle – sound of footsteps – followed footprints trail – reached lonely house – hidden behind trees – entered – shocked to see – woke up in bed.