

# Solved Paper 2022

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (TERM-II)

### CLASS-X

Time : 2 Hr.

Max. Marks : 40

#### General Instructions :

- (i) The Question paper contains **three** sections READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR AND LITERATURE.
- (ii) Attempt question based on specific instructions for each **Part/Section**.
- (iii) **Section-B** has 12 questions. Attempt any 10 questions.
- (iv) **Section-C** has 30 questions. Attempt any 26 questions.
- (v) All questions carry equal marks.
- (vi) There is no negative marking.
- (vii) Attempt the number of questions as given in the direction of main heads.

TERM-II, OUTSIDE DELHI SET-I—SERIES: DPQRS

Code No. : 2/4/1

#### SECTION -A (Reading)

##### 1. Read the passage given below:

- (1) Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.
- (2) The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.
- (3) From beginning that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced".
- (4) He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. "I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but,

hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."

- (5) Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life.

"Running had thus become my God, my religion and my beloved".

"My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach."

- (6) On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training. "I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would increase my speed to such an extent that after my rounds, I would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me, asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed

the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory."

**Based on your reading answer any five questions from the six given below:**

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

- (i) What is Milkha Singh known as ? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics?
- (ii) List any two of Milkha Singh's achievements.
- (iii) What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow ?
- (iv) State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.
- (v) What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world?
- (vi) Explain the phrase 'I would start again' in the last sentence.

- Ans.**
- (i) Milkha Singh is known as 'The Flying Sikh'. When he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics, he realised the actual meaning of competition. He felt that he must be well prepared to test his mettle against the best athletes of the world in order to succeed on an international platform.
  - (ii) (a) Milkha Singh is the only Indian to win gold in 400 metres in Asian Games as well as in the Commonwealth Games.  
(b) He was awarded with the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian honour.
  - (iii) Milkha Singh practised hard to achieve his goal of becoming the best athlete of the world. He used to run 2-3 miles a day early in the morning.
  - (iv) His hard and strenuous practice drained out his energy leading him to vomit blood and sometimes dropping him down unconscious.
  - (v) The view of packed stadium, full of cheering spectators, who applauded Milkha Singh as he crossed the finishing line, motivated him to become the best athlete in the world.
  - (vi) Very often, vigorous training drained Milkha Singh's energy, resulting in poor health, even to the extent of sometimes making him unconscious. But he never gave up. The sight of cheering spectators encouraged him to start again, running towards his goal with strong determination.

## 2. Read the following excerpt from a Case Study. J.K. Rowling - A Journey

The story of Joanne Kathleen Rowling's near magical rise to fame is almost as well known as the characters she creates.

Rowling was constantly writing and telling stories to her younger sister Dianne. "The first story I ever wrote down was about a rabbit called Rabbit." Rowling said in an interview. "He got the measles and was visited by his friends including a giant bee called Miss Bee. And ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have always wanted to be a writer, though I rarely told anyone so. However, my parents, both of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage or secure a pension.

A writer from the age of six, with two unpublished novels in the drawer, she was stuck on a train when Harry walked into her mind fully formed. She spent the next five years constructing the plots of seven books, one for every year of his secondary school life.

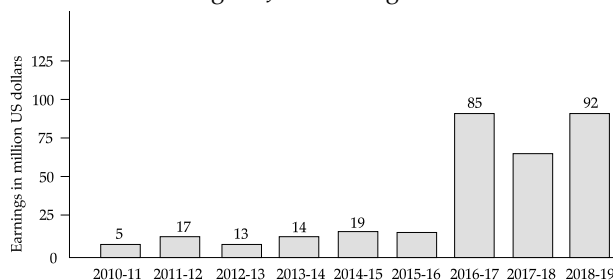
Rowling says she started writing the first book, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, in Portugal, where she was teaching English.

At first nobody wanted to publish Harry Potter. She was told that plot was too complex. Refusing to compromise, she found a publisher.

In 1997 Rowling received her first royalty cheque. By book three, she had sky rocketed to the top of the publishing world. A row of zeroes appeared on the author's bank balance and her life was turned upside down. Day and night she had journalists knocking on the unanswered door of her flat.

Rowling's quality control has become legendary, as her obsession with accuracy. She's thrilled with Stephen Fry's taped version of the books and outraged that an Italian dust jacket showed Harry minus his glasses. "Don't they understand that the glasses are the clue to his vulnerability."

Annual earnings of J.K. Rowling from 2010 to 2019



**On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer any five of the six questions given below.**

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

- (i) Explain J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame'.
- (ii) What reason did the publishers give for rejecting Rowling's book ?
- (iii) What was the drawback of achieving fame?
- (iv) Why was Rowling outraged with the Italian dust jacket?
- (v) Find a word in the last para that means the same as 'insecure/helpless'.

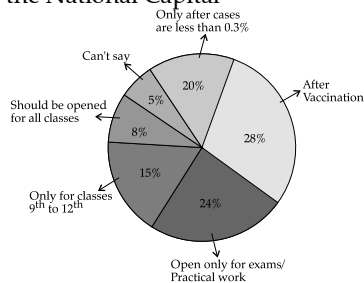
(vi) According to the graph, how many years did it take Rowling to become very successful ?

- Ans.**
- (i) J.K. Rowling's 'near magical rise to fame' mentions her incredible journey of becoming a famous writer.
  - (ii) Publishers rejected her book, saying that the plot of her story was too complex.
  - (iii) After achieving fame, her life was turned upside down. Journalists used to visit and disturb her personal life at the odd hours.
  - (iv) Rowling was outraged with the Italian dust jacket because it showed Harry without his peculiar feature, i.e., his glasses.
  - (v) 'Vulnerability' means the same as insecure/helpless.
  - (vi) Rowling took 6 years to become very successful.

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

3. Attempt any one from (i) and (ii).

(i) A group of enterprising young adults conducted a survey on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital



Write a paragraph in about 120 words analysing the listed responses.

(ii) You are Vikram/Vanya, Librarian, B.S. Public School, Delhi.

Write a letter to the Manager of Amar Publication House, Mumbai, placing an order for 4 sets of Social Studies books for grades 6-8 published by N.C.E.R.T. in not more than 120 words. Mention school discount, mode of payment and date of delivery.

**Ans. (i)** In light of current education crisis due to COVID-19, a survey on reopening of educational institutions in the National Capital was conducted by a group of enterprising young adults. 28% people opined that the educational institutions should allow the students and other staff only after complete vaccination, i.e. they should be allowed to enter the campus only after they are vaccinated. As many as 24% people believed that schools should reopen only for exams/practical work; whereas 20% people were of view that it would be wise to open these institutions only after the cases are less than 0.3%. A few people

(15%) seemed to be in support of the reopening of schools, coachings etc., only for class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> whereas 8% people were in favour of reopening the same for all classes. Only 5% of persons couldn't say anything in this matter. Hence, we see that approx. 75% people wanted that it's time for educational institutions to move on with full precautions whereas 20% are still waiting for the situations to become better and 5% of them are perhaps on 'wait and watch' stand.

(ii) B.S. Public School

Rani Bagh

Delhi

April 28, 2022

The Manager

Amar Publication House

Andheri West

Mumbai

**Subject : Supply of books for School Library**

**Sir,**

Through this letter we'd like to place an order for the following books:

S. No.	Name of Books/Subject	Authors/Publishers	No. of Sets
1.	A complete set of books of Social Studies (for grade 6)	N.C.E.R.T.	4
2.	A complete set of books of Social Studies (for grade 7)	N.C.E.R.T.	4
3.	A complete of books of Social Studies (for grade 8)	N.C.E.R.T.	4

We shall not settle for less than 15% discount on the purchase of the above mentioned books. Besides, we request you to give another 5% special discount that is usually granted to the institutional buyers. It goes without saying that you will have to bear the mail and other expenses involved in the dispatch and delivery of books.

The above books must reach us in proper condition and order not later than 6<sup>th</sup> May if our terms and conditions are acceptable to you. Payment will be made through Google-pay.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Vanya

(Librarian)

4. The following paragraph has an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.

1 × 3 = 3

**Incorrect Correct**

Air pollution is emerging like a global problem among the world. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Much of our cities have industries which is responsible for 20% of the pollutants. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ans. Incorrect Correct**

(a) among in/all over  
(b) Much Most  
(c) is are

**5. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows: 2**

**Neha:** I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.

**Nanita:** Yes, after a long time we will be meeting our friends and teachers.

Neha told Namita (1) ..... looking forward to the class picnic ....., Namita agreed that after a long time (2) ..... friends and teachers.

**Ans. (1)** that she was really ..... the next day  
**(2)** they would be meeting their

**SECTION - C  
(Literature)**

**6. Answer any six questions in about 30-40 words each. 2 × 6 = 12**

- (i) What does the writer recall about his childhood in Goa ? (Glimpses of India)
- (ii) "These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment." What were the sights that moved 'him'? (The Sermon at Benaras)
- (iii) Mention any two issues over which Amanda was nagged and scolded ?
- \* (iv) Why does the poet wish to 'turn' and live with animals ? (Animals)
- (v) Describe Custard the dragon.
- (vi) What did Ebright learn from his failure at the Science fair ? (The Making of a Scientist)
- \* (vii) How did Lutkins impress the lawyer? (The Hack Driver)

**Ans. (i)** The writer recalls about his childhood days in Goa when the baker used to visit every house of the Goan people. He also tells us that in Goa, bread was a part of not only everyday life but also of festive occasions and events. For each occasion there was a special kind of bread. He also tells us that the baker had leading role in the society. He was so important in the life of the Goans that they got up with the jingling sound of his bamboo.

\* Out of Syllabus

- (ii) Once Prince Siddhartha had gone for hunting where he came across a sick man, an aged man, a monk asking for alms and also witnessed a funeral procession. Unable to understand those sufferings, he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment, concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.
- (iii) Amanda was nagged and scolded on do's and don'ts. She was instructed, most probably by her mother, for not biting her nails and for sitting lazily with her shoulders bent. She was nagged by her mother for eating a chocolate as previously it caused her acne.
- (v) Custard, the dragon had a formidable appearance, with sharp teeth, toes like daggers, spikes on back and scales on the belly. Its mouth was a fireplace and the nose was always fuming like a chimney. However, in sharp contrast to the appearance, his temperament was extremely timid.
- (vi) When Ebright could not win a prize at the science fair, he learnt that winners do real experiment, they don't simply display slides. Then he started conducting experiments. It was definitely a stepping stone towards his success. His competitive nature, his extra efforts and the will to win for the right reasons made him a successful scientist.

**7. Answer any two of the following in about 120 words each. 4 × 2**

- (i) As Valli, make a diary entry sharing your joys and disappointments during the bus ride. 4
- (ii) Natalya and her father Chubukov 'turn around' when Lomov puts his proposal in the open. As a reader briefly describe what you think of Natalaya and Chubukov from the play "the Proposal". 4
- (iii) The credit of Bholi's transformation to Sulekha goes to her teacher. Elaborate with reference to the text. 4

**Ans. (i)** 27 April, 2022

Wednesday

Dear Diary,

Today, I am feeling very happy as my deepest desire to undertake a bus ride has been fulfilled.

Listening to people who had travelled by the bus, I gathered little details about the trip. I decided to gather enough money to travel by it. When I had the required money, I went on the bus.

The conductor was surprised to see me, a young girl, travelling by herself but jokingly he called me 'Madam' and offered me the front seat. I observed everything very carefully e.g. the trees that seemed to be running, a cow that suddenly moved in front of the bus and so on.

When we reached the town, I gaped at everything in amazement—the big shops and

so on. The conductor asked me to get down and have a look at the sights, but I refused. I told him that I had come only for the bus ride. The conductor offered to buy a cold drink for me but I refused that too.

On the journey back, I saw the same young cow dead by the roadside. The conductor told me that it was the same cow we had seen earlier. I felt sad. The memory of the cow haunted me. When we reached the village, the conductor told me to come again, but to remember to bring the fare.

In all, my first excursion on the bus was a great success.

- (ii) Natalya is the only daughter of the landowner Chubukov. She is very possessive about her land and was determined not to part with it. She is a short tempered lady who used to quarrel with anyone very often. She always pinpoints the amount of help she used to offer to her neighbour.

Stephen Stepanovitch Chubukov loves his daughter and plays the role of a good father. He is in search of a good match for his daughter. He is a good selector of words. He calls Lomov 'My Angle, Treasure' etc. when he comes to know about his proposal. But when Chubukov finds

Lomov fighting with Natalya, he immediately changes and starts to support his daughter.

Later, Lomov wants to resolve the issue and again visits Chubukov with his marriage-proposal. Then the proposal is accepted by Chubukov. He allowed Natalya to marry him.

- (iii) There is no doubt that the credit of Bholi's transformation to Sulekha goes to her teacher.

Bholi's teacher played a very important role in transforming the shy and dumb Bholi into a bold and confident girl. The teacher's kind and encouraging words helped her to overcome her issue of stammering. It was the teacher's untiring efforts which helped her to become so bold that she had the courage to finally refuse to marry Bishamber Nath who was much older to her age. Also he was a very greedy and contemptible person. The metamorphosis of the innocent Bholi to a bold and confident person was because of her teacher. The teacher had definitely created a masterpiece. Under her teacher's guidance, she bloomed as a bold and confident person. The shy and reticent child like Bholi had transformed into a bold and confident girl. She was a true masterpiece because she had the courage to revolt against a social evil of dowry and refused to marry the greedy Bishamber Nath.

**TERM-II, OUTSIDE DELHI SET-II—SERIES: DPQRS**

**Code No. : 2/4/2**

**Note : Except these, all other Questions are from Set - I**

**SECTION - C**  
**(Literature)**

**6. Answer any six questions in 30-40 words each.**

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

- (i) What impressed Mr. Barua about Rajvir ? (Glimpses of India)
- (ii) Kisa Gotami admitted that she was being selfish in grief. Do you agree? Why/Why not? (The Sermon at Benaras).
- (iii) Amanda did not agree with the restrictions put on her. Give two reasons to support the statement.
- \* (iv) Mention any two reasons why Walt Whitman appreciates animals more than humans. (Animals)
- (v) Describe the pirate in the 'Tale of Custard the Dragon.'
- (vi) Why did Ebright start a project of tagging butterflies?
- \* (vii) Why did the young lawyer dislike his job in the Law firm ? (The Hack Driver)
- Ans. (i)** Indeed, Rajvir possessed qualities like time management, positivity and humility which impressed Mr. Barua. His research before the start of his journey to Assam helped him to explore more about the place. Knowing about the destination and being familiar with the real place is of utmost importance. Rajvir also surprised Mr. Barua, Pranjol's father with his in-depth knowledge of the subject.
- (ii) 'Selfishness' means when a person does something only for his own benefit or thinks only about himself/herself. Kisa Gotami was selfish in wanting her dead son to be alive. It was a mother's love which had blinded her. She was wrong in wanting that. She could not see the reality of life but it is natural for anyone to be selfish at such times.
- (iii) Amanda's parents forever nagged her about what to do and what not to do. These frequent restrictions made her very unhappy. She felt that she was not free to do anything. She wanted freedom from all restrictions. She dreamt to lead a life of a mermaid in a languid, emerald sea with her being the only inhabitant there. She also wished to lead a calm and quiet life in a tower like that of Rapunzel with nobody to disturb her.
- (v) The pirate looked very dangerous as he was carrying many weapons with him. He had pistol in both his hands. He also held a sharp blade between his teeth. He had black beard and a wooden leg. His looks and gesture made it quite

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clear that he meant to harm the house and the people living in it.

- (vi) Guided by Dr. Urguhart, Ebright started tagging Monarch butterflies which made him realise the

importance of cells. That project showed how a cell would divide and develop into normal butterfly wing-scales. Later, it formed the blue print of DNA.

**TERM-II, OUTSIDE DELHI SET-III—SERIES: DPQRS**

**Code No. : 2/4/3**

**Note : Except these, all other Questions are from Set - I & Set - II**

**SECTION - C  
(Literature)**

**6. Answer any six questions in about 30-40 words each.**

**2 × 6 = 12**

- (i) Describe the climb to the Brahmagiri hills. (Glimpses of India)
- (ii) Why did Kisa Gotami become weary and hopeless? (The Sermon at Benaras).
- (iii) 'I am an orphan, roaming the street'. Why does Amanda visualize this?
- \* (iv) List any two things that animals do and humans don't. (Animals)
- (v) Why did the pirate 'gape' at Belinda's dragon? (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)
- (vi) How was 'The Travels of Monarch X' a turning point in Ebright's life? (The Making of a Scientist)
- \* (vii) Describe the young lawyer's first encounter with the hack driver.

**Ans. (i)** The climb to the Brahmagiri hills not only offers the panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg but also it is a gateway to

many hidden surprises. Besides, a walk across the rope bridge leads to the 64 acres island of Nisarg dhama. Then, there is the India's largest Tibetan settlement, Bylakuppe.

- (ii) Kisa Gotami was sad because her only son had died. In her hour of grief, she went from house to house in search of a medicine to cure him. She had become selfish in wanting her son back.
- (iii) Amanda often escapes from reality and desires herself to be an orphan as she wants to live a life of her own without any disturbance. She feels troubled by her parents. She is nagged most of the time. and wants freedom from her parents and their intrusions.
- (v) The pirate, who terrified Belinda and all others pets, gaped at Belinda's dragon because he was amazed to find that the dragon didn't fear even a bit.
- (vi) The book 'The Travels of Monarch X' opened the world of science for Richard. After reading that book, he became interested in tracking the migration of butterflies. This interest led him to his other projects and experiments. Finally, he became a great scientist.

**TERM-II, DELHI SET-I—SERIES: CPQRS/2**

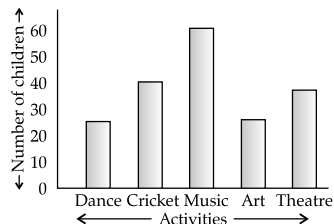
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**Note : For Q.1. & Q.2. refer Outside Delhi Set-I Q.1. & Q.2.**

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

**3. Attempt any one from (i) and (ii). 10**

- (i) A survey was conducted in the National Capital in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 years to 15 years. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analysing the following information. 5



**OR**

- (ii) You are Niharika, Incharge of the Neighbourhood Library for children. Write a letter to Manaulal Publishers placing an order for books 2 Sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha in about

120 words. Mention mode of payment, library discount and date of delivery.

**Ans. (i)** A survey was conducted in more than twenty schools of New Delhi about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 year to 15 years. It was amazing to know that it was not playing cricket in which maximum students showed their interest. Rather music interests the maximum number of school children. Then, with a great margin, cricket becomes their second choice. It may be due to the reason that during corona period, children had to shift their preference to solo and indoor activities. Again, just with a little difference children seem to be interested in theatre. Unexpectedly, dance as well as art has been placed as their last but not the least choice of these budding artists. Above all, the survey brought out this 'healthy' fact in notice that growing students prefer real activities to virtual games/activities.

**OR**

- (ii) Neighbourhood Library  
Aurobindo Road

Indore  
 April 27, 2022  
 The Sales Manager  
 Manautal Publishers  
 12, Mall Road  
 Indore

**Sub : Placing Order for books.**

Sir,

Thank you for the catalogue you had sent, with the latest price list. After going through the same we'd like to place an order for the following books:

Book's Name	Quality
Panchtantra (Hindi)	2 Sets
Amar Chitra Katha (Hindi)	2 Sets

We've transferred 50% advance payment through Paytm. The balance payment will be made on delivery. We expect a 15% discount, as promised by you. Please note that delivery should be made latest by 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you  
 Yours sincerely  
 Niharika  
 (Library incharge)

4. The following paragraph has an error in each line with a blank. Write the correct and the incorrect word in the blanks provided. The first one has been done for you. 1 × 3 = 3

	Incorrect	Correct
A first Indian woman physician	eg <u>A</u>	<u>The</u>
Anandibai Joshi graduated at 1886.	(a) _____	_____
About 125 years later, Indian women had start to outnumber men in	(b) _____	_____
admissions of medical colleges.	(c) _____	_____

**Ans.**    **Incorrect**                      **Correct**  
 (a) at                                      in  
 (b) start                                  started  
 (c) of                                        to

5. Read the conversation and complete the passage that follows: 3

**Ritika:** Can I borrow your Math book for a couple of days?

**Mohit:** Yes certainly, I have already studied for the test tomorrow.

Ritika asked Mohit (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (1)** if she could borrow his Math book

**(2)** he had already studied for the test the next day.

**SECTION - C**  
**(Literature)**

6. Answer any six questions in about 30-40 words each.

2 × 6 = 12

- (i) Why is Coorg called the land of the rolling hills? (Glimpses of India).  
 (ii) What was the objective of Lomov's visit to Chubukov's house? (The Proposal)  
 (iii) Amanda was blamed for a number of things. Mention any two.  
 \* (iv) Walt Whitman speaks of the human race with a tinge of sarcasm. Which are the two reasons that you agree with? (Animals)  
 (v) How did Custard prove 'the cowardly dragon' tag to be untrue?  
 (vi) What role did Ebright's mother play in his success? (The Making of a Scientist)  
 \* (vii) How was the hack driver recognised?

**Ans. (i)** Coorg is called the land of rolling hills because the city is situated on the gentle sloping hills. The entire area is covered with these hills. Brahmagiri hills has a panoramic view.

**(ii)** Lomov was a rich landowner. He was the neighbour of Chubukov. He was a thirty-five year old rich bachelor who wanted to marry Natalya (Chubukov's daughter). So he came in evening, dressed well in a jacket and white gloves, to ask for Natalya's hand.

**(iii)** Amanda was blamed by her mother for making such mistakes which her mother used to think, are not part of code of good conduct, laid out by the society. She was continuously blamed for biting her nails and for not sitting in the right posture. She was also blamed for not cleaning her room and shoes.

**(v)** The dragon, Custard, initially commanded no amount of respect from Belinda and the other pets, on account of his cowardice; but when the house was attacked by an armed pirate and all others panicked and ran for shelter, the dragon savagely attacked the pirate and ate him up. Thus, the other animals realised his worth and tag of 'the cowardly dragon' proved to be untrue.

**(vi)** Ebright's mother encouraged his interest in learning. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials and other equipments and helped him in many other ways. By this, we can say that it was Ebright's mother who led him to become a great scientist.

7. Answer any two of the following in about 120 words each. 4 × 2

(i) How does Buddha bring about a different perspective in Kisa Gotami's understanding of life? (The Sermon at Benaras) 4

(ii) As a reader do you sympathise with Matilda? Give reasons from the text to support your answer. (The Necklace) 4

(iii) As Valli, make a diary entry sharing your experience of riding the bus alone for the first time. (Madam Rides the Bus) 4

**Ans. (i)** When Kisa's only son had died, she went to Buddha. Being plunged into deep grief, first she went to every neighbour, asking for medicine for her dead son. She had lost all her senses and forgot that no medicine could bring back the dead. Then she went to Buddha in hope of bringing her dead son back to life. Buddha asked her to bring some mustard seeds from a house where no death had occurred. But she couldn't find any such house. Buddha made her realise that death is common to all. One must accept the truth and should have farsightedness. Weeping and grieving over the death of near and dear ones cannot bring peace of mind. Blessed is the person who overcomes sorrow. She learnt that a person who remains composed after the death of his kinsmen obtains peace of mind. In such a way, Buddha brought about a different but meaningful perspective in Kisa Gotami's understanding of life.

(ii) No, I don't sympathise with Matilda. Infact, it was her ostentation and vanity which landed her in trouble.

It is very essential for a person to live a contented life. He should believe in simple living and high thinking. Not everyone is born with a golden spoon in his mouth. With honesty and hard work we can always achieve our best. A person will never be happy if he keeps craving for what he doesn't have. In this way, he may ruin even his present.

Matilda had the same craving for a life of luxury and wealth. She immersed herself in glamour when her husband got an invitation to attend a ball.

She didn't care for her loving middle-class husband, rather she was running after her fantasies. She always thought beyond her limits. For the minister's party she could have gone in her simple clothes, but she insisted on buying new dress for four hundred francs which her husband gave her. Then she longed for jewellery, which she borrowed from her friend for the party. She borrowed a diamond necklace and lost it. For repaying the diamond necklace to the friend, she had to sacrifice many years of her life, as well as her husband's whole income. Both of them lived in utter poverty to repay for it. Matilda lost all her charm and looked old and pale. Her ostentation and vanity had put her in trouble. It is better to be satisfied with what one has. One should not believe in false show off.

(iii) Same as (Outside Delhi Set I, II, III Q. 7. (i))

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**SECTION - C  
(Literature)**

**6. Answer any six questions in about 30-40 words each.**

**2 × 6 = 12**

(i) Why are Kodavus permitted to carry fire arms without licence? (Glimpses of India)

(ii) Why did Chubukov misunderstand the purpose of Lomov's visit? (The Proposal)

(iii) As a reader do you identify with Amanda? How?

\* (iv) What two attributes of the Animals please the poet?

(v) Why did everyone laugh at the realio, trulio dragon? (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

(vi) How did Ebright get the idea of his new theory about cell life? (The Making of a Scientist)

\* (vii) Why was the narrator happy to go to New Mullion? (The Hack Driver)

**Ans. (i)** Kodavs, being a martial race, have been bearing arms for thousands of years. Firearms have actually become a part of their tradition over the years. That's why they are permitted to carry them without licence.

(ii) Chubukov misunderstood that Lomov had come to borrow money because Lomov himself didn't reveal clearly his purpose of that visit. Moreover, he confused Chubukov by saying that he had come to trouble him with a request for help.

(iii) Yes, I do identify myself with Amanda. The greatest wealth that a child wants to possess is his/her freedom. And the thing that he/she never likes is the constant nagging, unwanted instructions and even over protection of the parents. Every child, like me (in such a family environment) wants to postpone growing up, and wants to remain a child for just a bit longer.



(v) Belinda, the little girl tickled the dragon quite cruelly to make it laugh. Seeing the dragon, reacting to the tickling, made all of them laugh. Also, Custard, the dragon, always cried for a nice safe cage and so everyone made fun of him and laughed at his cowardice.

(vi) In his second year, Ebright studied the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa. He concluded that these spots were not ornamental but they produced hormones necessary for their development. This project led him towards his theory on the life of cells.

**TERM-II, DELHI SET-III—SERIES: CPQRS/2**

**Code No. : 2/2/3**

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**SECTION - C**  
**(Literature)**

**6. Answer any six questions in about 30-40 words each.**

**2 × 6 = 12**

- (i) Kodavus have contradictory traits. Support the statement with reference to the text. (Glimpses of India)
  - (ii) Why does Natalaya quarrel with Lomov? (The Proposal)
  - (iii) Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid?
  - \* (iv) 'They do not sweat and whine about their condition.' What human traits does the poet condemn in these lines? (Animals)
  - (v) How was Belinda's behaviour with the dragon? (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)
  - (vi) Why did Viceroy butterflies copy the Monarchs? (The Making of a Scientist)
  - \* (vii) How was Lutkins described by the hack driver?
- Ans. (i)** People of Coorg are harmony cherishing individuals. They are known for their customs and their love for neighbours. On the other side, they are also known for their bravery and

boldness. They are only martial race in India who are allowed to possess guns without a permit.

- (ii) Lomov and Natalya are next-door neighbours. One day, Lomov comes to Natalya to propose her. Natalya doesn't know that he has come to propose her. She thinks that he had come to claim Oxen Meadows as his own. On this very issue, she quarrels with Lomov.
- (iii) Amanda, being constantly nagged by her parents for her laziness, thinks herself to be a mermaid one who lives a relaxed and calm life without any confines on the soft waves in the green sea. Amanda uses such imagination as an escape from her day to day nagging and scolding of her parents.
- (v) Belinda teased the cowardly dragon. She used to tickle the dragon very hard. She used to make fun of him and laughed at him so loudly that it appeared that the house was shaking due to her laughter.
- (vi) Birds eat Viceroy butterflies because they taste good to them; whereas Monarch butterflies do not taste good to the birds. So the Viceroy butterflies try to copy the Monarchs to protect themselves from the birds.

