**FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK**

**Short Answer Type Questions [3 Marks]**

**Question 1.**  
Describe Anne’s Feelings about having a diary.  
**Answer:**  
Anne feels it is silly for a 13 years old teenager to have a diary as it would seem she has many friends and other people to talk to, but in reality, she states she feels very lonely in the world. She wishes her diary to become her friend.

**Question 2.**  
Why does Anne Frank think that ‘paper’ has more patience than ‘people’?  
**Answer:**  
Anne believes that paper has more patience than people because it listens to her more patiently and silently it does not react like other people and also because she can confide in her diary all her secrets.

**Question 3.**  
What does Anne Frank tell about her family in her diary?  
**Answer:**  
Anne Frank tells that she has very lovely and caring family. Her parents and her elder sister love her a lot. There are about thirty people near by her whom she can call friends. She has loving aunts and a good home but she wants to have a true friend with whom she can share her feelings and thoughts.

**Question 4.**  
Describe your views about Mr Keesing as a teacher.  
**Answer:**  
Mr Keesing seems to be a strict teacher but he actually believes taking actions with good intention and for the development of children. He tries to control her bad habit of talking too much but as soon as he is convinced that her habit does not affect her studies, he overlooks her shortcoming.

**Question 5.**  
What does Anne write in her first essay to support her habit of talking so much?  
**Answer:**  
Anne Frank supports her nantte by stating that talking is a student’s trait and she will try to control it. But she also says that she has got it from her mother and such inherited traits cannot be curbed.

**Question 6.**  
What was Mr Keesing’s reaction after reading Anne’s poem on the third essay that he had given to her to write?  
**Answer:**  
When Mr Keesing read Anne’s poem on the third essay that he had given her to write, he took the joke the right way. He understood the intention of Anne and felt it in good humour. After that he allowed her to talk and did not punish her by assigning her extra work.

**Question 7.**  
Why was Anne’s entire class anxious and nervous?  
**Answer:**  
Anne’s class was anxious and nervous about the result. It was yet to be decided who would be promoted to the higher class or who would not because many deserved it.

**Question 8.**  
Describe Anne’s love for her grandmother.   
**Answer:**  
When Anne’s grandmother died, she stated that no one could understand her intensity of her love for her grandma. She also said that no one could imagine how much she thought of her. Lighting up extra candle for her during her birthday showed her love for grandmother.

**Question 9.**  
Describe about Anne Frank’s early education.  
**Answer:**  
Anne Frank got her early education at the Montessori Nursery School until she was six. She started in the first form and in the sixth form, she had developed such a good relation with her headmistress Mrs Kuperus that both of them were in tears on the farewell.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [8 Marks]**

**Question 1.**  
Anne called 26th July a ‘tumultous’ day. Explain the reasons behind it.  
**Answer:**  
Anne called 26th July a tumultous day as it was full of tension and fright. The first warning siren was sent off in the morning but nobody paid any attention to it because it only meant that the planes were crossing the coast. The siren alarmed again around 2 O’clock in the afternoon. Anne and her sister went upstairs but after five minutes they heard loud gunshots. After half an hour, drone of engines faded and life became normal. The city was enveloped in thick fog. But after dinner time, there was another gun-fire round and swarms of planes. The air was buzz with the drone of engines. Nobody was able to sleep that night because it repeated again at midnight.

**Question 2.**  
Why did Anne think that she could confide more in her diary than in the people?  
**Answer:**  
Anne Frank did not have a friend with whom she could share now. Although she had spent a good time with her friends but she was unable to share her views and thoughts with them. When she got her diary, she decided to share everything with it because she believed that nobody would be interested enough in her musings. So, she treated her diary as her best friend. It would keep her life a secret and would not react like people. She confided everything in the diary; her family, her fear, her loneliness, her life and considered it her best friend.

**Question 3.**  
Who helped Anne in writing the essay and how?  
**Answer:**  
Anne was fond of talking a lot. Mr Keesing punished her and gave her essays to write one after another as she didn’t stop talking in the class. When she was asked to write the essay on Ans. the topic ‘Quack, Quack, Quack said Mistress Chatterbox’ she decided to make it original. Her friend Sanne helped her as she was good at poetry and suggested her to write the entire essay in verse. Anne tried to play a joke on Mr Keesing with the essay. Mr Keesing took it in the right way and read it in the class. He understood that she was not a dull student, but talkative so he allowed her to talk and did not punish her again.

**Question 4.**  
Write the character sketch of Anne Frank.  
**Answer:**  
Anne Frank was born on 12th June 1929 in Frankfurt Germany. She was four years old when her father went to Holland to find a better place for his family to live. She was very intelligent and always wanted to become a writer. She loved Peter even when she had to face opposition from her family in this regard.  
She was a very good reader as well, she continued reading books, translated chapters, wrote down the vocabulary and worked hard on her skills. Like any child, she loved her parents but later grew a dislike towards her mother as she compared Anne to Margot. She was always jealous with her. She believed that time would come when the problems would be over. She felt alone although there were thirty people around her but she hardly could call anyone a true friend. Anne died of typhus in the concentration camp at Berger-Belsen in late February or early March of 1945.

**Question 5.**  
‘Paper has more patience than people’. Justify.  
**(or)**  
‘Paper has more patience than people’. Do you agree with the statement?  
**Answer:**  
Anne believes that people are not interested in other’s life as they are stuck with their own problems so it is really hard to get someone who can give importance to her diary. People feel bored and become impatient when we talk about our problems.  
On the other hand when we write our feelings and thoughts on paper , we can write as long as we want without thinking of anyone, intention as it doesn’t react. We can share our feelings, both sad and happy. It never gets bored or stops us to write. It behaves like a true friend who keeps your secret and listens to you patiently. So she thinks that paper has more patience than people.

**Question 6.**  
“From the diary of Anne Frank’ throws light on teacher-student relationship, class atmosphere and discipline.  
Write a paragraph oh the values of these aspects of school and how far these values are necessary for learning and life.  
**Answer:**  
“The diary of Anne Frank” clearly describes the teacher-student relationship, class atmosphere and discipline. Anne who talks a lot in the class gets punished by Mr Keesing her Maths teacher. He asks her to write essays as punishment which is learning in disguise because he wanted her to focus on studies. He cannot be blamed for the punishment as he did it for the development of Anne. The teacher-student relationship is very respectful and sacred. It is about discipline and classroom manners which are essential for every student as well as teacher, otherwise both teaching or learning could hamper. This relationship is clearly shown in Mr Keesing and Anne Frank actions as they both try to joke on each other but in very humorous and healthy manner. So this healthy relationship is needed everywhere in the class for effective teaching and learning.

**NELSON MANDELA : LONG WALK TO FREEDOM**

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
What promise does Mandela make in the beginning of opening of his oath-taking speech?  
**Answer:**  
Mandela thanks all the international leaders and guests as he calls it an occasion of joy and victory for Justice. He promises that the country shall not again experience the oppression of one by another.

**Question 2.**  
What freedom meant to Mandela in childhood?  
**Answer:**  
During childhood the meaning of freedom for Mandela was quite limited he considered it to be free to run in the fields, to swim in the clear stream, free to roast mealies and ride the board backs of slow moving bulls.

**Question 3.**  
Why did inauguration ceremony take place in the amphiteatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria?  
**Answer:**  
It was the first democratic, non-racial government taking oath in South Africa. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries from more than 140 countries around the world and thousands of the people of South Africa of all the races to make the day memorable. So, it took place in, the amphiteatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria.

**Question 4.**  
What are the ideals which Mandela set for the future of South Africa in his swearing- in ceremony?  
**Answer:**  
Mandela emphasised to liberate all the people from poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discriminations in his swearing-in ceremony.

**Question 5.**  
What did Mandela think for oppressor and oppressed?      
**Answer:**  
Mandela always thought that both oppressor and oppressed are deprived of their humanity. Oppressor is a prisoner of hatred while oppressed has no confidence in humanity so both of them need to be liberated.

**Question 6.**  
What do you understand by Apartheid’?  
**Answer:**  
‘Apartheid’ is a political system that divides people according to their race. In this system black-coloured people in South Africa were not free even to discharge their personal and social obligations of being parents, sons and husbands, etc.

**Question 7.**  
Describe the effect of the policy of apartheid on the people of South Africa.  
**Answer:**  
The policy of apartheid could not be considered fortunate for the people of South Africa. It created distance and a deep wound in the country and the people. Many great men like Oliver Tambo, Walttr Sisulu, Yusuf Dadoo, Bram Fischer, etc were produced due to the brutality and oppression. They were men of great character

**Question 8.**  
How is courage related to the brave man according to the author of the lesson?  
**Answer:**  
The author believes that courage is not the absence of fear, but it is the triumph over it. The brave man is not the one who does not feel fear of any kind but he is the one who has the courage to conquer it.

**Question 9.**  
Could everyone fulfil the obligations personal or social in South Africa?  
**Answer:**  
No, everyone was not free to fulfil their obligations because of colour of the skin. If a persoti tried to fulfil their obligations, they were punished and isolated for being a rebellion.

**Question 10.**  
What did Mandela realise about his brothers and sisters?  
**Answer:**  
Mandela realised that his brothers and sisters were not free in their own country due to their colour. The freedom of everyone in his society was curtailed. He joined the African National Congress and fought for the freedom.

**Question 11.**  
Why was Nelson Mandela changed into a .;/’bold man?  
**Answer:**  
Nelson Mandela was changed into a bold man due to his . desire of the freedom for his country and his countrymen. He wanted to live a life with dignity as he could not enjoy the limited freedom.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
What does Nelson Mandela refer to as “an extraordinary human disaster”?  
**Answer:**  
Nelson Mandela refers to the apartheid policy of the white race against the black people as “an extraordinary human disaster”. White people snatched freedom from the coloured people of South Africa to whom the country belonged. The black people were subjected to oppression for long. They were not even allowed to discharge their obligations to their own families, community and their country. White people had no compassion for them and oppressed their own people and put them in prison. If they had some freedom, it was curtailed. The black people lived the life of a slave.

**Question 2.**  
Describe the views of Mandela for the black people who fought and sacrificed their likes for the country’s political independence?  
**Answer:**  
Mandela always said that the political freedom was the result of sacrifices of thousands of the black people who fought for that. He said that it could not be repaid. He thought himself as the sum of all of those African patriots. He regretted that he could not thank them. He cursed the policy of apartheid that wounded the people of his country, which would take centuries to heal.  
He also said that the oppression and brutality of the white people produced great freedom fighters like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, Luthuli, Dadoo, Fischer, Sobukwe and many more. They were the men of courage, wisdom and large heartedness. They really suffered a lot for the political freedom of the country.

**Question 3.**  
What does Mandela mean to say that the oppressor and the oppressed alike are robbed of their humanity?  
**Answer:**  
Mandela is right in saying that the oppressor and the oppressed alike are robbed of their humanity. Both of them are actually the victim of hatred. Everyone is obliged to discharge their duties whether personal or social but without freedom a man cannot do so. The person who snatches this freedom of a man is really an oppressor and a prisoner of hatred. He has lack of humanity. But this is the same with a person who is oppressed by other.

**Question 4.**  
Describe the obligations which the author is talking about and also describe his feelings for them?  
**Answer:**  
In the chapter the author has talked about two obligation for every man. The first obligation is towards his family, parents, his wife and children. The second is towards his community and his country. Being a social person one has to fulfil these obligations.  
But being a black coloured person in South Africa, a man was not free to perform his obligations and got punished if he tried to do that.  
Being a child the author never thought of such obligations but after he did so, he fought for the people and the country to be free and enjoy their freedom of performing their duties personal and social.

**Question 5.**  
Describe the value of freedom for the human beings and how it is important for the growth of civilisation and humanism as described in the lesson ‘Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom’.

**Answer:**  
Everybody whether human or other creatures wants to live free as freedom is natural to all living beings. The value of freedom is better known to that human being who has not tasted it till he gets it. A person who is chained with the limits and not allowed to perform his duties freely, values freedom more than anyone else. For instance the value of freedom is known better to Mandela who remained behind the bars most of his life. Think about a bird or animal which is caged as they have the habit of living with full freedom but in the cage they are not free and their conditions are very pitiable. Similarly, life becomes a hell if we are deprived of freedom. There is no growth of civilisation as it grows only when one has freedom. Similarly, humanism grows in the atmosphere of freedom.

**GLIMPSES OF INDIA**

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
What did the baker do first once he reached a house?  
**Answer:**  
The baker would first greet the lady of the house by saying “Good Morning”. He would then place the basket on the vertical bamboo and deliver the loaves to the servant.

**Question 2.**  
How did the baker make his entry?  
**Answer:**  
The baker used to enter with the Jingling sound of his specially made bamboo staff. His one hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground.

**Question 3.**  
How do we get to know that the makers of bread still exist?  
**Answer:**  
The narrator states that the eaters of loaves might have vanished but the makers are still there. He further says that those age old, time tested furnaces still exist and the fire in the furnaces had not yet been extinguished.

**Question 4.**  
What is the importance of breads for the Goans?  
or  
Why was the Baker’s furnace essential in a traditional Goan village?   
**Answer:**  
Different kinds of breads are important during the different occasions. Bolinhas had to be prepared during Christmas and other festivals. The mothers used to prepare sandwiches on the occasion of their daughter’s engagement. So, the baker’s furnace was essential.

**Question 5.**  
Describe the dress of the bakers.  
**Answer:**  
The bakers had a peculiar dress earlier known as the kabai. It was a one piece long frock reaching down to the knees.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Instead of enjoying their childhood, the children today are keen to enter adulthood. After reading about all the joys that the author Lucio Rodrigues had in his childhood do you think such a keenness on the part of children is desirable?  
**Answer:**  
I don’t think that the keenness of the children these days to enter adulthood is desirable. Children these days are in a hurry to enter adulthood and have access to technology. Due to this they are learning things earlier than usual and getting matured beyond their age.  
Hence, they are losing out their childhood and missing the joys that it brings with it. As per my thinking, they should grow at a slow pace and enjoy their childhood to the fullest. Children who miss out on their childhood cannot be a complete adult. So, they should not hurry up to be an adult and grow at nature’s pace.

**Question 2.**  
After reading the story ‘A Baker from Goa”, do you think our traditions, heritage, values and practices are the roots that nourish us? Why/why not?   
**Answer:**  
‘A Baker from Goa’ highlights the importance of the traditional practice of making breads for every occasion and festival of the Goan people. This tradition continues even today. This shows how our traditional practices can keep us to our past and heritage.  
Traditional values shape our personality and also provide us emotional support. They enable us to face difficult situations and makes us mentally strong. Traditional practices also have an impact on our behavioural pattern towards the other people in society.

**Question 3.**  
‘During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide.’ What does this statement imply in relation tofhe character of the baker?  
**Answer:**  
This statement tells us that the baker was a very respected person in the Goan society because he would guide the children about good behaviour (when he mildly rebuked them for peeping into his basket and giving respect to the elders (when he wished “Good morning” to the lady of the house) etc. He was very informal with the children and so the author  
considered him as a friend and companion. He was not simply a vendor interested in selling what he made. Thus, he was an important character in the Goan society of those days.

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
From whom have the inhabitants of Coorg descended, as per the legend?  
**Answer:**  
As per the legend, a part of Alexander’s army,  
when retreating from India, went South and settled in Coorg when they found that they could not return home. Then they married among the locals and their descendants are the Kodavus. (the people of Coorg).

**Question 2.**  
How has the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery recognised in modern India?  
**Answer:**  
The Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery has been recognised by awarding the Coorg Regiment with the most number of gallantry awards. Besides, the Coorgis are the only Indians allowed to carry firearms without a licence.

**Question 3.**  
Describe the wildlife of Coorg.  
**Answer:**  
The wildlife of Coorg consists of animals like macaques, langurs, squirrels, loris and elephants. The birds spotted in Coorg are kingfishers.

**Question 4.**  
Describe any two tourist places of Coorg.  
**Answer:**  
The climb of Brahmagiri hills brings into a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to the 64 acre island of Nisargadhama.

**Question 5.**  
Describe Coorg’s weather. When is it most pleasant for the tourists to visit Coorg? CBSE2012  
**Answer:**  
The weather of Coorg is pleasant during the months from September to March. During that time, the weather is perfect with some showers thrown in for good measure. During the monsoon, it receives heavy rainfall.

**Long Answer (Volue Based) Type Questions [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
The Coorgis are the descendants of the Greeks or the Arabs and are still are able to maintain their traditional practices. Do you agree that following these practices today is important? Why or why not?  
**Answer:**  
After reading the text, I feel that it is important to follow the traditional practices, as it has kept the tradition of Coorgis known to the people even today. If the people of Coorg had not followed it their tradition would have perished and nobody would have remembered themloday because of their culture and traditional practices. According to the text, their traditions can be seen in the martial traditions, religious rites and marriages. The Kodavus even wear the dress which resembles Arabs. Traditional practices also play a very important role in maintaining values amongst people and have an impact on shaping the behaviour of people.

**Question 2.**  
How do Coorg’s location, people and natural features add to the diversity of India?   
**Answer:**  
Coorg is beautifully located and described as a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God. It has rolling hillsides with a pollution free river and forests teeming with wildlife. Here nature exists in its pristine glory, which adds to the diversity of India. Further, it has coffee and spice plantations, quite different from the rest of India. The local people, the Kodavus, are a martial race. Of course, they are well known for their hospitality, just like all Indians. All these features of Coorg add to the diversity of our country.

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Where were Rajvir and Pranjol going and why?  
**Answer:**  
Rajvir and Pranjol were going to Assam as Pranjol had invited Rajvir to spend summer vacation there.

**Question 2.**  
What did Rajvir see while looking outside from the train?  
**Answer:**  
Rajvir saw much greenery while looking outside from the train. He was amazed to see the soft: green paddy fields first and then the green tea bushes.

**Question 3.**  
‘This is a tea country now’. Explain this with reference to Assam.     
**Answer:**  
Assam has the world’s largest concentration of tea plantations in the world. A large number of tea gardens can be found there. Most of the tea grown in Assam is supplied all over the world.

**Question 4.**  
In what ways is China related to tea?  
**Answer:**  
Tea was first drunk in China. The words ‘chai’ and ‘chini’ are from Chinese.

**Question 5.**  
Why did Pranjol’s father say that Rajvir had done his homework before visiting Assam?

OR

Why did Pranjol’s father say in surprise that Rajvir hasdone his homework before coming there?  
**Answer:**  
Rajvir was very excited about visiting the tea garden and thus, he studied a lot about it before visiting the tea garden. Thus, Pranjol’s father said that Rajvir had already done his homework before visiting Assam.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Question [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
According to the text, Assam is said to be ‘tea country’. Do you believe that Assam has some of the best plantations in the world that makes it a unique country?  
**Answer:**  
In India, some of the best plantations like tea and coffee are grown in huge quantities. India is also a home to many spices like haldi and while Assam is home to tea, Coorg is home to coffee. Others which are grown exclusively in India and exported to various countries. These plantations make India a unique country which has not just traditional spices and beverage plants growing within it but also follows traditional agricultural practices.

**LETTER TO GOD**

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Who was Lencho? What were his main problems?       
**Answer:**  
Lencho was a hardworking farmer, who lived on the crest of a low hill. Due to the hailstorm his crops were destroyed, so he needed money to sow his field again and support his family. These were the main problems of Lencho.

**Question 2.**  
Give a brief description of the view from Lencho’s house?  
**Answer:**  
Lencho’s house was situated on the crest of a low hill and it was the only one in the valley. One could easily see the river and the field of ripe corn from here.

**Question 3.**  
What did Lencho compare the raindrops to and why?

**Answer:**  
Lencho compared the raindrops to new coins because the crop needed the rain badly and it was the sign of good harvest. Good harvest meant prosperity for Lencho as he needed the money to fulfil his basic needs.

**Question 4.**  
Why did Lencho write a letter to God?  
**Answer:**  
When.Lencho’s crops were completely destroyed by the hailstorm, he wrote a letter to God because he was the only hope in his despair. Lencho asked him to send hundred pesos to sow his field again and support his family.

**Question 5.**  
Why and how did the postmaster help Lencho?  
**Answer:**  
The postmaster was determined to help Lencho. He did not want Lencho’s faith in God to be shaken so he asked his employees and friends to help Lencho. He also contributed a part of his salary for this act of charity.

**Question 6.**  
How much money did Lencho need? How . much did he get?  
**Answer:**  
Lencho got seventy pesos. He was angry at the difference as he needed hundred pesos to sow the crops again and to support his family till the next harvest.

**Question 7.**  
Why did Lencho not want the money to be sent through mail?   
**Answer:**  
Lencho wrote in his second letter that he received only seventy pesos but he needed a hundred pesos.  
He requested God not to send rest of the money by post since the post office employees were a bunch of crooks and would steal the money.

**Question 8.**  
Do you think that Lencho was right to call the post office employees a bunch of crooks? Why or why not?  
**Answer:**  
Lencho called the post office employees a bunch of crooks as he did not get full money that he had demanded. He could not believe that God had sent him any less money so he doubted these people. But he was not right to call them a bunch of crooks.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Who was Lencho and what circumstances forced him to write a letter to God?  
**Answer:**  
Lencho was a hardworking farmer who lived with his family on a crest of a low hill. He was very caring and God loving man. Though, he was a farmer he could read and write. Lencho eagerly waited for the rainfall in order to get good harvest and he became happy when it came. But the pleasing rain changed into hailstorm and destroyed his crop.  
He became sad and was worried about his family as they might remain hungry that year. His last hope was the help from God as he had complete faith in him. Hence, he wrote a letter to God asking him to send hundred pesos to survive and to reharvest.

**Question 2.**  
Give a character-sketch of Lencho.  
**Answer:**  
Lencho was a simple man and a hardworking farmer. He worked as an ox in his field.  
Lencho’s entire crops were badly destroyed by the hailstorm. So, he became very sad as he was worried about his family. He was an optimistic person. Although his only source of living was taken away, he didn’t lose hope. He had his last hope in God. He was confident that God would help him in his distress. Lencho was an innocent atheist who didn’t know that there was no such living person as God who could send him money. He had blind faith in God and sought solution of his problem’Trom God only.

**Question 3.**  
Sketch the character of the postmaster in the story ‘A Letter to God”.  
**(or)**  
How do you like ,the character of the postmaster in the story ‘A Letter to God?” Give reason for your answer.  
**Answer:**  
The postmaster was a fat and friendly fellow. He was a sensible human being. He first laughed looking at the letter which had a strange address. But soon he became serious. He was surprised at the faith that Lencho had in God. He wanted his faith not to be shaken.  
The postmaster himself gave a part of his salary and also requested his employees and a few friends to contribute for charity. He felt happy and satisfied when Lencho received the money. This shows that he was a kind and empathetic person as well. He loved to help others.

**Question 4.**  
How did the postmaster and post office employees help Lencho? How did he react to their help?  
**Answer:**  
The Postmaster and post office employees were very generous as they contributed for the act of charity. First they laughed when they saw Lencho’s letter to God, but soon they were impressed by his faith in God. They decided to send some money to Lencho so that his faith in God does not get shaken. They collected seventy pesos and sent it to Lencho.  
When Lencho got the envelope and opened it to count money, he became angry. He again wrote a letter to God demanding the remaining thirty pesos. He thought that post office employees had taken away the remaining money and called them a bunch of crooks, which was not justified at all as they were the people who had helped him. But it shows his innocence and firm faith in God.

**Question 5.**  
How did the hailstones affect Lencho’s field? What was Lencho’s only hope?  
**Answer:**  
Lencho, a hardworking farmer, worked like an ox for a good harvest, depended completely on his fields to  take care of his family. He expected a good harvest that year. He needed a downpour for the crops to ripe, but the rain followed by hailstorm completely destroyed the crops.  
It made him sad. He was worried for his family as he loved them so much. But Lencho had firm faith in God and believed that nobody died of hunger. So, he decided to seek help from God. He wrote a letter to God and asked him for a hundred pesos to survive and to sow new crop.

**Question 6.**  
“Humanity still exists”, this is what we get to know after reading A letter to God’ in which firm faith in God of a poor farmer and helpfulness of the post office employees are aptly depicted thought. Write a paragraph on the values in it, in about 80-100 words. Give the paragraph a suitable title.   
**Answer:**  
Existence of Humanity  
After reading ‘A letter to God’, our faith in humanity stirs for strong. We learn from the story that there still are people who help others without any self interest. The postmaster and the post office employees lay an example for everyone of us to be kind. Though they all laughed at his letter, they were really moved by the grip of faith Lencho had in God. The way they all decided to help the stranger in his hard times restores our faith in the existence of humanity and motivates us to be a noble and kind person.

**Question 7.**  
Describe Lencho’s qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho’s reaction towards post office employees right?                 
**Answer:**  
Lencho was a poor farmer who totally depended on the harvest to survive and fulfil basic needs of his family. Once his crops were destroyed due to heavy rainfall and hailstones and he was afraid to think how his family would survive. He believed that God would help him in this plight. He had firm faith in God, he believed that God would not let him be hungry.  
Now-a-days faith in God like Lencho is almost impossible and unseen. People are very much aware that nobody is willing to help others without any self interest. Lencho’s reaction towards post office employees was not right or justified but it was just because of his innocence as he could not believe that God had done such a mistake. It were only the post office employees who had stolen money according to him.

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Story I His First Flight**

**Question 1.**  
Why did the young seagull not go with the rest of his family?  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull did not go with the rest of his family because he was afraid to fly.

**Question 2.**  
How did seagull’s parents try to make him fly?  
**Answer:**  
Seagull’s parents tried everything to make him fly. They screamed, scolded and threatened to let him starve on the ledge unless he flew away.

**Question 3.**  
What had the young seagull watched his parents doing the day before?  
**Answer:**  
The day before the young seagull had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting in the art of flying and teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish.

**Question 4.**  
What was the young seagull’s mother doing before him?  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull’s mother was standing on the plateau, her white breast thrust forward. She tore a piece of fish that lay at her feet, then she scrapped each side of her beak on the rock.

**Question 5.**  
When did the seagull get over his fear of flying over the sea?  
**Answer:**  
The seagull was afraid of flying over the sea because he thought that he would drown. His family decided to teach him a lesson. They left him unattended. The mother tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet now and then in his front. Since the seagull was hungry too much, he was . compelled to attempt his first flight in order to get food. He was successful. This is when he got over his fear flying over the sea.

**Question 6.**  
Describe the young seagull’s expression when he saw his mother with food.  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull uttered a joyful scream because he thought that his mother was bringing food for him. He tried to come nearer to her as she flew across.

**Question 7.**  
Why did the young seagull feel very miserable on the ledge?  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull felt very miserable on the ledge as he was alone and his family had already flown away. He was feeling very hungry and had nothing to eat. His condition was worsening because he could not even dive for fish.

**Question 8.**  
How did the young seagull and his family celebrate his first flight?  
**Answer:**  
When the young seagull started flying and got over his fear, his family screamed around him out of joy. They praised him and offered him scraps of dog-fish out of delight as he made a successful attempt

**Question 9.**  
Describe the first flight of the young seagull.  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull dived at the fish due to hunger and fell  
outwards and downwards into space. He thought of getting drowned but his wings spread outwards automatically. He moved downwards and outwards and landed safely on the sea and floated on it without any fear.

**Story II The Black Aeroplane [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Describe author’s feeling while he was flying his aeroplane back to England?  
**Answer:**  
The author was very excited while he was flying his aeroplane back to England because he wanted to spend his holiday with his family at home.

**Question 2.**  
How much fuel was there in the aeroplane when the writer started flying?  
**Answer:**  
There was sufficient fuel in the tanks of the aeroplane to reach England safely when the writer started flying.

**Question 3.**  
What risk did the writer take while flying? Why?  
**Answer:**  
The writer decided to risk to fly through the storm clouds because he wanted to enjoy his holiday with his family back in England.

**Question 4.**  
What did the writer feel inside the clouds?  
**Answer:**  
When the writer entered the clouds, it became impossible to see outside the aeroplane. The aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air and all the instruments like compass etc stopped working due to the weather conditions.

**Question 5.**  
What did the writer,see inside the black clouds?  
**Answer:**  
The writer saw a black aeroplane which had no lights on its wings. The writer could see the face of the pilot in the black clouds who was waving and signalling him to follow to get out of the storm.

**Question 6.**  
Why did the writer follow the pilot of another aeroplane?  
**Answer:**  
The writer followed another aeroplane because he had lost the way in the storm and was unable to see anything. The pilot of another aeroplane was helping him to get out of the storm and land safely.

**Question 7.**  
Why did the woman in control room get shocked when the writer asked about another aeroplane?  
**Answer:**  
The woman in the control room was shocked when the writer asked about another aeroplane because there was no such plane flying in the sky that night as she saw on the radar.

**Question 8.**  
Why did the writer want to meet the pilot of another black aeroplane?  
**Answer:**  
The writer wanted to meet the pilot of another black aeroplane to thank him as he had saved the life of the writer by helping him come out from in the storm.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [8 Marks each]**

**Story I His First Flight**  
**Question 1.**  
How did the mother make the young seagull come out of his fear and teach him the art of flying?  
**(or)**  
How did the seagull family help the young seagull overcome his fear and fly?  
**(or)**  
Why was the young seagull afraid of flying? What compelled the seagull to finally fly?  
**(or)**  
Describe the tricks used by the seagull family to help the young seagull overcome his fear and fly.  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull was afraid of flying because he thought that his wings won’t support him and he would drown. When his family left him alone of the ledge, he felt alone and was very hungry. They tried hard to make him fly but he never showed the courage to try. His mother knowingly tore a piece of fish near him and flew across to him with it. She came close to him but did not go nearer. Already mad by hunger, he dived at the fish but fell into space. After sometime his wings spread outwards and he began to fly. His family landed on the sea ahead of him.They beckoned him so he landed on the sea and began to sink into water but when his belly touched the water, he floated without any fear and difficulty.

**Question 2.**  
Do you think that the seagull’s family loved him? Justify their attitude towards him?  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull had two brothers and a sister. His parents flew with them to leave him alone on the ledge as he could not muster up the courage to fly with them. His parents could have fed him.  
But, they refused to give him any food. They wanted him to fly and dive for his food. They threatened to let him starve. They did so because they loved him.  
The parents were right in what they did because they wanted to teach him the importance of confidence and self-reliance. One can’t depend on their parents all his life to be fed. Thus, it was important for him to learn to fly, dive and search his own food. So, the attitude the seagull family showed to him was actually their love, care and concern for him.

**Question 3.**  
Why was the young seagull pretending to be asleep? What did he actually observe while doing so?  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull came to the brink of the ledge. He stood there on one leg with the other leg hidden under his wing. He closed his one eye, then the other, and pretended to be falling asleep. He did so because he wanted to know whether they were interested in him or not but he observed that his family was not noticing him. He saw his brothers and sister lying on the plateau. They were dozing. His father was preening the feathers on his white back. Only his mother was looking at him. Now and then, she tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet. Then she scrapped each side of the back on the rock.

**Question 4.**  
How did the young seagull get over his fear of sea water and what was his family’s reaction on it?  
**Answer:**  
The young seagull had made his maiden flight successfully. When he was near the sea. he was flying straight over it. He observed a vast green sea all around him. He turned his beak sideways and cawed amusedly. His family was very happy and landed ahead of him. They beckoned to him.  
When he landed on the sea, he began to sink but he tried in despair and his belly touched the water and he sank no further. He was floating on water. This way he got over his fear of seawater and his family praised him a lot and offered him the dog-fish as a reward.

**Question 5.**  
Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him coward? How did he overcome these short comings?  
**Answer:**  
Yes, It is true that fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things as in the story, the young seagull lacked the value of courage and confidence in his character. He was too scared of flying. His family tried hard to make him fly but he refused to do so because of his fear of sinking in the seawater. They even scolded him for his cowardice. They tried to tempt him with food but he was not willing to learn flying. Once he dived, his fear disappeared and he enjoyed his first flight.  
It is a fact that unless we try for something and overcome our fear, we can’t learn anything. Confidence and motivation are two most important traits that make any learning possible.

**Story II The Black Aeroplane [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
How did the writer get out of the storm in the night to land safely?  
**Answer:**  
The writer was flying his old Dakota aeroplane when he saw the black clouds. He was lost in the storm. Suddenly, he saw a black aeroplane by his side, which had no lights, on its wings.  
The pilot instructed the writer to follow as he had lost the way. He obeyed him like a child. He was very happy to follow him. After some time the pilot of another plane started to land. The writer followed him blindly through the storm and came out of the clouds. He saw the lights of the runway and landed safely.

**Question 2.**  
Why was the writer happy when he decided to fly in the night?  
**Answer:**  
The writer was very happy when he decided to fly that night because he was going home to his family to enjoy his holiday. When he started, everything seemed to be perfect. The sky was clear, no clouds could be seen and the stars were shining. It all made it an easy task for the writer to fly that night over the sleeping countryside of Paris. His assumption of everything being in place made him happy.

**Question 3.**  
The pilot wanted to thank another pilot after his safe landing. Why? What values of the writer are reflected from his action?  
**Answer:**  
The pilot (writer) of the old Dakota was caught in the storm. He lost his contact with the control room. In this troubling situation, his fuel tank was also empty. He lost all his hopes but suddenly a black strange plane appeared. The pilot of the black place asked writer to follow him. The writer landed safely. After his safe landing, he wanted to thank the pilot of the black plane. This shows his gratitude towards the pilot of the Black Plane. He was thankful to him for saving his life. It shows that the pilot of Dakota had a value of gratefulness in his character.

**AMANDA**

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Write a short note on the title of the poem?  
**Answer:**  
The title of the poem is Amanda as it revolves around the upbringing of little girl named Amanda. Her life is full of struggles where she is denied freedom and expression. Amanda is so much irate that she escapes reality by living in her imaginative world. Through this gateway she experiences calmness, away from her nagging parents.

**Question 2.**  
Why is Amanda getting scolded for having chocolate?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda is getting scolded for having chocolates as previously it had caused her acne. Amanda’s mother is very particular about such things. Amanda is made conscious about her physical appearance. It is very sad that at such a young age Amanda is made to worry about natural experiences.

**Question 3.**  
How life on a tower would be different from life anywhere else for Amanda?  
**Answer:**  
Life on tower for Amanda would be very different from her reality. Just like Rapunzel, even she desires to live on top of a tower, away from everyday chaos. Amanda suffers due to the constant nagging from her parents. She seeks a place full of peace and serenity, where there is no one to disturb her. Hence, she wishes to live on a tower.

**Question 4.**  
Why does Amanda seem moody most of the times?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda seems moody most of the time because she is trying to make an escape from her sorry reality where she is nagged most of the times. It is indeed a sorry state for a small child like Amanda to bear. Here the only defence against such reality is her imagination where she often escapes to.  
Hence, it makes her look moody and uninterested.

**Question 5.**  
Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid, an orphan, or Rapunzel?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda wishes to be a mermaid so she could drift alone by blissfully languid, emerald sea. She yearns to be an orphan so that she is able to roam the sea and make pattern using her bare feet. Being Rapunzel means she could live carefree on a high tower. Amanda wishes to be these so that she could avoid her suffocating reality.

**Question 6.**  
How does it help Amanda to be an orphan?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda feels troubled around her parents, so she wishes herself to be an orphan. As then only she could live a life of her own without much hassle.

**Question 7.**  
Do you consider Amanda’s mother to be a nagging mother?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda’s mother is indeed a nagging mother. She is all about instructions and finding faults. No doubt it is her responsibility to instil good values into her daughter, but not at the cost of her child’s happiness. One should know how to strike a balance between maintaining responsibilities and taking good care.

**Question 8.**  
Is Amanda at fault at all?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda is not at fault at all. It is too harsh for a small child to understand the concept of acne and not eating a chocolate. Love of parents is missing from Amanda’s life. It is with pity that we look towards Amanda. There is nothing worst for a child who wishes to be an orphan. Amanda just seeks freedom from the overpowering environment around her.

**Question 9.**  
What is the central theme of the poem Amanda?  
**Answer:**  
The poem Amanda by Robin Klein highlights the importance of upbringing of a child. It points out that upbringing doesn’t involve making a child responsible and fit for the society only. It is important to note that upbringing involves understanding from both the sides. One cannot just force a child to be civilised and good mannered. “Love and proper care is required in nurturing of a child.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [4 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem Amanda by Robin Klein.  
**Answer:**  
Upbringing plays an essential role in personality development of an adult. Whenever we wish to admire or criticise someone we question the upbringing of that person. Robin Klein’s poem Amanda highlights the tension in the ‘proper’ upbringing of a child. To instil good values and moral principles in a growing child comes as a foremost duty for the parents. However, the poem Amanda shows how a child feels trapped within the cluster of instructions. Amanda is no less than a victim in this travesty. No proper space is given to her creativity. She is instructed for everything. As a result, she feels trapped and seeks an escape. Her imagination proves to be her escape and also her defence against her nagging parents. Situation of Amanda is so worse that she wishes to be an orphan, in order to get rid of her parents. She imagines enacting various roles varying from mermaid to Rapunzel. Amanda wishes to live alone and carefree. It is very important to understand the situation of Amanda where her freedom is cut short by constant instructions and guidelines. Proper balance should be maintained when dealing with such delicate issues. Love and care should always be part of this two way transaction.

**Question 2.**  
How does Amanda tackle the nagging nature of her parents? Explain with examples from the poem. What values does it portray about Amanda?  
**Answer:**  
Amanda is a small girl who is termed as moody for her careless behaviour. But it is very surprising to know that this is her  
defence mechanism to shield against her nagging parents. Amanda is getting instructions from her parents, which become too much to handle for the small girl. She is told not to eat her nails and sit in a proper position. Amanda’s response to it is her work of imagination where she is a mermaid drifting effortlessly by the languid river. Further, she is asked about cleaning her room and finishing her homework to which she reacts being an orphan roaming in the street and making patterns with her bare feet. Amanda then faces the heat for eating a chocolate, which had once caused her acne. She takes the form of Rapunzel and wishes to live on top of a tower away from everyone in her imagination. Amanda’s parents are upset over her behaviour and casualness, but she stays in her own world. All these portray Amanda in a positive light while her parents in a negative light. We as readers feel very sorry for a child like Amanda.

**Question 3.**  
State the key points in the poem Amanda. What do you learn from it?   
**Answer:**  
Every child is special in itself, and it requires a great deal of patience and love to make them understand this. Parents should give proper space to children, as they learn through experiences as well. Children do tend to learn certain bad habits, to undo that requires great level of understanding and right approach. One cannot teach their child everything in one day and expect them to behave properly henceforth. It is natural for a child like Amanda to seek freedom at her place, to curb that freedom means to make her angry and moody. Growing up of child should not be about dos and don’ts only. To have nagging parents judging every action of child would do more harm than good. Robin Klein points to the fact that Amanda is forbidden to do anything without seeking permission. Everything she does it is corrected by her mother all the time, she cannot perform a single thing according to her will. She can’t sit lazily around, she can’t eat chocolate for that could cause acne. Life of Amanda is very suffocating and limited in itself. She yearns for freedom and choice. Her mother doesn’t understand the fact that Amanda is innocent and naive, she is too small to understand the benefits of advice. Only thing that matters to Amanda’s mother is what society will make of Amanda. We witness miserable failure of parents when Amanda wishes to be an orphan so that she could be free.

**THE BALL POEM**

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
What does John Berryman want to convey through this poem?   
**Answer:**  
Poet, John Berryman wants to convey the importance of loss and responsibility in life. We all should learn our responsibility and how to cope up with the loss.

**Question 2.**  
How does the boy feel at the loss of his ball?  
**Answer:**  
The boy is very much troubled at the loss of his ball. He experiences grief at the loss of his much loved possession. Like a statue, he keeps staring at the ball with his desperate eyes.

**Question 3.**  
Write the sum and substance of the poem **“The Ball Poem”**.

**Answer:**  
In “The Ball Poem”, Berryman tells us about how our childhood can quickly fly by, as quickly as a ball is lost and how we sometimes unsuspectingly must grow up and face hardships, like loss.

**Question 4.**  
“Money is external”. What does the poet mean by this expression?   
**Answer:**  
The poet makes the boy understand about his responsibility as the loss is immaterial. Money is external as it cannot buy memories, nor can it replace the things that we love, the things that really matter.

**Question 5.**  
Why does the poet think that it is useless to give the following suggestion to the boy?  
‘No use to say- ‘O there are other balls’:  
**Answer:**  
According to the poet, it is useless to console the boy by saying that he can get another ball in place of the lost one. The boy had a long association with the ball. It was, thus, useless to give him such a suggestion because he wanted to get back the ball that he had lost.

**Question 6.**  
Why did the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?   
**Answer:**  
The poet watched the boy who had plunged in grief at the loss of his ball. He did not offer the boy money • to buy another ball. He felt that another ball could not console the boy. It seemed that the boy had the ball for a long time. The poet also wanted the boy to realise the epistemology of loss.

**Question 7.**  
Why did the boy feel so sad at the loss of his ball?  
**Answer:**  
When the boy lost the ball, he plunged in grief. He stood staring down the harbour where his ball was lost. The boy was affected profoundly by the loss of his ball because it had been with him for a long time. It was linked to the memories of the days when he played with it.

**Long Answer (Value Based) Type Question [8 Marks each]**

**Question 1.**  
Why is it important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it?  
**Answer:**  
It is important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it in order to be strong and to get on with life. One  
needs to stay strong no matter how much it hurts inside. Staying strong is the only way to survive. Moreover, one needs to learn to accept and let go and not cling to something that they can never have. One should understand that the past is gone and it will never come back. Experiencing loss sometimes helps us to grow up and face hardships, like loss. This helps us in breaking all the boundaries into freedom.