

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DURGAPUR
QUESTION BANK & REVISION SHEET FOR MID TERM (2017-18)
CLASS-X

ENGLISH

Literature

Two gentlemen of Verona

RTC

- a) "They were -----, our cautious driver."
- b) 'Why are you out so late, ----- last bus from Padua.'
- c) "The two boys were seated at the bedside -----, her eyes soft and tender.
- d) He shrugged----- shabby appearance.
- e) Next morning coming out----- brisk business.
- f) You eat little ----- with your money?
- g) Must you work ----- not complaining sir

Short answer

- a) Why was the narrator astonished after seeing the boys at the public square?
- b) What favour did Jacopo ask for from the narrator when he volunteered to do something for the two brothers?
- c) Why did Nicola and Jacopo go to Poleta every Sunday?
- d) Why does the narrator offer to help the boys? What does it entail?
- e) Why did Nicola frown at Jacopo?

Long answer

- a) As the narrator, write an article on the lesson of love, faith and trust that you have learnt from the two young boys of Verona.
- b) The nurse said that she doesn't know what the boys did and the work was scarce. What does this remark reflect upon the speaker?

Mrs. Packletide's tiger

RTC

- a) "Not that the lust ----- per million of inhabitants".
- b) "Six hundred and eighty, f----- happen to have the money,"
- c) Only a personally----- sort of thing
- d) Circumstances proved----- risk or exertion.
- e) And their triumph----- immeasurably nearer.
- f) How amused ----- after the ball.

Short answer

- a) What comment did Miss Mebbin make after Mrs Packletide had fired the shot? Why did Miss Mebbin make this comment? How did Mrs Packletide react to this comment?
- b) How did the villagers react to the tiger's death?
- c) What does the author mean by "circumstances proved propitious?"
- d) "Quite a bargain, only I don't happen to have the money." Explain this statement in your own words.

Long Answer

- a) Lonna Bimberton and Mrs. Packletide are the perfect examples of human folly and greed. One's greed can lead to one's doom and vanity can destroy a person's joy of life. Explain.
- b) Make a diary entry as Miss Mebbin describing the incident.
- c) A person who is vain is full of self-importance and can only think of himself/herself and can go to great lengths to prove his/her superiority. Do you think Mrs Packletide is vain? Give reasons in support of your answer.

The letter

RTC

- a) In the grey----- cold and biting wind.
- b) It's a mad man----- the postmaster.
- c) The postmaster----- sit in the office.
- d) An old man was walking -----and biting wind
- e) It's a mad man, ----- clerk to the postmaster

Short Answer

- a) "Mad-men are strange people," the postmaster said. Comment
- b) How did the postmaster become a changed man?
- c) What is the importance of the letter in the story
- d) Why was Ali impatient when he visited the post-office after many days?

Long Answer

- a) You are Lakshmi Das. The night after you visit All's grave, you make a diary entry about this extraordinary man and your relationship with him.
- b) Imagine you are All's daughter, Miriam. You have learnt the miserable condition of your father through your acquaintance. You decide to write a letter to your father at once. Write the letter.
- c) Parents don't want anything from their children but their love. They are happy to receive news from them. Write a letter to your younger brother who stays in a hostel but never bothers to write letters or communicates to the parents in any other way.

The frog and the nightingale

- a) 'I don't -----at least it's mine.
- b) Animals for miles around Flocked towards the magic sound What had made the sound magical?
- c) So the frog and nightingale journeyed up and down the scale'. What does this line refer to ?
- d) Why did the birds and beasts stop coming to the concert ?
- e) The frog says that the nightingale was 'for too prone to influence.' What was ironical about this statement?
- f) Once upon a-----, But, alas, they had no choice.
- g) And the crass cacophony -----till morning light
- h) Day by day the -----grew tired At a voice so uninspired
- i) "The frog proudly countered the nightingale." Comment.
- j) To display his heart's elation." What do you understand by these words?

Virtually True

RTC

- a) With the help of the skeleton ----- racing down corridors."
- b) There's got to be some kind of accident... ----- bother you again."
- c) "At least, that was what ----- really did exist."

Short Answers

- a) What had happened to Sebastian? How was he at that moment?
- b) How did the narrator come to know about Sebastian?
- c) When did the first game come to an end and with what?
- d) Why did Sebastian suggest the narrator to save him? What happened when the e-card was swiped?
- e) Why does Michael find it difficult to believe the newspaper report about Sebastian?

- f) Why did Michael feel bad after the 'jail Break'? How did he reconcile himself?
- g) How did narrator happen to crack the video game?
- h) What were the contents of Sebastian's last message? Why did Sebastian thank Michael?

Ozymandias

RTC

- a) Half sunk, a ----- passions read.
- b) Suppose by a miracle Ozymandias visits planet Earth and comes across his statue in that dilapidated state. He is dejected and awakens to the realisation of a life frittered away for materialistic and political gains. In a state of regret he pens down his thoughts in the form of a diary entry. Write the diary for him.
- c) After reading the poem, what is the lesson ingrained in it for the rest of mankind? Discuss.
- d) The poem Ozymandias illustrates the vanity of human greatness. Comment.
- e) Describe the face of the statue
- f) What does the face say about the sculptor of the statue?

Dear Departed

RTC

- a) "It would never ----- to find you in colours."
- b) Elizabeth's that sharp she'll see ----- it is to have a low money grubbing spirit?"
- c) No, my child, ----- before he died."
- d) He is too honourable to ----- his premium.
- e) I felt I ----- pleasure to look after me.

Short Answers

- a) Why does Mrs Slater instruct Victoria to change her dress?
- b) Why were Mr and Mrs Jordan visiting the Slaters after so many years?
- c) Mother and me is going to bring grandfather's bureau down here." Who makes this remark and in what context? What does this reflect about the speaker?
- d) Mrs Jordan, "we want a verse that says how much we loved him and refers to all his good qualities and says what a heavy loss we're had." Point out the irony in this remark
- e) Describe the reaction of all Slaters and the Jordans when Abel Merryweather walks in the parlour?

Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments

- a) Not marble, nor the gilded monuments of ----- besmeared with sluttish time.
- b) When wasteful war ----- The living record of your memory.
- c) 'Gainst death and all ----- world out to the ending doom.
- d) So, till the judgment ----- dwell in lover's eyes.
- e) After reading the poem "Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments" what image of the poet is formed in your mind? What quality of the poet is revealed through the poem?
- f) How does the poet compare 'gilded monuments' with 'powerful rhyme'?
- g) Explain – "Nor Mars his sword nor wars' quick fire shall burn the living record of your memory."

- h) How will 'posterity' react to the verses that are written?
- i) Time and timelessness rule the poem – comment.
- j) Explain – 'Last Judgment'.

Mirror

- a) What is the central theme of the poem?
- b) What is the woman searching for in the depth of mirror and lake?
- c) Who disturbs the meditation of mirror?
- d) Why is the woman agitated?
- e) How do you consider the poem? Optimistic or Pessimistic? Explain.
- f) What does the poem reveal about the character of the woman?
- g) Discuss the obsessive relationship between the mirror and the woman.
- h) "The world of illusion and flights of fancy give happiness. The stark world of reality is too depressing and ugly. The only way out is escapism." Why/Why not?

Julius Caesar

- a) Brutus' character is a conflict between his notions of honour and friendship of Caesar. Discuss how he resolves this conflict and why he is unsuccessful.
- b) "Caesar's dead body could accomplish what Caesar could not do in his life time." Discuss the strategic importance of Caesar's dead body and how it is exploited to the maximum.
- c) Antony in his speech presents Caesar as "a paragon of virtue and patriotism." Discuss the glowing tributes he paid to Caesar in his funeral speech.
- d) What are the contents of Caesar's will? What effects do these exert on the attitude of the Romans?
- e) Why did Calpurnia try to prevent Caesar from going to the senate house? Did she succeed in her mission? Why/Why not?
- f) Describe the role of mob in the play Julius Caesar
- g) What was the conspiracy? Who hatched it?

A Shady Plot

- a) 'It was like watching one of these moving picture cartoons being put together.' Explain
- b) Why was the writer getting over confident about his ability of writing ghost stories?
- c) What surprising revelation is made by the ghost? Why did the writer not believe her?
- d) Why is the ghost fed up of the Ouija Board fanatics?
- e) What reasons are given by Lavinia for not getting rid of the Ouija Board?
- f) Why was the narrator shocked to see the activities of his wife's Book Club?
- g) What controversy or furore was caused in the parlour by the name of 'Helen'?
- h) Why did Helen pay a visit to the narrator again?
- i) How did Lavinia react after facing Helen?
- j) Why did Lavinia decide to leave her husband and what made her change her mind?

Letter writing

- a) acute shortage of water in your area
- b) Complaining against defective items and replacement
- c) Enquiry about a course

- d) Asking for trade catalogue
- e) Placing order for books
- f) Enquiring about scholarship
- g) Rash driving
- h) Bad road conditions
- i) Insanitary condition
- j) Negligence of monuments

Grammar

Q1. I entered the manager's office and sat down.

I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset.

"I leave the money in my desk," I said,

"and it is not there now". The manager was very sympathetic

but he can do nothing. "Everyone loses money these days", c) _____

he said, He start to complain about this wicked world,

but is interrupted by a knock at the door.

A girl came in and puts an envelope on his desk.

It contains five hundred rupees. "I found this

outside this gentleman's room," she said.

"Well! I say to the manager, "there is still some

honesty in this world !"

a) _____

b) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

g) _____

h) _____

Q2. The following passage is incomplete. One word has been omitted in every line against which there is a blank. Indicate the place where the word has to be inserted with a / and write the word in the space provided.

Parmesh and his friends planning a trip

during the summer vacations. While all of them

keen to get away from the heat, none them were able to suggest which place to visit.

It only draw of lots which could finally decide the matter.

They decided on Ooty as it neither too far away nor too crowded

The date of departure and the duration of their stay still to be decided.

The announcement of their final exam date sheet still two weeks away.

Until then, each of them resolved

collect information about hill station.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

g) _____

h) _____

i) _____

Q3. Edit the passage underlining the mistake present in every line by writing the correct word in the blank space.

My day begins on five O'clock in the morning

It has been so since the last forty years

except for the two years of which I was

very ill. I wake up at the sound of an
alarm clock bought at 1952.

From then until today, it has never

let me down. My routine, however turns topsy-turvy

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

From then until today, it has never

f) _____

let me down. My routine, however turns topsy-turvy in holidays when I cannot sleep for ten O'clock. I have maintained a fairly regular routine over my working years.

g) _____

h) _____

When I retire on two years' time, I hope I will be able to continue this practice.

i) _____

Q4. Underline each error and write the correction in the space provided.

India is very fortunate that it have many rivers. Their famous rivers are Sutlej, Ganga, Yamuna and Narmada. Some of the river like Ganga, which originated from the Himalayas, flow throughout the year. They provide water for both drinking and irrigational purpose. Some river in India are considered very sacred and are worshipped.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

Q5. Read the following jumbled words and phrases. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

- a) tiny particles/is made/everything/atoms/at which/are the
- (b) impossible/small an /it is/to imagine/how/atom is,
- (c) is probably/thick/of paper/a million/a sheet/atoms
- (d) particles/atoms are/subatomic/particles called/smaller/up of/made
- (e) every atom/nucleus/is/in the/its/middle of.

Q6. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows.

Ramesh : Where are you going ?

Rachana : I am going to collect my pass

certificate. Ramesh : How much did you score ?

Rachana : I got good marks in all subjects except Maths

Ramesh : Let me know after you join a college

Ramesh asked Rachana (a) _____ She said that she (b) _____ pass certificate. Ramesh, then wanted to know (c) _____ she replied that (d) _____

_____ Ramesh, wanted her to let him know after she joined a college.

Q7. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful

- a) divided/countries/continents/the/is/into/and/world
- b) own/every/its/language/country/has
- c) languages/vast/like/India/many/has/a/country
- d) people/expressing/the/different/have/their/languages/of/been/countries/thoughts/in
- e) academicians/mother/future/the/in/their/will/tongues/use/to/thoughts/convey/their

Q8. Read the conversation and fill in the blanks

Ruhi : Ana, bring me my book. Ana : Where have you kept it ?

Ruhi : It's in my cupboard where you kept it yesterday. Ana : I will bring it right now.
Ruhi requested her sister, Ana (a) _____. Ana asked her sister (b) _____.
Ruhi told her (c) _____. Ana told her sister (d) _____

Syllabus For Mid Term

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Writing

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