

# Answers to RSPL/1

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## SECTION A — (Reading and Comprehension)

- 1.1** (a) The idea that came to the rich man was to perpetuate his memory after death.
- (b) He would in his will, set aside a portion of his income to be spent on an annual prize for the best poem submitted by a member of the sixth form in St. Austin's college, on a subject to be selected by the headmaster .
- (c) People heard him chuckle to himself that it was compulsory for everyone in the form to compete.
- (d) Reynolds was of the remove, and he had contracted the habit of sending verses up to various periodicals, with no result, so far. His great ambition was to see some of his lines in print.
- (e) Students of the sixth form of St. Austin's college were to take part and the subject was to be selected by the headmaster.
- (f) 'Prize poem,' said Smith, without enthusiasm. He was not a poet. These lines tell that not everyone was interested in writing a poem.
- (g) Smith did not want to take part in the competition and therefore wished he were in the infirmary.
- (h) The subject of the poem was The College.
- (i) The word is 'harassing'.
- 2.1.** (a) Penguins are a group of aquatic flightless birds. They live almost exclusively in the Southern hemisphere with only one species, the Galapagos Penguin, found north of the equator.
- (b) The word penguin first appeared in the 16th century as a synonym for great auk.
- (c) Etymologically the word penguin is linked to the word to Latin pinguis, which means 'fat' or 'oil'. Support for this etymology can be found in the alternative Germanic word for penguin, fettgansor 'fat-goose', and the related Dutch word vetgans.
- (d) The oldest known fossil penguin species is Waimanu manneringi that lived in the early Paleocene epoch of New Zealand.
- (e) The Blue Penguin is the smallest penguin species.
- 2.2** (a) fat or oil.
- (b) tropical climates.
- (c) enormous sizes
- 2.3.** (a) native
- (b) diversity
- (c) aquatic

**SECTION B — (Writing and Grammar Skills)**

3. 12, Park Road

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4 August 2017

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

New Delhi

Sir

**Subject:** Promoting education for the girl child.

I am an enlightened citizen of this country and a regular reader of your editorial columns. Through the column of your distinguished newspaper I would like to highlight the deplorable condition of the girl child in our society.

In every second household we find examples and instances off discrimination made against the girl child. She has no say in important matters of the family and is even denied the right to education. Educating the girl child is imperative if we have to make her stand at par with the male dominated society.

It is hence my earnest request to the government authorities to make education of the girl child free and compulsory and to devise some laws for its strict implementation.

Yours faithfully

XYZ

**Or**

ABS Public School

Faizabad

4 August 2017

The Manager

Chhabra Sports Complex

New Delhi

Sir

**Subject:** Placing order for sports goods

This is with reference to placing order for sports goods and items from your company for our newly established sports academy.

Kindly refer to the following:

1. Cricket kits – 5
2. Badminton rackets – 25
3. Football – 20
4. Basketball – 15

- 5. Tennis balls – 20
- 6. Tennis rackets – 10
- 7. Gloves and head gear – 10 each

Kindly send us the above mentioned items at the earliest possible. We agree to the rates sent by you and the terms for mode of payment.

Your faithfully

Mohan

(Sports Coordinator)

4. **The Wait**

On a clear sky there were traces of black clouds that left him morose and disappointed. Every evening it had been like that. When James had to come home the sky would be overcast and he would not come.

Little John was tired of this long wait. James had taken loan from people for the treatment of his wife. The wife had recovered from a serious illness but it had left James in heavy debt.

He had to give up his job to look after his wife. But all their savings were gone in her treatment and when she recovered he took over to working on the fields of this rich landowner. But little John used to miss his father who would not come home for days.

The clouds, he felt were responsible. Another day of wait...

**Or**

**The Surprise**

I had been waiting for this day since long. My birthday came and went as usual. Friends and relatives came with gifts and wishes and left. I was too tired to think of anything else. But the thought was there somewhere lingering. Why hadn't Rahul come?

Rahul was my best friend and he had never missed any of my birthdays in the past fifteen years. I was worried for him. At the same time angry. He could have at least informed. When I dozed off I don't know.

Morning came and as I was about to pick up the phone, somebody patted me from behind on my shoulder. And guess what? There was Rahul with a brand new bicycle for me as my birthday gift. He wanted to surprise me and had been successful at it.

I was surprised and I realized the wait was worthwhile.

5. (a) (iii) for                      (b) (i) presented    (c) (ii) ought to                      (d) (iii) is  
(e) (ii) little

6. **Before**    **Word**    **After**
- (a) exercise    or    any
  - (b) enhances    and    maintains
  - (c) It    is    performed
  - (d) X    for    various
  - (e) ageing    and    strengthening

7. (a) Lessons in schools are often information driven.
- (b) School children depend on books for information.
- (c) However, these days children depend on google.
- (d) Soon smart boards will replace books.
- (e) But the importance of books will remain forever.

**SECTION C — (Literature)**

8. (a) The frog puffed up with rage because his gross income from ticket office crashed.
- (b) 'Follow fashion' means to go with the latest trend.
- (c) The frog called the bird brainless because she had come under his influence and not used her own brain.
- (d) The bird burst one of her veins as she tried to puff up her lungs and died.

**Or**

- (a) Cowards die many times fearing death.
  - (b) The valiant taste death only once because they don't die every day for fear of death but only when it actually comes.
  - (c) Death is a necessary end because whoever has taken birth has to die someday.
  - (d) The speaker is Julius Caesar.
9. (a) The title of the play 'The Dear Departed' is not appropriate. It is, in fact, ironical as in the play there was no one who was dear to anyone nor had anybody departed or died.
  - (b) No, John Hallock was never interested in writing ghost stories. He said at one place that he did not specialize in ghost stories rather ghost stories seemed to specialize in him.
  - (c) Post office had become a place of pilgrimage for Ali as he went there with the same love and faith with which a pilgrim goes to his place of worship.
  - (d) PatolBabu was a very organized person for whom acting was his passion. So, when he got a role in a film he wanted to rehearse and give his best.
  - (e) The dilemma faced by the poet in the poem 'Snake', is whether he should kill the snake or let it go. The voice of his education tells that he must kill the snake as in Sicily the golden brown snakes are poisonous. But he really likes the snake and is not able to decide.
10. The feeling of guilt or repentance is greater than any other kind of punishment. When one gets punished for an offence, somewhere it seems as if the scores have been settled. It is killing if there is a feeling of guilt and repentance all through one's life. It is a feeling that kills you everyday. Whereas punishment is for once. As we see in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner', where the mariner lived all his life carrying an albatross round his neck as a constant reminder for the sin he had committed. It was a feeling that made him live in guilt and repentance. He repented each day, for having killed an innocent bird. He feels all

the troubles he had on sea were the result of his sin. He lives with this guilt all his life and suffers more than he would have had he been given a punishment.

Or

Friendship is the most valued possessions of a man. A man does everything for a friend, even if that means giving one's life. But there are times when this friendship needs to be sacrificed if it comes to saving one's country from going into the hands of traitors. Brutus loved Caesar but he loved his country more. He sacrificed his friendship with Caesar for the larger good of the country. He honoured Caesar for his virtues but because he was ambitious he killed him. Hence when it comes to the welfare of one's country and its people one sacrifices friendship over these.

11. (A) Helen had to face many difficulties at Cambridge School. School was in itself a big adjustment for her. The teachers were not used to teaching blind and deaf students. Helen needed space to complete her course. The only way Helen could communicate with her instructors was to press her fingers against their mouths as they spoke. Helen had to study many subjects at school ranging from literature to history. A lot of work was required for her classes. She was assigned large sections of reading which was too much for her teacher Ms. Sullivan to spell into Helen's hands and there were not many books with raised print at that time.

Or

Miss Anne Mansfield Sullivan had the greatest influence in the life and achievements of Helen Keller. Anne had become partially sighted after undergoing a surgery to correct her vision. She had been educated at Perkins Institute for the Blind, a place instrumental in Helen Keller's life. She was Helen's teacher, interpreter, friend, companion and motivator. She taught Helen the smallest of things of life .She helped Helen connect with nature and made her feel that birds and flowers were also her happy peers.

Anne made Helen connect the abstract and the physical which had a profound impact on Helen. She was a picture of tireless patience and devotion. It was because of her constant motivation that Helen Keller became the first deaf and blind to get a bachelor's degree.

11. (B) Anne's relation with her mother was not very good from the beginning. She always thought her mother loved Margot more than her. Also she thinks herself as a mentally mature girl and doesn't want to share anything with her mother. Moreover' Anne loves her father Mr. Otto Frank very much when compared to anyone else in her life. At one point she says 'I can even imagine my mother dying one day. But I can't imagine living without my father.' Also Anne to pray with her father but one day when her mother wanted to do so with Anne, she sent her mother cowardly and after that, she apologized to her on someone else's advice.

**Or**

Otto Frank was the father of Anne Frank. Anne sees him as a kindred spirit who is very fond of books, history and news. He is a clown frequently trying to amuse people. He appears as a peacemaker even in the claustrophobic living conditions. He is the most gentle and thoughtful of all in the family. The family's international-banking business collapsed during the German economic depression that followed World War I. After the Nazis came into power in Germany, Otto moved to Amsterdam in 1933 to protect his family from persecution. There he made a living selling chemical products and provisions until the family was forced into hiding in 1942. He was the only member of the Annex who survived the Holocaust. After Anne's death, he fulfilled his daughter's wish to have her words published.