

Answers to RSPL/3

SECTION A — (Reading and Comprehension)

- 1.1** (a) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were two members of a British expedition who had first attempted to climb the summit.
- (b) The first attempt to climb the Everest was made on June 8, 1924.
- (c) Edmund Hillary was a New Zealand beekeeper.
- (d) Tenzing Norgay became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.
- (e) The reason for Mt Everest drawing attention for all the negative reasons is that the entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up.
- (f) The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers' bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.
- (g) The new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage.
- (h) Climbers who fail to comply with the rules are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them.
- (i) The word is 'scaling'.
- 2.1.** (a) Ginger inspires fear in their mouse customers and Pickles in their rabbit customers and the two extend unlimited credit to customers who never pay. In this way they are partners in operating a village shop.
- (b) The till remains empty. and the shopkeepers are forced to eat their own goods.
- (c) The inclusion of these characters in the illustrations was a clever marketing device and established an artistic consistency from tale to tale in Potter's Peter Rabbit universe.
- (d) Sally gets flustered counting out change and insists on being paid cash.
- (e) Sally offers an assortment of bargains to the delight of everybody.
- 2.2.** (a) their rabbit customers.
- (b) he will receive a summons.
- (c) announcing her intention to re-open the shop.
- 2.3.** (a) unlimited
- (b) illustrations
- (c) overwhelm

SECTION B — (Writing and Grammar Skills)

3. 10, Kingsway Camp

Delhi

23 October 2017

The Manager

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Mt. Abu

Sir

Subject: Booking of hotel rooms

I am Aniket, a resident of Delhi. I am writing this letter for booking rooms in your hotel for a week in the month of December.

We are around six people of a family who would be putting up in your hotel from 24 December to 31 December 2017. We want to book luxury rooms with all amenities. The rooms should be centrally heated. I also request you to arrange for an SUV car for moving around the town and visiting places of tourist interest.

Kindly let me know the availability of rooms and the transport facility along with the charges for the same at the earliest possible.

Yours faithfully

Aniket

Or

12, Park Street

Delhi

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sir

Subject: Role of Media in National Integration

Through the distinguished columns of your newspaper I would like to highlight the role of media in promoting brotherhood among people of diverse communities during festivals.

The role of Media has been instrumental in promoting national integration. The television and radio are such means of communication that have helped in bringing people of all cultures together through numerous competitions, shows and other means of entertainment. Not only this the media celebrates every festival on such a big platform that transcends the boundaries of caste culture and religion.

The media is not only an agent of information but an agent of love and brotherhood as well.

Yours faithfully

Raghav Sen

4.

A Mysterious Visit

It was my first day in that city. I went to meet my next door neighbour to make friends with them. As I rang the door bell I heard some strange sounds coming from inside. It was as if somebody was wailing in a monotone. I stood there for more than a minute and rang the bell again. This time I heard footsteps. A tall woman with a pale face opened the door. I gave my most beautiful smile in the hope of getting back the same but to my disappointment, the lady frowned at me questioningly.

I held out my hand and introduced myself. She seemed to be least interested in me. However, I was too stubborn to leave. I asked if she could give me a bottle of water. She thought for a second and went inside. I tried to peep inside the house. It was all bare, with the minimal of furniture. I had to straighten myself when I saw her coming. I took the bottle from her and thanked her.

Later that evening I kept on thinking about the strange house, the strange sound and the strange lady. Something about all this disturbed me. I could not sleep for a minute. I waited for evening and went to return the bottle to that lady. I rang the bell and waited. I waited to hear the wailing, I waited for the footsteps but this time nothing happened.

A man from outside shouted and said, "Nobody lives here. Ms. Agnes died last month".

I don't remember how I came back home but till today whenever I recall that incident, a shiver runs through me.

Or

A Pleasant Experience

We had almost reached our destination after a long tiring journey when suddenly we felt tiny drops of water falling upon us. We looked up and saw the sky was overcast. Soon the drizzle turned into heavy rainfall.

My friend John and I looked around for some shelter and in the distance found a small house from where smoke was coming out of the chimney. We almost staggered towards the house. John called out for someone when we reached the door. An old man came out holding a lantern in his hands. His face was all wrinkled from everywhere to everywhere. He saw us and immediately called us in. By now it had begun to pour in heavily.

He asked us where we had come from. He also told us all about himself. He was once the owner of a tree plantation but he lost all in the floods. Since then he had been cutting wood in this remote area near the forest and selling it somehow managing to get two square meals. He gave us a supper of porridge and tea. We were so tired that we dozed off soon. Early morning next day we thanked the old man and headed towards our head office which was just a few kilometers away. This was a pleasant experience of a very tiring journey.

5. (a) (ii) were (b) (ii) getting (c) (ii) talking (d) (ii) forgot
(e) (iii) eaten

6. **Incorrect** **Correct**
- (a) at to
- (b) is has
- (c) in of
- (d) for of
- (e) to for
7. (a) An astrologer opened his bag.
- (b) He took out his paraphernalia.
- (c) There were some cowrie shells and palmyra leaves.
- (d) He spread them all on the street.
- (e) He was all set to meet his clients.

SECTION C — (Literature)

8. (a) The speaker is the poet D.H.Lawrence.
- (b) 'him' is the snake.
- (c) The poet is portrayed as a humble man who has respect for all living creatures.
- (d) The speaker loved him (snake) because he had come to his water trough to drink water.

Or

- (a) The poetic device used is metaphor.
- (b) The speaker says that he and danger are like two lions born on the same day and he is the elder one and more dangerous.
- (c) The speaker is an arrogant and overconfident person.
- (d) The word 'littered' means 'born'.
9. (a) Sebastian's recovery was a miracle recovery because he had been in coma for six weeks and all knew that only a miracle could save him.
- (b) Decius interpreted Calpurnia's dream as a fair and fortunate vision. He said that Caesar's statue from where blood spouted and in which many Romans washed their hands indicated that from him Rome shall regain new energy. People would die to keep the blood-stained napkins as cognizance and tinctures.
- (c) Patol babu was keen on having a rehearsal before the final shot because he had been out of practice for twenty long years and he wanted to give his best. He did not want to fumble in front of the camera
- (d) Yes, the poet listened to his voice of education. Although he liked the snake, he hit it with a log of wood when it was going back.
- (e) Gladiola was the house maid of John Hallock and Lavinia. She decided to leave the house because she was afraid of magic and hoodoos.

10. Both Antony and Brutus are considered to be the greatest of orators in the history of that time. Brutus was the most honourable man of Rome and had great convincing powers. When he gives a speech in Caesar's funeral giving the citizens reason for killing Caesar, he is able to convince the Romans and win their hearts. Antony too was known for his oratory skills. He gave a very satirical speech on Caesar's funeral in which he instigated the mob against the conspirators. It is because he was able to provoke and instigate the mob to take revenge that his speech is considered to be more effective than Brutus.

Or

In both the poems time has been signified as something which does not spare anyone or anything in this world. Time has its effect on the greatest of monuments and the greatest of men. In 'Not Marble nor the Gilded Monuments', we read how the gold plated monuments and marble statues get tarnished with the passage of time. In 'Ozymandias' we see how kings and artisans face the same destiny. Time does not spare anyone and all have to face death.

11. (A) The burglary at the annexe took place on 25th March 1943. The burglars entered through the door opening to the street. Peter was the first to notice. The burglars used a crowbar to open the outer door and opened the inner door with manual force. They went upstairs and stole two cash boxes containing forty florins, some postal orders, cheque books and all coupons for sugar. The inmates were shocked by the burglary but happy at the same time that the typewriters and money kept in wardrobe were not burgled.

Or

Edith Frank was the youngest of four children in a German Jewish family. Edith met Otto Frank and they got married on his 36th birthday. He was forced to move to Amsterdam when the Nazis invaded Netherlands and began persecution of the Jews. In the annexe Mrs. Frank had to perform various tasks which she was not accustomed to doing. The hard conditions were the main reason for the bad feelings between Anne and her mother. She was a modest woman who treated her children as her equals.

She was unable to provide emotional support for her daughter mainly because of the stress and pain of forced confinement.

11. (B) Helen was a great lover of nature. Birds and animals always interested her. She used to hunt for guinea fowl's eggs and once she was even gifted a canary as a Christmas gift by school children. Her teacher taught her to take care of her pet. She used to feed the birds and feel sad if they were hurt. She kept a horseshoe crab as a pet. She loved all creatures and flowers and trees. Her initial learning began amidst nature. Her father

took her out in the garden. She loved their house that was a haunt of honeybees and humming birds amongst the vines and creepers. Once she experienced a storm and realised that nature can be harsh as well.

Or

The Narrator had fond memories of her visits to Mr. William Endicott at his farm. She made friends with him and his daughter. She remembered with delight the days she spent in his rose garden and how the dogs, Leo and Fritz came to meet her. She remembered how period the swiftest horse poked his nose into her hand for a pat and a lump of sugar. She remembered the beach where she played in the sand of long.