

Answers to RSPL/2 (DS2)

Part A

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Part B

8. (A) 17 E, Ravi Dass Road

Kochi XXXXXX

Kerala

2 March 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Kochi XXXXXX

Kerala

Dear Sir

Subject: Nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the nuisance caused by the indiscriminate use of loudspeakers at religious places, wedding processions, market places and *jagrans* during the examination days. Students are unable to concentrate on the heavy backlog of revision work during these days. The result is that they fare badly in the examinations and this leads to frustration and unhappiness among students. Their parents also suffer due to it. It is high time the authorities concerned take a serious note of this nuisance and initiate remedial measures to check the problem. Use of loudspeakers should be totally banned irrespective of the places where these are used. It is not only a cause of nuisance but also adds to the noise pollution.

Yours faithfully

Prabhu Kumar

(PRABHU KUMAR)

Or

(B) New Age Computer Shoppe

Ganesh Nagar

Delhi

24 April 20XX

The Incharge

Enfotech

Preet Vihar Delhi

Dear Sir

Subject: Placing an order for laptops.

Please refer to your quotation dated 2 April 20XX along with item list. I am pleased to place an order for the following items as per terms and rates mentioned in the quotations. Needless to say that all the ordered items reach to us in a good condition. Any damage during transportation will be your responsibility. Although, with an association such as ours which is more than a decade, we have not had any grounds to complain about any of the goods in terms of quality or delivery, it becomes mandatory to write that the goods should reach us in excellent condition.

Name of the items & Brand	Ram	No. of items
Dell	8 GB	50
HP	4 GB	60
Lenovo	4 GB	30
ASUS	8 GB	20

The payment will be made on delivery as per the agreement.

Yours faithfully

Nidhi

(NIDHI)

Manager, New Age Computer Shoppe

9. (A)

Best Pencil Brand Preferred by the Students

Out of more than three dozen brands of pencils available in the market, four brands, namely A, B, C, and D, are the most popular ones. Pencils are an important part of students' stationery items and the popularity of brand B pencils outshines every other available brand as it occupies more than half of the pencil market. Brand B is the most popular amongst the students for its smoothness and durability. It is cost effective also and all the students can easily afford it. One-fifth of the students favour brand D, followed by brand A, while brand C comes last in the stationery list of the students. This brand is very expensive and used only for specific purpose by the students who are studying specialized subjects.

Or

What Do You Do While Watching TV?

(B) It can be seen that over three-quarters of those surveyed do other things simultaneously.

Over half said they either ate or checked their mobile phone or tablet while they were watching TV while, perhaps unsurprisingly, only a few teenagers said they read, did exercise or listened to music while watching TV. Eight per cent talked to their families and another eight per cent said they often did homework and watched TV at the same time. In conclusion, it is evident that a large proportion of families watch TV while they are eating, while almost a third of young people divide their attention between several screens at the same time. These figures may reflect a general trend towards less formal family mealtimes and greater levels of multitasking. However, a significant number of teenagers that is twenty three per cent still focus fully on the television when they are watching.

10. **(A)(a)** Lencho was happy when rain fell because it brought with it a promise of a good crop. But, his happiness soon changed into concern, when rain was followed by a hailstorm, which lasted for more than an hour. The hailstones damaged the corn crops, sown by him, completely.
- (b)** The young seagull was alone on the ledge because he was too afraid to make his first flight. He was left alone for about twenty-four hours.
- (c)** Anne wants to keep a diary because she did not have any close friend with whom she could share her secrets and she desperately felt the need to get things off her chest.
- (B)(a)** The scientist always kept his door shut and locked from inside. So, the landlord and his wife were surprised to see the door open and the scientist missing from his room.
- (b)** During the second year in high school, Ebright began the research that led to his discovery of an unknown insect hormone. Indirectly, it also led to his new theory on the life of cells.
- (c)** The lawyer was sent to New Mullion, a country village. The lawyer had a pleasant image of the village and its welcoming and smile villagers.
11. **(A)(a)** Peggy justified her behaviour by saying that asking her about her dresses gave her good ideas for her drawings. She would not have won the contest if they had not picked on her. Also that she didn't call her a foreigner or make fun of her name.
- (b)** The two theories regarding the descent of Kodavu people are first, Kodavus are of Greek origin. A part of Alexander's army settled here and married among the locals. Their descendents are called Kodavus. Second, Kodavus are of Arab origin. They wear the same traditional dress called Kuppia.
- (c)** Valli was an eight-year-old girl. She was curious, and a keen observer. She had strong will power and determination. She was bold, brave and self-respecting. She had immense self-confidence and wanted to do everything on her own.
- (B)(a)** They find a chaplet of diamonds, which look exactly like the one Matilda had lost, in a shop of the Palais – Royal, valued at forty thousand francs but could get it for thirty six thousand. M Loisel possesses eighteen thousand francs, left to him, by his father the rest he borrows from usurers and money lenders. They then buy the necklace and return it to Mme Forester.
- (b)** Hari Singh had every opportunity to steal money from Anil. He had even given Hari the key to the door. But Anil was the most trusting person Hari Singh had ever met and so he found it very difficult to rob him. Moreover, there was no pleasure in robbing a careless man like Anil, who would not even know he had been robbed.
- (c)** He knew that as long as the dog was with Mrs Pumphery it wouldn't be able to get well because of her indulgence. Hence, he decided to take it away from her and hospitalize him for two weeks. Secondly, he wanted to give him more water and exercise and cut on his diet.

12. (A) I agree, both the oppressor and the oppressed, are not free. Both are robbed of their humanity – one lacks it while the other loses it. The oppressor himself is a prisoner of hatred, prejudice and narrow – mindedness. In order to make the oppressor truly free he must cleanse his heart of all these negative qualities. He should learn compassion and kindness. He must realize that only when he can give, can he truly become free. When he grabs the freedom of others he lives in the prison of greed and hatred. He then becomes destructive for humanity. Only love can eradicate hatred forever from the oppressor’s heart. If each one of us becomes aware of this, there will be no place for oppression of any kind. Peace and harmony will prevail and the world would become a beautiful place to live in.

Or

- (B) Selfishness is when we are only concerned about ourselves. Our pain and loss makes us ignore the suffering of others. Thus, I completely agree with Kisa Gotami because she was thinking only about her own grief. Love of her son had made her blind to the pain of all those, who had faced similar grief. She was only concerned about reviving her son. Kisa Gotami realized that by going to every house and asking if someone had died in their family, she must have given pain to them, by reminding them of their grief. She had been thinking about just her son and her grief. The thought made her call herself ‘selfish’. Had she understood that grieving and lamenting would not bring back her son, she would have made efforts to overcome her grief.
13. (A) Bholi was a physically challenged village girl; yet, when she got an opportunity to educate herself. Bholi’s teacher helped her to overcome social barriers by motivating her to study. It gave her the confidence to take a stand against the social evil of dowry system. Bholi’s parents were getting her married to a grocer who was Bholi’s father’s age and also limped, just because Bholi was physically challenged. But on the day of the marriage, he demanded five thousand rupees as dowry. Bholi, with cold contempt, snatched the garland from her prospective husband’s hands, and threw it into the fire, leaving everyone stunned. Social outrage also did not dissuade Bholi from her decision. Empowered by education, she knew she was capable of supporting herself and did not have to remain at the mercy of anyone. It also enabled her to make the right choices. She announced that she would remain unmarried, take care of her parents in their old age and would teach in the same school where she was educated.

Or

Griffin, the brilliant scientist, was a blot on humanity

- (B) It is rightly said that a beautiful mind is greater than a deceitful soul. This is same in the case of Griffin. Griffin was a brilliant scientist and the discovery made by him was remarkable but his mind was deceitful. He was selfish, unethical and irresponsible. He did not share his knowledge with anyone rather kept it to himself so he could neither add to it nor use it for the betterment of humanity. No doubt, he had worked hard to invent a potion to become invisible. It was a breakthrough discovery, requiring total focus and commitment. It could have earned him a lot of respect and admiration in the scientific community as well as the society but he used his invention to do whatever he wanted, without the fear of being apprehended. In short, he took to a life of crime. His priority in life was to serve his own interest rather than working to make the world a better place to live in. He misused his brilliance to become a criminal.