

Answers to REC–DS1/Set-1

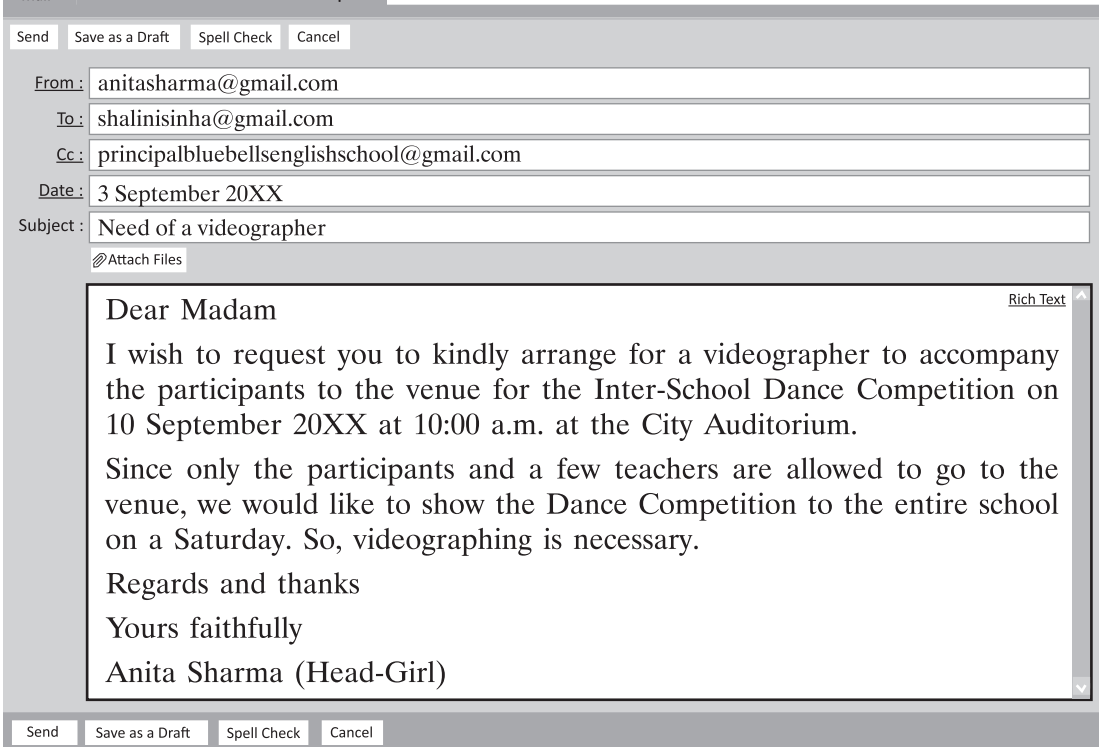
1. (a) (i) The blunder of hiding the gem in the crop of a goose.
 (b) This paragraph could be placed after the last paragraph, i.e. after Paragraph 16.
 (c) (ii) It creates a sense of mystery.
 (d) Holmes had read in The Times about the blue carbuncle that it had been stolen. So, when Peterson told Holmes that the blue carbuncle was found in the goose’s crop, he grew interested to find the real culprit. As the first step, he put an advertisement in all the evening papers about the goose, asking Henry Baker to come and collect the same from him.
 (e) The substitute word from paragraph 7 could be, ‘*stolen*’.
 Hence the sentence can be written as:
It was stolen, if I remember correctly, at the Hotel Cosmopolitan.
 (f) The two elements that classify the story as a mystery are:
 Firstly, without any evidence, why John Horner, a plumber was accused of having stolen the blue carbuncle. Secondly, why the thief hid the blue carbuncle in the crop of a goose.
 (g) ... the entire story is about the mysterious way the blue carbuncle gets stolen and is later found in the crop of a goose.
 (h) TRUE
 (i) (iii) Finding the gentleman from whom the goose came.
 (j) ... that Henry Baker was unaware of the blue carbuncle in the crop of the goose that he had got from the Alpha Inn.

2. (a) Situation (ii) is the best among the three situations given because in this situation Rishi not only helps each one of them but asks them to help each other, thus proving that ‘unity is strength’.
 (b) Sony is a very compassionate person, also, she is an active member of the Social Service club, so for these two reasons, she is the best fit to lead a school-wide initiative to promote the values of serving others before serving self.
 (c) Raj is the monitor who is likely to ask many ‘*why*’ questions because, he has the element of curiosity in his personality.
 (d) Sony is most likely to struggle the most during the school’s Annual Day programme, because taking stress is her drawback.
 (e) (ii) Raj

(f)

| Column A | Column B |
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| (i) Rishi | (b) Confident, Responsible, Empathetic |
| (ii) Raj | (a) Active, Responsible, Curious |
| (iii) Sony | (d) Helpful, Compassionate, Diligent |
| (iv) Ruby | (e) Detail-oriented, Perseverant, Consistent |
| (v) Anuj | (c) Confident, Hard-working, Compassionate |

- (g) Ruby is the most collaborative monitor because she is very consistent, perseverant and detail-oriented girl.
 (h) ... he has the drawback of procrastinating his work.

3. 

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From: anitasharma@gmail.com

To: shalinisinha@gmail.com

Cc: principalbluebellsenglishschool@gmail.com

Date: 3 September 20XX

Subject: Need of a videographer

Attach Files

Dear Madam

I wish to request you to kindly arrange for a videographer to accompany the participants to the venue for the Inter-School Dance Competition on 10 September 20XX at 10:00 a.m. at the City Auditorium.

Since only the participants and a few teachers are allowed to go to the venue, we would like to show the Dance Competition to the entire school on a Saturday. So, videographing is necessary.

Regards and thanks

Yours faithfully

Anita Sharma (Head-Girl)

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4. **Indoor Plants**

Indoor plants, are ornamental plants grown indoors. They require a low amount of light and water to thrive. Some of the examples are: snake plants, spider plants, peace lilies, rubber plants, money plants, aloe-vera, etc. They last on an average for 2-5 years. They are not only a regular supply of oxygen and freshness but also bring positive vibes and good luck to our house. They reduce indoor air pollution. Most indoor plants are happy with a window that is either west or east facing. The most auspicious plant in India that can be grown both outdoor and indoor is *Tulsi* plant. It releases oxygen, during day and at night too. Its leaves are used to treat the common cold, asthma, high BP and cholesterol.

5. (A) Sunshine Public School

Pune

18 August 20XX

Mr. P. K. Yadav

Sports Teacher

Sunshine Public School

Pune

Dear Sir

Subject: Permission to appear for Annual Sports Meet Trails

I am Ajay Sharma, a student of class X B. I request you to give me a chance to appear for the Sports Selection. I was unable to appear for the initial round of trials due to my absence from school on that day.

I have always been a keen athlete and I have participated in sports throughout my school career. I have won several medals in various sports events. I am also a member of the school's cricket team and have helped the team to win several championships.

I believe that I would do well in the school sports team also. I am a hardworking and I am always willing to go to the extra mile.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to prove my best to you. I am confident that I can make a significant contribution to the success of the Sports Event in our school.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Ajay Sharma (X B)

OR

(B) 12/3, Rosebud Apartments

Tilak Road
New Delhi

24 September 20XX

The Editor
The Times of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir

Subject: Proper disposal of protective face masks

With great trust and faith in the columns of your newspaper, I seek to bring to your kind notice that face masks, which are extensively used for protection against COVID-19, are being disposed off in improper places by a section of people.

With the concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19 along with extensive efforts of the government to create awareness about the necessity of protective measures, face masks are being used by more and more people to protect themselves from the disease. While this is a good thing, the problem arises by the careless throwing of these masks in places such as roadsides, water bodies, etc. by people ignorant of the harm it can cause.

Through the pages of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to appeal to the people of our country to refrain from carelessly throwing their used masks, since it increases the chances of people being infected by unintentionally coming into contact with it. Instead, masks should be disposed away in designated places with proper safety measures.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Deepak Chopra

6. (A)

Health Is Wealth

by Harsh Gupta X-C

'Health is Wealth' is a well known saying. What is good health? It is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. It is a complete package of well-being of not only of the body, but also of the mind and emotions in society.

Health is the basis for a happy life. Good health means having the immunity to fight against all diseases and illnesses. It can also fight against stress and strain in our life. Unfortunately, people run after wealth and that too at the cost of their health. With money, one can buy a lot of gold and silver in the world but cannot buy health and happiness. Health and happiness are closely related. Hence, a healthy person is a happy person.

Some of the important factors to acquire good health are simple and healthy diet, good sleep, cleanliness, regular exercise of the body. This is possible only if one maintains discipline in life. Good habits such as getting up early in the morning, doing regular exercise, maintaining cleanliness in and around the body, having simple but nutritious and healthy food promote good health.

OR

(B)

Science And Technology

by Rahul X A

Science encompasses the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment, and technology is the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes.

India, a nation with rich history of scientific thought and innovation, has made significant strides in the fields of science and technology. From the era of the Indus valley civilization, India's scientific prowess has been evident and has evolved over centuries to align with contemporary global advancements.

The department of science and technology has made significant contributions to most of the 'Make in India' initiative through various programmes. This has led to innovative, homegrown, affordable technologies to help companies manufacture their products in India.

India claims of space in the top five countries and is second in the world in smart materials, high specification machine processes and biofuels. The ever-progressive world will leave behind anyone who lags behind in science and technology.

7. (A) (i) would like (ii) do (iii) suits

(B)

| No. | Word Before | Omission | Word After |
|-------|-------------|----------|------------|
| (i) | dreams | that | people |
| (ii) | from | the | mundane |
| (iii) | emotions | like | anxiety |
| (iv) | in | their | dreams |

(C) (i) **Beth:** OH, MY JO, I AM SO PROUD!

(ii) (a) why she was looking so worried

(b) that her exams were approaching next month

8. (A) (a) The Sicilian belief is that black snakes are innocent and golden ones are poisonous.

(b) 'The voice of education' means a civilized intellectual approach to life in which man respects nature but ironically, it teaches man to be superior, biased and harmful.

- (c) The ‘*voice of education*’ tells the poet that the snake is evil, so, it should be killed then and there. It should not be allowed to move freely in the human world.
- (d) The poet does not kill the snake, but goes against the voice of education because he loves it, heart and soul. The snake is an honoured guest to the poet’s house so, he does not want to kill it.
- (B) (a) Mrs. Jordan makes the first comment.
- (b) When grandfather sees Henry wearing his slippers, Mrs. Slater quickly gives them back to him. This prompts Mrs. Jordan to make this comment.
- (c) Stepping into dead man’s shoes is to take the position of the dead man although one might not be capable of it. Mrs. Jordan on seeing her brother-in-law wearing grandfather’s slippers feels that he was in too much of a hurry to step into the grandfather’s shoes. He didn’t even wait for his funeral.
- (d) The Slaters had taken the bureau from the grandfather’s room.
- (C) (a) ‘I’ in the lines given above is John Hallock, the narrator of the story.
- (b) By writing business, the narrator means writing ghost stories.
- (c) The narrator has used the word ‘*delightful*’ sarcastically.
- (d) The narrator had reached the stage of imbecility when he started talking to himself.
9. (a) The symbolism lies in describing the frog as selfish and cunning while describing the nightingale as a symbol of credulous, timid and gullible people. The frog symbolizes deception while the nightingale symbolizes people who lack common sense and are unable to judge people.
- (b) The name of Miss Mebbin’s cottage, ‘Les Fauves’ means ‘wild beasts’. It is ironical because Miss Mebbin was able to buy this villa only by threatening and blackmailing Mrs. Packletide about her wrong shoot of the wrong animal, the goat, instead of tiger.
- (c) In the story, ‘*Two Gentlemen of Verona*’ Jacopo and Nicola had lost everything in the war including their father and their house. However, their indomitable spirit was not destroyed. It toughened them to face the situations bravely and later take care of their sister’s treatment.
- (d) The narrator’s father was most crazy about computers, for he bought a lot of such things at the Computer Fair. He bought a Pentium Processor, a Ram, 1.2 GB hard disc and 16 speed CD ROMs, with speakers, printers, modem and a scanner.
- (e) Personal satisfaction is more important than financial rewards as depicted in the story. Patol Babu realized that personal satisfaction could not be measured by money, and so he acted in film out of passion he felt for the job. So, he did not even wait to get his payment.
- (f) Mark Antony instigates the mob with his skilful oratory skills. He exposes the plot to kill Caesar and tells the public that Caesar had always worked for the betterment of Rome. He never wanted to be the emperor and has bequeathed his legacy to the people of Rome. He reads out Caesar’s will in public to let the people know about the goodness of Caesar and that Brutus and Cassius have killed him because of jealousy.
10. (A) Mrs. Slater was not very happy with the mourning dresses that she and her family were wearing. In fact, she had ordered new dresses for everybody. However, she thought that her sister, Mrs. Jordan wouldn’t have thought of mourning dresses and so she would outshine her. She was not concerned about the death of her father but was more bothered about her looks and how to be better than her sister.

Mrs. Packletide was jealous of her rival, Loona Bimberton, who had recently travelled 11 kilometers in an airplane operated by an Algerian aviator. In order to outclass her, Mrs. Packletide decided to shoot a tiger and gain media coverage through her pictures in all the leading newspapers and magazines.

Both the characters mentioned above are hollow and a sham in the so-called civilized society.

OR

(B) The Ancient Mariner in the poem has to pay for his impulsive act of killing the Albatross. The spiritual world takes revenge of the Albatross's death by inflicting physical and psychological havoc on the Ancient Mariner and his shipmates. He had committed an act of sacrilege by killing the very bird who had saved the sailors from the stormy seas. At first, the other sailors were shocked and they condemned him for his crime.

Suffering is sometimes the only way to change someone's habits for good, as Ali learns the hard way in the story, 'The Letter'. His tragedy in life is because of his past sins of having killed birds and animals in his young days. There is no other option for him but to repent and do penance and suffer patiently. Your own deeds recoil back on you.