

Answers to REC–DS1/Set-2

1. (a) The above paragraph may be placed after paragraph 1.
- (b) Firstly, the Gorgons are mythological characters; Secondly, many actions and places referred to in the story have a mythological bearing. For example, the act of cutting off Medusa’s head, and the place in the dark cave where the Gorgons lived are mythological.
- (c) (iii) To cut off Medusa’s head with a sword in one blow by looking at her in the reflection of the polished shield.
- (d) (iv) It presents a contrast with the real world.
- (e) The gods and goddesses on mount Olympus helped Perseus with their magical gifts. They gave him a highly polished magical shield, a pair of winged sandals, a magic helmet and a magic sword to cut off Medusa’s head.
- (f) The word from paragraph 2, which means the same as the underlined word is ‘brave’.
- (g) FALSE
- (h) ... she had live snakes growing out of her head instead of hair.
- (i) ...the entire story given in the passage is about the brave and daring act of cutting off Medusa’s head by the brave Perseus.
- (j) (ii) Cutting off Medusa’s head by looking at her in the reflection of his polished shield.
2. (a) Rohit is most likely to be a collaborative worker because he is very responsible, detail-oriented and focused on his job.
- (b) Situation (ii) is the best one that showcases her Motto, ‘*Strive for Excellence*’ because in this situation she takes every care to prepare them for the event. She listens to their delivery of passages, corrects their pronunciation, diction and intonation. The preparation is excellent, so the result is bound to be excellent.
- (c) ...he has the drawback of procrastinating work.
- (d)
- | Name of the House Captain | Motto |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| (i) Raj | (c) Love Conquers All |
| (ii) Rohit | (a) Unity is strength |
| (iii) Rahul | (b) Service Before Self |
| (iv) Rohan | (e) Never Give Up |
| (v) Reema | (d) Strive for Excellence |
- (e) Rohan is the person who is likely to ask many ‘why’ questions. The reason is that curiosity is one of his personal qualities.
- (f) Rahul is the best person fit to lead a school-wide initiative to promote mental and physical health values among students for two reasons. Firstly, his motto is ‘*Service Before Self*’, and secondly, he being the best sports person, knows how to organize any programme with full responsibility.
- (g) (iii) Rahul
- (h) (iii) Rohan

3.

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Date: 10 September 20XX

Subject: Request to change the school timing

Attach Files

Dear Madam,

I am Ankit, the Head boy of this school. On behalf of the entire students from classes VI to XII, I request you to kindly pre-schedule the school timing. We could have Zero period from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., during which period the teachers can take Sports practice. We need this time for a month, after which we shall be having our Sports Day. This schedule will not disturb our regular studies.

I am sure, you in consultation with the Principal will give your consent.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Ankit (Head Boy)

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4.

Mary Kom

The legend, Mary Kom, was born in Manipur in a poor family of tenant farmers. She grew up in humble surroundings. She did whatever she could to help her parents apart from going to school and learning athletics. She got her inspiration from Dingko Singh and she won a gold medal in the Bangkok Asian Games and then, there was no looking back. She got trained to become a boxer in spite of being a girl which was odd in those days, in her village.

She won the Manipur State Women's Championship and the regional championship in West Bengal in 2000. In 2001, she became internationally famous by winning the Silver Medal at the tender age of 18 years. Her coach, Charles Atkinson helped her to prepare for the Olympics. She is the only boxer to win a medal in each one of the six World Championships.

She is a role model not only in sports but also to women in general. Being a mother, she balances between home and her career, giving equal justice to both, which is a matter of great inspiration to women today. She plans to coach Indian women in the field of boxing in the future.

5. (A) Delhi Public School

Pune

10 September 20XX

The Principal

Delhi Public School

Pune

Respected Ma'am

Subject: Request for Study Certificate

I am Sameer Sinha studying in class X A in our esteemed school. Since my father is getting transferred to Delhi, I need to join a school there. So, I need a Study Certificate from the present

school. Hence, I humbly request you to provide me a Study Certificate mentioning the following details:

Student's Name:
Son of:
School's name:
Class last studied:
Years of study: From To.....
Principal's signature:
Date signed:
School office seal

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Sameer Sinha

OR

(B) Bluebells Public School
Jamshedpur
28 September 20XX
The Secretary
Sports Authority of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir

Subject: Information regarding sports scholarship

I am a student of class X, studying in Bluebells Public School, Jamshedpur. I have learnt from a reliable source that the Sports Authority of India awards scholarships to sports persons and athletes who distinguish themselves in various sports disciplines during their school days. The tenure of these sports scholarships varies from three to five years.

Some of our athletes have topped at the district level and have been selected for the national events. They are keen to know the availability of sports scholarships awarded under your benign guidance. The specific conditions and eligibility criteria may please be informed to us.

I hope to get the necessary information at the earliest.

Thanking You
Yours faithfully
Ajay

6. (A)

Grow More Trees and Reduce Pollution

by Sapna Joseph
Class X B

Trees and plants are one of the main reasons why mankind came into existence. The importance of planting trees has been emphasized time and again. This is because of the numerous benefits they offer.

Trees make the world a better place to live in. They exhale oxygen and inhale carbon dioxide to maintain the ecological balance in the environment. They give us fresh air to breathe.

Trees shield us from the harmful ultraviolet rays. They serve as a habitat for birds and various species of animals. Trees also help us in controlling pollution and preventing soil erosion. Trees are the best air-conditioners because they control the air temperature.

Unfortunately, urbanization is leading to clearing of forests. This should be stopped in order to maintain a healthy unpolluted life not only of all the creatures, but also for our planet Earth.

OR

(B) Benefits of Travel In Education

by Deepak

Class X A

Travel has many benefits, and one of the benefits is that, it provides enriching and positive education to young students. It provides an opportunity for subconscious learning. Every aspect of travel teaches students new skills and values that add up to their character building.

Just from one experience of travel, students can learn multiple skills and values such as time management, organization capability, responsibility, sharing, caring, inter-personal relationships, etc.

Exposing students to different cultures, they learn to respect and understand the world as a whole. It creates world citizens who don't feel confined by borders or conventions. They learn about different cultures, languages, and religions that help them to build a strong bonding with people.

7. (A) (i) can (ii) look (iii) doing

(B)	Sr. No.	Word before	Omission	Word after
	(i)	forums	to	work
	(ii)	conditions	of	the
	(iii)	time	should	talk
	(iv)	for	some	constructive

- (C) (i) SHE CAN WAIT UNTIL WE ARE DONE; THEN, I WILL BRING HER SOMETHING TO EAT.

(ii) (a) ...that it was a secret, and she must be kind enough not to ask any questions about it.

(b) ...the box was left there to be kept safely, and he did not know himself what it contained.

8. (A) (a) The frog's voice was loathed.

(b) 'They' are the birds and animals who live in and around the 'Bingle bog' near the sumac tree.

(c) 'They' had no choice but to hear the croaking of the frog because he was stubborn and did not stop croaking in spite of telling him not to.

(d) The poetic device used in the above lines is alliteration. For example: *crass cacophony*.

- (B) (a) Calpurnia speaks these lines to her husband Julius Caesar. She is describing to him the horrible dream that she had seen the previous night.

(b) The graves had opened up and exposed the dead bodies.

(c) The figure of speech in the third line is alliteration for 'Fierce fiery'.

(d) The words symbolise the assassination of Julius Caesar.

- (C) (a) Naresh Dutt is the brother-in-law of Nishikant Ghosh, the neighbour of Patol Babu. He is a member of a film production team.

(b) The word is 'Appraising look'.

(c) The shooting took place near Faraday House.

(d) Patol Babu, in his young days used to participate in many stage-plays. People used to wait to see him on the stage and appreciated his performance. Considering his passion, and the requirement for such a character as Patol Babu, he was offered a role in a film.

9. (a) Ozymandias was a very popular and powerful ruler. No ruler at that time could withstand against him. But now, his statue is present in broken pieces and his head is lying in the dust and sand. This is the irony in the poem.
- (b) After his daughter got married and went away with her husband, Ali felt very lonely. It was then he realized the pain young partridge felt on being separated from its parents. He no longer enjoyed hunting because he could now understand the grief the parents of the hunted animal went through after getting separated from the young ones.
- (c) The title '*A Shady Plot*' can be justified in multiple ways. It refers to the plot of John's ghost story, which is not entirely original. It also describes the overall atmosphere and theme of the story, which is dark and mysterious and deals with shady behaviour.
- (d) Mrs. Packletide was partially successful in her mission. She was successful in outshining Loona Bimberton by killing a tiger and getting fame for doing that. But actually, she was a failure, as she missed her shot and the tiger died due to heartfailure. Secondly, Loona Bimberton did not accept her invitation so, she could not gift her the tiger brooch as she had planned.
- (e) Nicola and Jacopo were the two gentlemen of Verona. They were so called, because they were refined and sensitive in character. They were devoted to their sister, and in order to earn money for her treatment undertook all kinds of jobs available in Verona.
- (f) '*The Dear Departed*' means the death of a dear one. In the story it is seen that neither the person who was presumed to be dead was, in reality, dead, nor was he considered dear by his daughters. This is the irony in the chapter.

10. (A) Dear Frog,

In this letter, I would like to explain to you that envy causes pain. I felt displeasure on seeing people praise Loona Bimberton for having flown in an airplane piloted by an Algerian. So, I planned to kill a tiger and steal the limelight and make Loona envious of me. I would organize a lunch to celebrate my achievement and invite Loona to it. I will flaunt the tiger skin rug and present a tiger-claw brooch to her.

But what happened? She declined my lunch. To make matters worse Miss Mebbin, my paid companion began blackmailing me that I buy her a week-end cottage or she would expose me to the world that I did not shoot a tiger but a goat, and the tiger died of heart-failure.

Hence, I would advise you not to feel jealous of the Nightingale's growing popularity, instead enjoy her melodious songs along with the other creatures in and around the bog.

Your friend

Packletide

OR

- (B) John Hallock was a complex character driven by his passion for writing. He was intelligent, skeptical, courageous and sarcastic. John could not give his whole time to writing, as he was working in a lumber company as a bookkeeper. He had to do this job because there were grocery bills and his wife's fancied shopping expenses to be taken care of.

Patol Babu had to give up his job as a clerk in Hudson and Kimberly due to the world war then. However, he did not give up his dreams to work as an actor. He had a strong passion for acting. Hence, when offered a small role in a film, he put in his best effort. To him his personal satisfaction was more important than financial rewards.