

Answers to REL-DS1/Set-1

1. (a) (i) It is easier for them to shift the responsibility from themselves.
 (b) The earlier policy had failed because either the children actively used the devices at home or their friends had access to smartphones and this kept the school students exposed to the devices and social media indirectly.
 (c) acknowledge smartphones' potential risks and the danger of addiction.
 (d) (iii) Children and Peers (iv) Restrictions or Bans
 (e) become the new norm in the future.
 (f) It was felt that children were being targeted and harmed by their digital interactions. The use of smartphones increased anxiety levels in children, causing addiction to smartphones and exposing them to inappropriate content.
 (g) (iv) Most parents use the code to shift their responsibilities to school.
 (h) piqued
2. (a) both determine their performance and determine their ranks
 (b) a fact; an objective detail
 (c) NIRF rankings are based on parameters like teaching, learning and resources, research and professional practice, graduation outcome, outreach and inclusivity, and perception in universities, colleges, and research institutions.
 (d) (i) Miranda House wishes to improve on research outreach and inclusivity.
 (ii) ARSD would like to improve further in research and professional practice and push the perception score further up.
 (e) It is due to a low student-teacher ratio which is a direct consequence of low recruitment of faculty.
 (f) Images (iii) and (iv)
 (g) The advantage is that educational institutions would become synonymous with quality teaching and research. The disadvantage is that the present ranking has taken the pandemic and post-pandemic years also into account when the colleges were closed.
 (h) (i) The competitive streak among the colleges and varsities will enhance their performance.
3. (a) has made
 (b)

Error	Correction
among	of

 (c) Mother: Why do you have such a long face?
 (d) (i) had invited, all of them could cook dinner for her
 (e) must
 (f)

Error	Correction
had been dragged	was dragged

 (g)

Option no.	Error	Correction
(i)	can have	have

 (h) (ii) rocking
 (i) she had a terrible headache and it was making her giddy.

- (j) (i) will
 (k) (ii) have travelled

(l)

Error	Correction
requesting	requested

4. (A) ABC Public School

Mohali, Sector-2

Chandigarh

20 February 20XX

M/S Sinha Garments

Zirakpur Chowk

Chandigarh

Dear Sir

Subject: Placing an order for school uniform sets

This letter is with reference to the meeting that took place at your factory. We wish to purchase uniform sets as finalised last week for our students from you. Our requirement is as follows:

Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Chest and Waist Size	22", 22"-23"	24", 24"-25"	26", 26"-27"	28", 28"-29"	32", 34-36
Quantity	150	350	150	50	20

Please review the order and if you have any recommendations, or need any clarification, please contact the undersigned. We hope for a long-term association with you.

Kindly note that the entire payment will be made only after the delivery made on or before 20 March 20XX as mutually agreed. I request you to offer us a discount on the order and send us the bill along with the consignment.

Yours faithfully

Mira Malik (Coordinator)

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(B) 15, Esplanade Road

Bengaluru

17 May 20XX

The Editor

The Deccan Herald

Bengaluru

Dear Sir

Subject: Skyrocketing prices of essential commodities

The plight of the common man is pitiable because of the skyrocketing prices of essential commodities. The rates of vegetables like tomatoes at ₹ 200/kg are vying with lentils in the same range. Most vegetables, fruits and cooking oils are already on an upswing. Cooking gas is so expensive that one wonders why would the poor not go back to coal and wood. Every few days, the prices of milk go up. The poor and the middle class don't know what to spend their money on. Two decent meals are hard to be arranged.

The prices of petrol and diesel have touched a new high in recent months which seems to have triggered this hike. People are compelled to cut down their expenditure on all essential food items to make ends meet.

The government must take some stringent measures to control the rising prices and black marketing by releasing buffer stocks so that the common man does not suffer.

Yours faithfully

Deepti/Deepak

5. (A) **Games Gaming Companies Play**

8 Ball Pool and Subway Surfers guzzle 60 to 70% of data from your device, Gardenscapes steals 43% and Parking Jam and Egg Party consume 35%; even those games low on popularity steal between 20-30% of your personal data that could include messages, emails, precise location, photos, contacts, call records, etc. Many people enjoy playing mobile games for relaxation, but what's often overlooked is the data collection practices within the gaming industry. Most of these apps engage in third-party data sharing for advertising purposes and targeted advertisements. Many of these games collect data through various permissions that they ask for the first time a player launches a game and mostly players grant these permissions without even checking if they are actually required. While some data collection is necessary for certain game features and functionality, it's also crucial for mobile gamers to be aware of what information is being collected and how it's being used. Consumers are advised to protect their privacy when playing mobile games, such as by reviewing app permissions and limiting the amount of personal information shared.

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(B) **Education Should Have No Colour**

The report on Race for Results index, which compares how children are progressing on key milestones across racial and ethnic groups at the national and state levels is out. American Indian kids scored just 413 out of 1,000 which means that they are least likely to graduate high school on time, be connected to school or work as young adults, or earn an associate degree. Only African-American children fared worse, earning a score of 369. By comparison, Asian and Pacific Islander children and white American children both received an index score topping 700. They seem to have better avenues available to them along with strong support of their parents especially in providing them solid opportunities for education. To help overcome common challenges, policies must work to give all children access to opportunity. This includes access to early childhood education that prepares kids for a successful academic career. It also includes ensuring that parents have access to good jobs and opportunities to obtain more skills.

6. (A) (a) Tricky overwhelmed Mrs. Pumphrey with his love because he had never stayed apart from her.
 (b) (iii) Tricky had recognised his dog- parent and was wildly happy to see her.
 (c) Tricky had become as healthy as the pack, discovering the joys of being bowled over, tramped on, and squashed every few minutes. He also learned to fight like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunt rats in the old henhouse at night with his gang.
 (d) ‘agile’ or ‘active’.
- (B) (a) (iii) 1 and 5 but 3
 (b) The postmaster expected gratitude and a feeling of happiness from Lencho. He thought that Lencho would be pleasantly surprised to get his letter answered by God. Little did he expect his employees and himself to be accused of cheating.
 (c) (iii) a school of whales
 (d) The letter is a testament to the unflinching, and deep faith of Lencho in God’s kindness.
7. (A) (a) a hyena smiles and a crocodile weeps, both are dangerous beasts of prey.
 (b) In the lines ‘*A novice might nonplus*’ and ‘*they weep they’re Crocodiles*’ the poet has used alliteration and consonance whereas, enjambment has been used in the entire stanza.
 (c) (i) The essence of lying is in deception, not in words.
 (d) The line ‘*A novice might nonplus*’ can be correctly written as ‘A novice might be nonplussed’. The poet’s incorrect line is better in the poem as it maintains the rhyme scheme of the poem. The poet has used poetic licence so that ‘*nonplus*’ rhymes with ‘*Thus.*’
- (B) (a) Money can bring just external happiness by buying us possessions but it cannot make the boy recover from his unhappiness due to the loss of a valued thing.
 (b) ‘The Ball’ symbolises the boy’s childhood days that are now gone. It’s the loss of the boy’s memories of those days and his innocence as he gains life’s wisdom on how to experience loss and survive. The message is universal so, the mood and the tone are sombre.
 (c) (i) Responsibility is self-taught.
 (d) The ‘*apostrophe*’ is a literary device in which a physically absent person is addressed. The poet addresses the boy who was not physically present with him and tries to gently advise him on how to deal with this loss- “*Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.*”
8. (a) When Chubukov came to know that the reason of Lomov’s coming to their house is to marry Natalya, he was overwhelmed with joy. He embraced and kissed Lomov and told him that he was hoping for it for a long time. He told Lomov that he had always loved him as if he were his own son.
 (b) God goes beyond external appearances. God loves a human or a living being for being themselves. He doesn’t pay attention to the colour of one’s hair, unlike human beings who judge one another over looks, weight, height, and build, etc. We are obsessed not only with the external appearance of others but also suffer over how we look like.
 (c) On both sides of the gravel road were acres and acres of neatly pruned tea bushes spread like a sea against the backdrop of densely wooded hills. It was the second sprouting period. Women wearing plastic aprons were plucking new tea leaves and putting them in the bamboo baskets.
 (d) The seagull didn’t have the courage to fly. He felt certain that his wings were too weak to support him. He refused to even flap his wings or take the plunge. Since he lacked courage and confidence his family tried all kinds of tricks to make him fly but he refused to do so because of his fear of sinking in the seawater.

- (e) In the poem ‘*Dust of Snow*’, the poet wants to convey that sometimes certain moments or actions which are simple have larger significance. They can change the mood or life of a person. The way a crow shakes down dust of snow on the poet inspires and gives him the idea to shake off his depressing thoughts, become cheerful and do something useful.
9. (a) Hari Singh knew that Anil would hire him only if he could cook. However, Hari did not know how. He falsely claimed that he could cook but when he did rustle up a meal at night, it was so terrible that Anil gave it to a stray dog and told Hari to be off. But later Anil had a change of heart, patted him and said that he would teach him to cook.
- (b) All the stolen money didn’t last long. Griffin had no ready cash. He pretended to Mrs. Hall that he was expecting a cheque to arrive at any moment. He desperately needed money immediately. The burglary committed by Griffin in a clergyman’s house very early in the morning was a brazen attempt to rob him taking advantage of his invisibility.
- (c) Bholi’s parents agreed to marry their daughter Bholi to Bishamber because he was a rich grocer and he did not demand any dowry. He was from another village and did not know about her pock-marks and lack of sense. If they did not accept the proposal, Bholi was likely to remain unmarried all her life.
10. (A) We are emotional beings so whatever life throws at us evokes a reaction or a response. Much like Frost, who was forced to shake off his sorrow when a crow shook down the dust of snow on him. He overlooked his dreary life for some time and even forgot to be angry with the crow! It inspired Frost to shake off his bitterness and look at life with a smile.
- Otters love water. When Mijbil was thrown into very different circumstances in a city, he did not get bogged down. He tried his best to adjust well in the author’s home and soon enough found how to open the taps. He went shooting up and down the length of the bathtub underwater and making enough slosh and splash. He also adjusted well to city life, jumping an entire low wall outside a school like a kid, and touching a railing every now and then much like the school children. Had he not adapted himself, he could not have survived.

OR

- (B) The Buddha had asked Kisa to bring some mustard seeds from a household that had never lost any family member. She was offered mustard seeds by almost all the households but there was not a single household that had not experienced loss. So she did not get the required mustard seeds. When she went from door to door the second time, she understood that everyone was dealing with the loss of a beloved one and that death was universal to all humans.
- Similarly, Mandela had always believed in personal freedom only. It was only with time that he gained the wisdom to comprehend that if his brethren are chained, his personal freedom is meaningless. A mature worldview that came with time led to this understanding in both Kisa Gotami and Nelson Mandela.
11. (A) Both Mrs. Hall and her husband were surprised to find the scientist’s room door open because normally it was always locked as Griffin mostly kept to himself. So they peeped in but found nobody there. The clothes and bandages that he always wore were lying about the room. Suddenly Mrs. Hall heard a sniff close to her ear and the hat on the bedpost leaped up and dashed itself into her face. Then the bedroom chair sprang into the air and pushed the couple out of the room and then appeared to slam and lock the door after them. Mrs. Hall became hysterical and almost fell down the stairs. She thought that her furniture was haunted. They decided to confront the scientist next time when they met him.

OR

(B) Horace Danby was a thief. He was obsessed with rare and expensive books. To fulfil his obsession, he would rob a safe every year that would last him almost a year. He would then buy books through an agent. But for society, he was a small businessman who made locks and had a meagre income. So, Horace Danby was not completely honest. But as a thief, he was robbed by another of his community. And then the blame was put on him for which he suffered a prison sentence of fifteen years. As bizarre as it may sound, there is honesty among thieves. They would not let another thief suffer because of them; it's the code among thieves. Horace Danby also believed and followed this principle. Little did he know that he would be tricked by a woman caught in an unforeseen situation the same as him but smarter than Danby in dealing with it.