

Answers to REC–DS2/Set-1

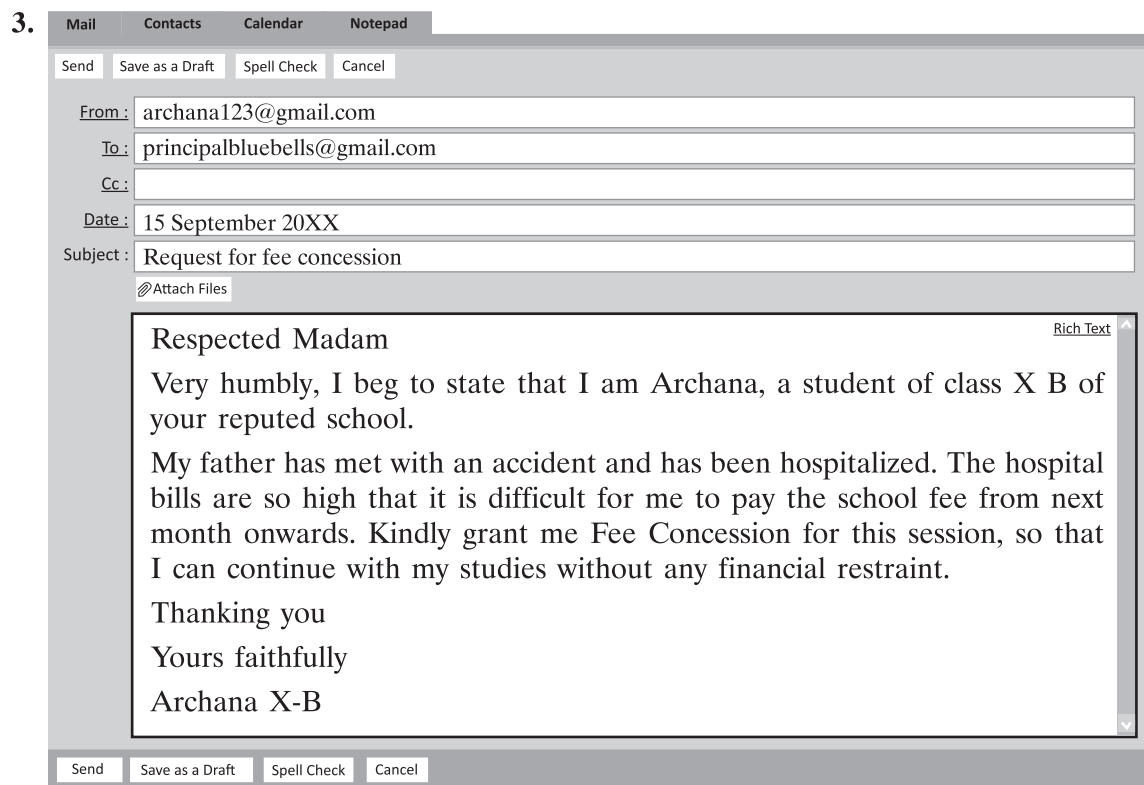
1. (a) (ii) It adds to the suspense of the story.
- (b) First of all, the boy had the stubbornness of his mind when he said to his mother that he would not go to the beach. Secondly, it was a feeling of shame that he should have to go to the beach when the other boys were playing football.
- (c) (ii) He saw one of the boulders move.
- (d) The sentence could be placed after paragraph 1.
- (e) The loneliness of the bouldered beach suddenly caught him in an odd way. A small shiver went over his back. A short distance away, right on the sea's edge, he saw one of the boulders move. His heart came into his throat. These two elements classify the story as scary.
- (f) The phrase in Paragraph 3 is world's rim that means the same as *edge*.
- (g) (iv) There was a man among the boulders.
- (h) ...so violent that the whiteness of the rushing water looked as if released out of thunderous sluices.
- (i) ...the mystery that begins in the opening sentence continues throughout till at last, it is solved.
- (j) TRUE

2. (a) (ii) Peter

(b)

Column A	Column B
(i) Raj	(c) Over-ambitious
(ii) Peter	(a) Self-critical
(iii) Liza	(b) Procrastinates
(iv) Nikki	(e) Takes stress
(v) Rachel	(d) Over thinks

- (c) Situation (ii) is the best because Raj could help his team-mates happily and solve their problem. Hence, this situation showcases his motto, '*Be Positive, Be Happy.*'
- (d) Nikki is the person who is likely to ask many '*why*' questions because one of the qualities of her personality is being curious.
- (e) (iv) Nikki
- (f) ...she has the drawback of procrastinating her work.
- (g) Liza has the quality of being a good leader, and she is focused on any job assigned to her. Also, she believes that unity is strength. Hence she is the best fit to lead a school wide initiative to promote the value of unity among students.
- (h) Peter has the qualities of being compassionate, organized and responsible in his work. So, he is the most likely to be a collaborative worker.



4. **My Best Friend**

My best friend is my classmate at school. Her name is Asha. We have been studying together since Kindergarten. We also travel by the same school bus. Her house is just a ten-minute walk from my house.

My friend is very kind and caring. So, I love to be with her. We enjoy studying, playing and eating together. She has always been kind and helpful to me. She is very good at Mathematics and helps me when I don't understand a sum. Whenever I miss my school, she comes to my place to share with me all that has been done at school. I too help her whenever she needs me. In the evening we play badminton together.

5. (A) Bluebells High School

The Principal
Bluebells High School
Pune

10 September 20XX

Respected Madam

Subject: Permission to go for an excursion to a historic place.

I, Deepak Sinha, the class monitor of class X A of your reputed school, would like to request you on behalf of the entire class, to allow us to go for an excursion to a historical place.

School excursions serve as a miracle stress buster. Educational trips provide students with the chance to learn about a particular place or subject in a more interactive and immersive way. For instance, visiting a historical site or a museum helps students better understand the history and culture of a place. Practical knowledge is better than bookish knowledge.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Deepak Sinha (X-A)

OR

(B) Shivaji Nagar

Pune

12 September 20XX

The Editor

Jan Chetna

Pune

Dear Sir

Subject: Concern about the increase in number of road mishaps

I, Vijay, a responsible citizen of Pune, would like to bring your attention to the rising number of road mishaps. The roads are becoming a death trap in recent years.

The root cause of these accidents is irresponsible and hasty driving. People ignore the road signs and speed breakers. Another factor contributing to these accidents is the growth in the increased number of automobiles on the road. The majority of risky driving is done by young people who are also reckless drivers.

I would request the authorities, through the prestigious columns of your newspaper to take strict action against lawbreakers, as public awareness make people aware about traffic rules.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Vijay

6. (A)

Examinations

by Rohit X-A

Exams are a crucial part of the academic journey. They have been designed to assess students' knowledge and skills in various subjects, providing them with an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned.

Examinations provide numerous benefits, including building confidence, developing self-analysis skills, promoting healthy competition, and stimulating learning. Exams teach students to manage the time and prepare for future challenges. They provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate the understanding of concepts, theories and ideas that they have learnt in class.

However, examinations have their own disadvantages too. They can cause stress and anxiety among students. Examinations only assess a student's ability to perform in a particular test taking environment. This may not be an accurate understanding of a student's intelligence. The evil of comparison among students create certain complexes among them.

However, there is no alternative to examination so, every student has to take them.

OR

(B) **Mystery Of Space**
by Gurpreet X-D

Space and its contents have been fascinating the mankind since time immemorial. In earlier times, man used to consider this white space and the stars, moon and sun as divine characters. These were the life creatures that help the early humans to find ways, to no time, etc.

Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin's historic landing on moon on 20 July, 1969 brightened the world's interest in Space Research. Mars was perhaps, the next destination followed by distant galaxies Apollo 15 carried A4 wheeled vehicle, the 'Lunar Rover' to explore the moon.

NASA of America, ISRO of India, and USSR Space Research Organizations have tried to find answers to many questions about space. ISRO has carried out many spacecraft missions including 'Gaganyaan', 'Chandrayaan', 'Shukrayaan' and 'Mangalyaan'. Next, mission of ISRO is 'Suryayaan' and many more yet in the pipeline.

7. (A) (i) to (ii) on (iii) for

(B)

No.	Word Before	Omission	Word After
(i)	day	for	national
(ii)	train	when	robbers
(iii)	leg	was	crushed
(iv)	pited	for	her

(C) (i) **Perseus:** LOOK AT THE HEAD OF MEDUSA, IN AN INSTANT YOU WILL TURN INTO A STONE STATUE.

- (ii) (a) if he had locked the gate.
(b) him to switch on the gate light before

8. (A) (a) King Ozymandias's face lies in the sand.
(b) The face had a stern expression that of a powerful commander, who must have been very cruel and snobbish.
(c) The sculptor who sculpted the statue of Ozymandias read these expressions so well that he brought them out clearly, that one could see that Ozymandias must have been very cruel and arrogant.
(d) The poet of the poem 'Ozymandias' is Percy Bysshe Shelly.

(B) (a) The speaker is Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan.
(b) Grandfather – Abel Merryweather is referred to 'He' in the above line.
(c) He had not paid the premium, instead had gone to a pub.
(d) Ben calls him a "drunken old beggar" because he realizes that he has not paid his insurance premiums and so they will not get any benefit of money from his insurance.

- (C) (a) The girl in this extract is Lucia, Nicola and Jacopo's elder sister.
 (b) The boys are in a hospital. They have gone there to see their ailing sister.
 (c) They are siblings. The boys were the two brothers of the girl, Lucia.
 (d) Her eyes are soft and tender, as they are filled with love, appreciation and gratitude towards her loving brothers.
9. (a) The Nightingale was not used to the kind of praise and admiration that her audience showed her. So, when they asked her for an encore, the Nightingale was delighted and she sang all night without stopping.
 (b) Victoria's character stands in stark contrast to that of her parents. While her parents are sly and greedy, she is an innocent and loving character. Her parents are not concerned for the elders in the family, whereas, she is very much attached to her grandfather. She is also shown as a sensible daughter. She obeys her parents.
 (c) Ali was a very clever hunter. He was a very skilled shooter and there was never a single day when he would not hunt. He could shoot out a partridge or a hare from the bush which was not even visible to the dogs.
 (d) Miss Mebbin discovered that Mrs. Packletide had missed the shot. She had shot the goat to death, whereas, the tiger died due to a heart attack which was caused due to the sudden loud sound of the gunfire.
 (e) Calpurnia saw a dream. She tries to convince Caesar that what she has seen in her dream means a danger to his life. So, he must not go to the Senate house. However, Caesar doesn't listen to her, he went to the Senate and gets murdered.
 (f) The two boys went to Poleta to see their sister who was undergoing medical treatment, and also to make payment for her treatment. They did not want the narrator to follow them because they did not want to involve him in their trouble.

10. (A) Dear Packletide,

I wanted to perpetuate my greatness and my achievements, so, I had got a colossal statue of mine built and on the pedestal had got an inscription that announced that I was "The mightiest of the mighty". However, a recent visit to the site gave me a rude shock. There was no trace of my glory and achievements. The statue lay in pieces, just a pair of legs on the pedestal and my face lay half sunk in sand.

As a friend, I would like to advise you not to hanker after name and fame. Miss Mebbin has been blackmailing you after you shot a goat instead of a tiger! Just live a simple and humble life to be remembered as a good person even after your death.

Your friend
 Ozymandias

OR

- (B) Based on the theory that a computer never forgets anything that is fed into it. Michael thought that Sebastian must have hit the computer screen accidentally and that is how all the data from his brain got transferred to the computer's memory.

In the poem composed by S. T. Coleridge, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner', the titular mariner kills an albatross that has been following his ship, bringing down a curse upon him. As a punishment, the crew hung the dead bird around the Mariner's neck to remind him of the sin. Though he remains alive but he leads a life of guilt and remorse for the sin that he had committed by killing the albatross. Suffering from such a great physical and mental punishment, he becomes a living death.