

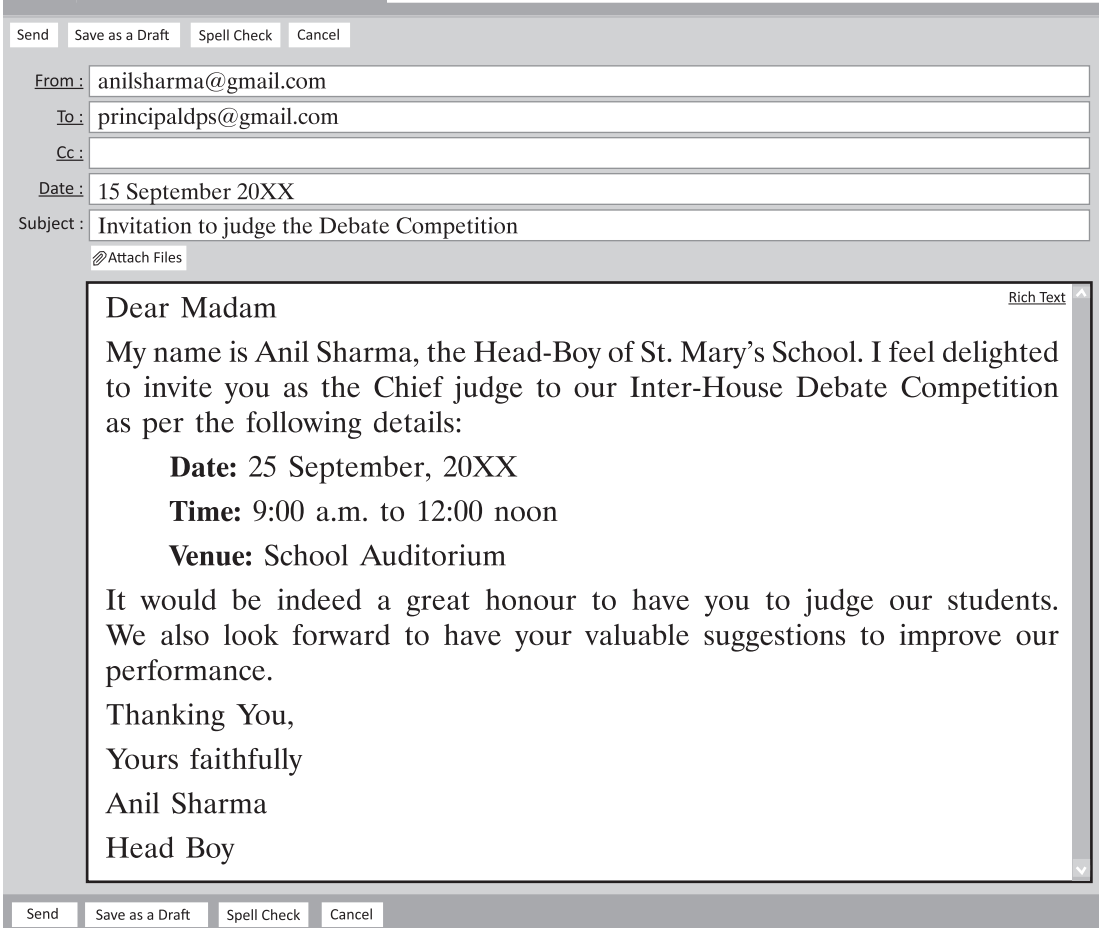
Answers to REC–DS2/Set-2

1. (a) (i) It creates a sense of solemnity.
- (b) Socrates in his speech, said to the judges that they would gain nothing by taking away last few years of his life, but he was willing to die many deaths for what he believed to be right. Later he said to his pupils that they should not cry and let him die in peace.
- (c) (ii) He had said something right but, that was not accepted by the judges.
- (d) This paragraph can be placed after paragraph 2.
- (e) The last words Socrates said to his pupil before his death were, “Crito, can you do me a favour? I owe a cock to Aesculapius, will you pay the debt?” when Crito said that he would pay the debt, Socrates died peacefully. He did not want to die without paying his debt. This proves that he was a great philosopher.
- (f) The word that can be substituted from paragraph 4 is death. Hence, the sentence can be written as:
The hour of my death has arrived and we go our ways. I to die and you to live.
- (g) (iv) Both (i) and (ii)
- (h) TRUE
- (i) ... the passage is related to the death sentence for Socrates in spite of his being a man of principles.
- (j) ... the noblest and gentlest and best person to give a solemn speech just before his death.
2. (a) Yogita is the most likely to be a collaborative worker because she has the qualities of being collaborative, positive and responsible.

(b)

Column A	Column B
(i) Alex	(b) Best student
(ii) Yogita	(d) Best sportsperson
(iii) Suman	(e) Best dancer
(iv) Ted	(c) Best orator
(v) Ravi	(a) Budding scientist

- (c) The two justifications for Suman being the best fit to lead a school-wide initiative to promote moral values among students are:
Firstly, her motto is ‘Service to God is the Service to Mankind’, and secondly, she has the qualities of an empathetic, compassionate and cheerful person.
- (d) Situation (iii) among the three situations given showcases Alex’s Motto “*Together we can achieve greatness*” because the whole team works together under the guidance of Alex, thereby giving an excellent result.
- (e) Alex is likely to ask many ‘why’ questions because being curious is one of his qualities.
- (f) ... he has the drawback of procrastinating things.
- (g) (ii) Yogita
- (h) (iv) Ted

3. 

The screenshot shows an email client window with the following details:

- From:** anilsharma@gmail.com
- To:** principaldps@gmail.com
- Cc:**
- Date:** 15 September 20XX
- Subject:** Invitation to judge the Debate Competition

The email body contains the following text:

Dear Madam

My name is Anil Sharma, the Head-Boy of St. Mary's School. I feel delighted to invite you as the Chief judge to our Inter-House Debate Competition as per the following details:

- Date:** 25 September, 20XX
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Venue:** School Auditorium

It would be indeed a great honour to have you to judge our students. We also look forward to have your valuable suggestions to improve our performance.

Thanking You,
Yours faithfully
Anil Sharma
Head Boy

4. **Washing Machine**

A washing machine is a convenient appliance that is used for washing clothes. The automatic washing machine has a central drum that is used for holding the clothes. There is a dispensing tray, where the detergent and additives can be put in. The control panel has knobs which control the temperature and allow users to select different modes of operation. The drum also helps to dry clothes by spinning like centrifugal machine. A washing machine is usually made of metal parts but some of them are reinforced plastic. They may be front opening or top loading. Washing machines have reduced workload nowadays.

5. (A) 24/B, Greater Kailash

New Delhi- 1100XX

15 September 20XX

The Principal

Bal Bharati Public School

New Delhi – 1100XX

Dear Madam

Subject: Permission to visit Qutub Minar next week

This is to request you that the students of class X B are keen to visit the famous historical place of Delhi, Qutub Minar. One of our subjects is History, and so all of us have decided to familiarize ourselves with this subject in this natural manner. We request you to grant us permission for the same. We would like to go there by school bus with your permission. We want to gather knowledge for our forthcoming project, i.e. Historical Monuments of Delhi. We are quite eager to get an actual glimpse of this beautiful piece of architecture. We would like to go to visit the place on Saturday as we have no classes on that day.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Anita Saxena

Class Representative

OR

(B) H/24, Kirpa Cottage

Ashok Vihar

Delhi 1100XX

15 September 20XX

The Principal,

Delhi Public School

Model Town

New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Madam

Subject: Request for extension in break-time

Recess in every school is time to learn together freely as well as to relax after studying for continuous four periods. But this time is only 15 minutes which is too short to meet our friends, have tiffin together and relax ourselves. Therefore, I request you to extend break time by fifteen minutes more so that we could take up some leisure activities to prepare ourselves again for classes.

Moreover, some children eat slowly and fifteen minutes is certainly not enough for them to take their lunch properly. Many of them leave it halfway resulting in adverse effect on their health. So, it is necessary to extend the recess time.

I hope that my request will be considered favourably.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Nilesh

Head-boy

6. (A)

Drones

by Jaspreet Singh X-B

A Drone is an aircraft which does not have a human pilot on board. It refers to any aerial vehicle that receives remote commands from a pilot relies on software for autonomous flight. Mini drones display features like cameras for collecting visual data and propellers for stabilizing the flight patterns.

The high-resolution cameras and sensors installed in drones will make them to capture intricate details, more so in remote areas big human entry is not permissible. Drones can also detect, identify defective conditions, ensuring the public’s safety and welfare.

There are many benefits of using drones in various fields. For example, they are used in military warfare, agriculture, construction, monitoring climate change, transporting goods, assisting search and rescue operations and many more. Compared to conventional aircraft, drones are faster and easier to deploy.

However, drones can be harmful as well. They are used by enemy countries for dropping explosives. Drones can be hacked used to hack other electronic devices. Every problem has a solution. So, we can find solution to this also.

OR

(B)

Importance of Water and Its Conservation

by Umesh Agarwal X-A

Water is the most important element on this planet earth. Without water, the earth would not have existed, and without earth, we would not have existed. Although three-fourth of the earth is covered with water, but there is scarcity of drinkable water throughout the world.

Water management and water conservation are serious issues that have to be taken care of. This inconvenient truth about depleting water resources and the lowering of water table must be tackled immediately, so that our future generations don’t face some bloody war for the control of scarce water resources.

Water conservation and management encompasses the policies, strategies and activities made to manage water as a sustainable resource, to protect the water environment, and to meet current and future human demand. One can live without food for a few days but not without water.

7. (A) (i) must (ii) has to (iii) to

(B)

No.	Word Before	Omission	Word After
(i)	indeed	an	honour
(ii)	expression	of	the
(iii)	merely	at	securing
(iv)	among	all	races

(C) (i) **Patient:** YES DOCTOR. SINCE YESTERDAY I AM HAVING BODY ACHE AND FEELING VERY WEAK.

(ii) (a) ...if he had taken

(b) ...that she wanted to talk to him for some time.

8. (A) (a) The snake drank water from the small water trough where the water had dropped from the tap.

(b) It sipped the water with its straight mouth and swallowed it softly through its straight gums.

- (c) The snake did not create any disturbance, but crawled in lazily and drank the water in absolute silence.
- (d) The snake's body was long and slack.
- (B)** (a) 'They' is referred to Abel Merry-weather's slippers.
- (b) Mr. Henry Slater, who is Amelia's husband is the listener. Amelia wants Henry to wear these slippers as they are new and his own slippers are old and worn out.
- (c) The slippers are small for Henry. Amelia says they will stretch once he starts wearing them.
- (d) It shows that Amelia is a greedy and unfeeling person. She is not sad at the death of her father, rather she wants to grab his things even before his funeral.
- (C)** (a) 'It' refers to the ghost of Helen.
- (b) 'It' was taking shape bits by bits and in pieces.
- (c) 'Presently' means 'at that time'. Here it refers to the time, Helen, the ghost was taking shape of a lady.
- (d) Helen, the ghost asked the narrator that he must exert his force to dissuade people from using the Ouija Board and keep calling ghosts now and then for their problems.
- 9.** (a) The irony in the statement is that the frog was the one who had tried to teach the nightingale to sing differently. He did not let her sing her own song in her own style. And, then he commented "Your song must be your own."
- (b) Yes, Mrs. Packletide was able to achieve her heart's desire fulfilled. She got fame more than Loona Bimberton. Her pictured fame reached from the Texas Weekly Snapshot to the Illustrated Monday supplement of the Novoe Vremya.
- (c) Calpurnia says that Caesar's wisdom is consumed in confidence because Caesar decides to go to the Senate ignoring all the signs which foretell him about danger to his life. He wants to prove that he is not a coward to fear any sort of danger.
- (d) Lucia is Nicola and Jacopo's elder sister. She is suffering from Tuberculosis of the spine and is receiving treatment for the same in a hospital.
- (e) Ali used to visit the post-office daily for many years, in the hope that one day he will receive a letter from his only daughter Miriam who had got married and went to live with her husband in Punjab.
- (f) Mrs. Slater is a materialistic character. When she is sure of her father's death, she tries to grab all the things of her father. Then she turns her attention to his Insurance policy. She doesn't want anyone to come to her house before she takes everything in her possession.
- 10. (A)** Patol Babu, a simple and middle-aged man had lost his job due to the world war. However, he was a passionate actor and was happy that he got a role in a film. It did not matter whether the role was short or long; major or minor, he was happy that at least he got a role. What mattered was his performance. He put his heart and soul into that role, and made it his best performance for which he was applauded by all. He was thus, a practical man, who came to terms with whatever life offered him.
- Ali, in the story 'The Letter' also struggled like Patol Babu, but never came to terms with his life. After his daughter, Miriam got married and went away to live with her husband in Punjab, she did not write him a single letter. He was not a practical person like Patol Babu. He would walk every morning to the post-office in the hope of receiving a letter from his daughter. He would be ridiculed and laughed at, but he remained indifferent. He had lost interest in his life. Depression took a heavy toll on his life, and finally he died.

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(B) Victoria, a girl of ten is the daughter of Amelia and Henry slaters in the play '*The Dear Departed*.' She was a very responsible and sensible girl. She was the only one in the house who realized the loss of her grandfather when he died. Her thoughts and actions were governed by a sense of maturity beyond her age. She realized that the pinching of her grandfather's possessions by her parents was not only insensitive but also wrong.

Mariam in the story, '*The Letter*' is the only child of the coachman, Ali. When she grew up and got married, she left her father and went to live with her husband in Punjab. She was so irresponsible and insensitive that she did not write even a single letter to him in a period of five years. Her father suffered acute loneliness without her and died of depression without receiving a letter from her.

Victoria understands her parents, but is not influenced by their greed and materialism, Miriam on the other hand, does not understand her father's loneliness.