

Answers to REC/Set-1

1.
 - (a) self-operating
 - (b) (iii) military preparedness, diplomatic engagement, technological safeguards, and commitment to international norms
 - (c) Growing rivalries among powers like the U.S., China, and Russia often prevent consensus, making unified responses to global security threats difficult.
 - (d) (ii) The resurgence of far-right extremism in Western democracies.
 - (e) Modern security concerns now include cyber threats, climate change, terrorism, and pandemics, making them cross-border and multidimensional compared to traditional state-based military conflicts.
 - (f) (iii) Cyber warfare
 - (g) Climate change leads to resource scarcity, displacement, and conflicts in fragile states, making it a driver of insecurity beyond just environmental consequences.
 - (h) (iv) Space exploration
 - (i) rivalries
2.
 - (a) (ii) Due to its shorter course durations, high academic standards, and post-study work options.
 - (b) flexible
 - (c) (i) Weather conditions
 - (d) The United States is popular because of its world-class universities, diverse and flexible programmes, and significant research opportunities, along with a multicultural campus environment that appeals to Indian students.
 - (e) (ii) Canada attracts many Indian students because of affordable tuition fees, safety, and favorable immigration pathways.
 - (f) Australia attracts Indian students due to its high-ranking universities, strong Indian community, and opportunities for post-study work and permanent residency.
 - (g) (ii) 126,000
 - (h) Canada provides affordable tuition, a safe environment, and clear immigration pathways, making it highly attractive to Indian students seeking higher education abroad.

3. Secretary Students' Council

To

Teacher In charge

Cultural Events

XYZ Public School

17 February 20XX

Subject: Requesting to share Annual Day event dates

Respected Sir/Madam

I am Reyansh, the Secretary of the Student Council. In today's council meeting, we learned that the school is organising the Annual Day, but the dates have not been shared yet. Kindly share the dates at the earliest so we can inform students, encourage participation, and plan volunteer duties for discipline.

Thanking you

Yours obediently

Reyansh

(Secretary of the Student Council)

4. My favourite teacher is Miss Deepa. She's my class teacher. She comes to school on time and is well dressed. She is strict, but also very loving and caring. She teaches us English. I like her a lot because she teaches us even the most difficult things in simple ways. Hence, her classes are very interesting. She always helps students and clears their doubts, no matter how many times they ask her. She is very well organised in her work and completes her work on time. She always comes at right time in the class and never misses her class. The whole class enjoys her subject very much as she makes us very happy with her liveliness and expertise in her subject.

5. (A) A-25, Aman Vihar

North Delhi

4 June 20XX

The Manager

Mountains Calling (Travel Agency)

Shimla

Subject: Enquiry about Shimla tour

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am planning to visit Shimla during my summer holidays. I shall arrive on 7 June 20XX and stay for about five days.

Kindly send me the details regarding:

- Room tariff
- Sight-seeing places covered
- Local travel arrangements

Please also let me know if you offer any summer discounts. I shall be thankful for your reply at the earliest.

Yours sincerely

Alia

Or

(B) XYZ School

Mango,

Jamshedpur

24 July 20XX

The Police Superintendent

Head Police Station

Jamshedpur

Subject: Unruly traffic

Respected Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that there is a heavy traffic on the road that leads to the XYZ School. The drivers are unruly, and they don't follow the traffic rules. It leads to unnecessary jam, causing inconvenience to the office goers and students going to school. The road has become accident prone, and road rage is seen among the commuters. The traffic light on the road is not working, that adds to the already existing problems.

On behalf of the students of this school, may I request you to kindly look into the matter and solve the problem at the earliest. First of all, the traffic lights are to be repaired and secondly, a traffic policeman must be there at the crossing to control the traffic.

It will help not only the students of the school but also the citizens of the city. I shall ever remain grateful to you for this act of kindness.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Sumit

School Captain

XYZ School

6. (A)

Travel and Tourism

by Hemant Ghosh, X-C

Just like any other industry, travel and tourism has advantages and disadvantages. Hence, it's important to thoroughly consider tourism's advantages and disadvantages.

This industry generates revenues that can help the country to a better economic growth. Additionally, it may result in the establishment of the new companies and markets, which impact the economy as a whole. Tourism also leads to the creation of jobs, thus affecting the country's GDP as a whole.

The understanding and preservation of cultural heritage can be enhanced by tourism. Tourism can help influence the social engagement and knowledge of communities. Tourism lets people see various historical places and monuments, exposing them to different cultures. This results in a greater inter-community empathy, understanding and respect.

When people visit another nation and see its traditions and religious beliefs, they learn about new perspectives and customs. This helps build a broader perspective and brings them closer to people from other communities.

However, there are certain disadvantages too. So, let us look at the penalties of tourism.

When millions of people travel to a destination, it leads to a high tourist influx. This is because when so many people travel to a place, it increases the number of vehicles, leading to a rise in carbon emission. Moreover, when so many tourists are present at the same site, it can also increase the garbage, leading to the generation of a massive quantity of non-biodegradable waste. This impacts the environment badly.

Tourism can lead to the depletion of natural resources. When tourists come to a place, they eat food, drink water, and even use fuel to travel across the area. This can create pressure on countries that have limited access to such resources.

It's crucial to manage tourism operations responsibly and sustainably through careful planning, community involvement, and the implementation of sustainable tourism practices. The government must follow an approach to minimize damage and maximize the advantages.

Or

(B)

Environment

by Swastik, X-A

The environment refers to the surroundings in which life exists on earth. Everything comes under an environment, the air which we breathe, the water which we use for our daily routine, plants, animals and other living things around us.

An environment is called healthy, when natural cycle goes side by side without any disturbance. It is necessary to make our environment clean as a lot of pollution is leading to global warming which is not good for our future. To prevent this, we are supposed not to use plastic bags. Instead, we should plant more trees.

There are different kinds of pollution and each of them has a solution. For example, we are not supposed to throw garbage into the water bodies, give bath to animals, wash our

clothes, use harmful chemicals and pesticides in fields etc. To prevent air pollution, we should not use vehicles in excess and repair them at regular intervals. By doing such tasks, we can prevent pollution around us. Garbage pollutes our environment, especially the plastic bags. We need to be eco-friendly, and use bags that can be recycled like paper or jute bags instead of plastic bags.

The Government of India has taken several initiatives for the protection and conservation of biodiversity through various schemes like National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC); National Mission on Sustainable Habitat; National Water Mission and many more. These Acts accommodate the making of protected areas for the assurance of natural life and furthermore accommodate discipline for hunting of birds and animals.

7. (i) into, (ii) at, (iii) was

8.

No.	Word before	Omission	Word after
1.	combined	with	observational
2.	closer	to	understanding
3.	evidence	to	determine
4.	they	are	just

9. (i) YES, SHE HAS BOUGHT IT FROM THE PACIFIC MALL.

(ii) (a) it was terrible. The night had been dark and frightful.

(b) Toby that he might take rest for sometime, and then proceed with his remaining journey during the daylight.

10. (A) (a) Mrs. Packletide offered the villagers a thousand rupees for helping her shoot the tiger.
 (b) She wanted to prove that she was more adventurous than her arch rival, Loona Bimberton, so she wanted to shoot a tiger.
 (c) The money was offered for arranging a tiger for Mrs. Packletide to shoot it without any risk or exertion.
 (d) A thousand rupees was a big amount for the villagers, so they were tempted by the offer and decided to help Mrs. Packletide.
- (B) (a) Caesar is speaking to his wife, Calpurnia.
 (b) Calpurnia expresses her fear to Caesar that she has seen a bad dream and so, he should not go out. Caesar, being brave, does not agree with her, and says these words to make her understand the futility of her dreams.
 (c) The listener has expressed the fear of Caesar being killed by somebody.
 (d) The speaker, Calpurnia, has seen most unnatural things in her dream, like a lioness yelping, blood drizzling from his statue, and men washing their hands with his blood. This makes her request Caesar to stay at home and not go out.
- (C) (a) These words are spoken by Patol Babu's wife.
 (b) She makes the remark to caution him, as he was overconfident that this opportunity was going to be the first step towards his acquiring fame and fortune.
 (c) It means making plans or getting one's hopes up based on assumptions.
 (d) Patol Babu wants his wife to remind him to take some ginger juice tonight because, it is very good for the throat.
11. (a) The narrator was greatly moved by the naïve and unartistic expression on Nicola and Jacopo's faces. They seemed quite innocent and straightforward to him. However, he also observed a gravity on their expressions that was uncharacteristic of children of their age. These two young boys, over thirteen and twelve, displayed the seriousness of mature, responsible adults.

- (b) The mariner uses phrases like ‘*ice, mast-high came floating by*’, ‘*as green as emerald*’, ‘*through the drifts*,’ and ‘*the ice was all between*,’ to describe the fact that the ship was completely surrounded by icebergs.
- (c) The belief prevailing in Sicily about a snake was that black snakes are innocent, and the gold are venomous. So, the yellow-brown (golden) snake must be killed.
- (d) Calpurnia says that Caesar’s “*wisdom is consumed in confidence*” because Caesar decides to go to the Senate house ignoring all the signs which foretell him about threat to his life. In Calpurnia’s opinion, Caesar had become overconfident and was unable to recognize that his life was in danger.
- (e) The poet refers to ‘*Time*’ as being sluttish because it spoils the marbled or gilded monuments. It discolours them, spoils them and ruins them gradually through its various agents such as air, rain, natural vegetation, etc.
- (f) Ali was a lonely man and spent every day waiting for a letter from his only daughter, Miriam. The author claims that every morning, Ali walked his own lonely way to the post office. The town was dead still, broken only by the bark of a dog or a distant footfall of a worker arriving early for work or the screech of a bird that startled before its time.
12. (A) Patol Babu had a deep desire for acting. In fact, people used to buy tickets just to watch his stage shows. After he shifted to Calcutta, an acting offer came by and he readily accepted it. Though, he was initially disturbed by the triviality of the role, he performed the part to perfection without taking any payment for it. He believed, it was not about whether the role that an actor plays is major or minor, rather performance of the actor matters the most. This attitude of his had a positive result. It not only pleased him but also others who saw his acting.
- Mrs. Packletide’s desire to shoot a tiger, on the other hand, was motivated by jealousy of her rival, Loona Bimberton, and a desire to outshine her. Mrs. Packletide planned to shoot a tiger and gain popularity by getting her photographs with the dead tiger. She was not a good shot and accidentally shot a goat instead of the tiger. Thus, fulfillment of her desire had a negative implication. She not only killed the poor goat but also had to pay Louisa Mebbin to keep her mouth shut, or else she would disclose that the wrong animal had been shot.

Or

- (B) In the story, ‘*Two Gentlemen of Verona*’ the two brothers Nicola and Jacopo, bound by fraternal bond, exemplify unwavering loyalty and selfishness. Both work hard in order to earn money enough to pay for the medical bills of their ailing sister Lucia, to whom they are bound by immense love. They sacrifice their personal comfort and needs of everyday life in order to bring comfort and ease in her life.
- The bond of love between a father and a daughter in the story ‘*The Letter*’ is different. Ali loved his daughter deeply. After she got married, he missed her terribly. For the past five years, he had received no news of her. Ali went to the post office daily in the hope of getting a letter from her irrespective of the weather. It was his immense love for his daughter that made him go to the post office daily. It was rather strange that Miriam was quite oblivious of the fact that her father must be feeling lonely without her. But she did not write any letter to him during his life time.