

# Answers to REC/Set-2

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1.
  - (a) Indigenous communities rely on forests for their livelihood, culture, and traditions; deforestation threatens their survival and displaces them from their ancestral lands.
  - (b) (ii) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
  - (c) monoculture plantations in forest cover
  - (d) (ii) Infrastructure development projects
  - (e) Community-based forest governance and ecosystem restoration, rather than relying solely on afforestation targets, can offer sustainable solutions to combat deforestation.
  - (f) (iii) balance development with ecological integrity and raising awareness.
  - (g) Deforestation not only causes habitat loss, soil erosion, and disruption of the water cycle but also leads to increased greenhouse gas emissions. These impacts collectively threaten biodiversity, destabilise ecosystems, and significantly accelerate the pace of global climate change.
  - (h) (i) It mostly represents monoculture plantations lacking ecological diversity.
  - (i) cause and effect relationship
2.
  - (a) (iii) In April 2025, the RBI sold a net \$1.66 billion in the spot forex market to manage rupee volatility.
  - (b) (iii) Real estate
  - (c) The RBI diversifies India's forex reserves across different currencies, asset classes, and global jurisdictions to minimise risks, ensuring safety and liquidity in case of global economic or political disruptions.
  - (d) (iv) Government tax revenues
  - (e) external
  - (f) India's forex reserves act as a financial buffer, helping the RBI to stabilise the currency, fund imports, meet external debt obligations, and protect the economy from sudden global or geopolitical shocks.
  - (g) (ii) \$698 billion
  - (h) India's forex reserves include foreign currency assets, gold reserves, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), and the Reserve Bank's position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

3. To

Head of the Department of Science

Doon Public School

07 March 20XX

**Subject:** Request for change of class-10 practical exam dates

Respected Sir

I am Rahul, the in charge of the Science Club of your school. Grade 10 practical exams have been scheduled for first week of November. But we have the annual day around the same time. The students would be busy with the rehearsal. Therefore requesting you to consider shifting these dates. This will help students participate in a relaxed manner.

Thanks for understanding

Yours obediently

Rahul

In charge Science club

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) 18, Shatiniketan

South Delhi

11 July 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

**Subject:** Reckless parking in our locality

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw attention to the problem of reckless parking in our locality. Though there is ample parking space in our street, many residents do not follow the directions provided. Vehicles are parked carelessly in front of houses, blocking entrances and creating daily inconvenience for the residents. This often leads to quarrels and unnecessary tension among neighbours.

To solve the problem, strict rules should be enforced. Parking areas must be clearly marked, and fines should be imposed on violators. Authorities may also appoint wardens to monitor arrangements.

I hope the concerned officials take immediate action to maintain order.

Yours sincerely

*Romila*

Romila

*Or*

(B) H/24, Kirpa Cottage

Ashok Vihar

Delhi 1100XX

15 September 20XX

The Principal,

XYZ School

Model Town

New Delhi 1100XX

**Subject:** Request for extension in break-time

Dear Madam

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 sincerely  
 Nilesh  
 Head-boy

6. (A) **Digital Collaboration in Classrooms**

by Rohit X-A

Pandemic has changed our lifestyle and work patterns overnight, but in the transition, it has provided us with enough space and time to ponder over the increased importance of soft skills. In a digital readily accessible e-connect, hands-on training sessions, learning and developing programmes, one could acquire technical skills with great precision.

The etiquette expected out of students in a Premises, such as that of a school campus, was difficult to be made online, nevertheless attempts were made by the teachers and parents. The educators and professors, despite not being officially trained for this unexpected situation, made constant efforts to reconstruct the very ambience of the school. Through online classes, the teachers managed to teach the students without wasting their valuable session then.

However, the digital collaboration had some ill-effects too. Physical absence of fellow students, lack of competition and lack of activities did paralyze the learning and teaching process, but the online process was the only best solution.

Or

(B) **Internet**

by Harish X-B

We live in the age of Information Technology, and Internet is its most wonderful marvel. It is almost impossible to run a school, a college or any business without having a website or an Internet connection. It enables us to retrieve information and graphic images on any and every subject—science, language, cinema, literature, painting, music, politics, religion to list a few.

However, the dangerous aspect of Internet cannot be denied. Many pitfalls and risks are associated with the world of Internet. Electronic crimes, pornography, literary piracy and hacking are some of them. Students waste a lot of time and energy on computers neglecting all the other jobs. Excessive indulgence in computer leads to physical and mental deficiencies. Students have forgotten the fun of reading books and playing outdoors.

We can't blame Internet for its dangers. It is up to us to use Internet positively. So, the adjectives, good or bad, can be attributed to the users, not to Internet.

7. (i) was, (ii) did, (iii) over

8.

No.	Word before	Omission	Word after
1.	always	on	the
2.	He	is	always
3.	game	of	chance
4.	about	by	a

9. (i) **Teacher:** IT IS USED AS A TOPICAL AGENT TO PREVENT SKIN INFECTIONS, IN PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS, COSMETICS AND IN PERFUMES.

- (ii) (a) that it was worsening day by day, which was a matter of great concern.  
 (b) that in that case she might go to Dr. Divyendu.

10. (A) (a) The animals rushed from all corners of that place, some of them even waded through water and rushed to the bog.  
 (b) The magic sound refers to the melodious song of the Nightingale.

- (c) The magic sound was coming from the sumac tree near the bog where the Nightingale was sitting and singing.
- (d) The frog took an admission fee from all the creatures of the bog to listen to the sweet song of the Nightingale.
- (B) (a) The other name for the northern star is the pole star.
- (b) Caesar compares himself to the northern star because he is unchangeable and unmoved. He does not change his mind and remains unshakable when the conspirators ask him for the recall of Pubilius Cimber.
- (c) Caesar compares the firmament and the world of men saying that the sky is decorated with innumerable stars, all shining brightly but there is only one among them which does not move—the pole star.  
Similarly, in the world of men there are many men strong and intelligent, but there is only one who does not change his mind and that is Caesar.
- (d) The above speech tells us that Caesar is overconfident about himself. He is determined and calls himself, “*Constant as the northern star*”.
- (C) (a) Nicola was glaring at his younger brother in vexation because he was asking for a favour from a stranger which was against their self-respect. It shows Nicola was a man of self-prestige. He would work hard on his own, but not take any favours from anyone.
- (b) The younger brother, Jacopo, asked the narrator to help them in getting to Poleta, which is 30 kilometres from Verona in their car.
- (c) Nicola was not pleased when Jacopo asked the narrator to drive them to Poleta as he did not want a stranger to become involved with their plans.
- (d) Nicola and Jacopo were going to Poleta to visit their ill sister suffering from tuberculosis of spine. They visited to pay the fees for her treatment and to see if she was recovering from her disease.
11. (a) The phrase, ‘*colossal wreck*’ refers to a very large size of the statue of Ozymandias. The word colossal emphasises the scope of Ozymandias’ ambitions as well. He had an ambition to build a really big statue.
- (b) For Patol Babu, acting was a passion and not a job. He had got only a monosyllable dialogue ‘*oh!*’ to utter in this movie. He practised hard for his role and executed it to the perfection. The director and the leading actor praised him. To him creative satisfaction mattered more than money. So, he did not wait to collect his payment.
- (c) Mrs. Packletide gave up big game shooting, as she found it to be an expensive affair. The incidental expenses were heavy. Miss Mebbin blackmailed her into buying a weekend cottage. Apart from this, she had to pay the villagers for helping her in the killing of the tiger.
- (d) Firstly, the narrator wondered how the computer had saved Sebastian’s memory, and secondly, how he had been led to play the weird version of the game with Sebastian.
- (e) The metaphor of a false friend is used in ‘*The Letter*’ to describe the winter cold. Like a false friend, the cold initially seems harmless and even welcoming, as it lulls its victim into a false sense of security with its caressing smiles. Later, however, it proves a deceiver who ultimately seeks to harm and control its victim.
- (f) Cassius was very well aware of Antony’s skills as an orator. He knew Antony would very cleverly through his speech turn tables against the conspirators. So, he cautions Brutus against allowing Antony to speak in the funeral of Caesar.
12. (A) Antony is known for his oratory skills. It is through his speech that he is able to instigate the mob against the conspirators, especially Brutus. He convinces the mob that Caesar was not ambitious. He had refused to accept the crown, instead in his will, he has left 75 drachmas to every Roman. The mob gets so infuriated that they rush to kill the conspirators, and burn their houses. The conspirators have a pathetic end.

The frog is jealous of the nightingale's growing popularity. So, he starts exploiting her. He makes her sing for long hours even during the rain that makes her voice hoarse. Hence, the audience stop coming. As a result, the frog gets angry because now he cannot make any profit through her songs. One day, the frog makes the nightingale apply such force to sing that her vein gets burst and she dies.

*Or*

**(B)** Ozymandias' Mansion

Egypt

5 July 20XX

My dear Mrs. Packletide,

How are you? I heard about the incident of your tiger shoot. You wanted to outshine Loona Bimberton so, you planned to shoot a tiger, and get fame with your pictures clicked for the magazines and newspapers. Somehow you got the fame, but at what cost?

Miss Mebbin blackmailed you into buying a weekend cottage, or else she would tell everybody that you had missed shooting the tiger, but killed a goat. This fear made you spend so much that you cannot even venture to try it again. Soon people will forget the fame you had for some time on false grounds. Even your conscience will be pricking you. I advise you not to run after fame. It is short lived.

I too, in my youth got my statues and monuments built so that people will remember me forever. But, with the passage of time, my statues are ruined and people remember me as an arrogant and cruel king. I don't want you to be remembered as an arrogant and show off lady.

I hope you will consider my advice positively,

Yours sincerely

Ozymandias