

# Answers to REL/Set-2

1. (a) Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary is located in the Little Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, and is ecologically significant as the last stronghold of the endangered wild ass subspecies, *Equus hemionus khur*.
  - (b) (iii) They create wetland conditions and feed the grass-covered bets, which are grazing grounds.
  - (c) During the monsoon, the ‘bets’—elevated grassy islands—emerge as lush grazing grounds in the flooded Rann. They provide essential food and shelter to wildlife, supporting wild asses, *nilgai*, *chinkara*, and migratory birds during this brief but vital wet season.
  - (d) (iii) It suggests that the flooded land appears bright, glistening, and reflective with water during the monsoon.
  - (e) The sanctuary faces threats such as illegal salt-panning, habitat loss, encroachment, and water diversion which disrupt the fragile ecosystem and monsoon hydrology.
  - (f) key players
  - (g) (ii) Khur : survival against odds
  - (h) (iii) (1) and (4)
2. (a) (ii) Military aid, economic assistance, and diplomatic backing
  - (b) Ukraine executed Operation Spider Web, a well-planned drone strike campaign that targeted and destroyed five key Russian airfields.
  - (c) (iii) Negotiating a peace treaty with Russia.
  - (d) In response, Russia launched a major summer offensive along three fronts in 2025, aiming to regain momentum and territory in the ongoing invasion. However, this offensive resulted in minimal territorial gains and heavy Russian casualties.
  - (e) minimal
  - (f) Russia is struggling to replace its lost bombers and other military assets due to international sanctions and production constraints.
  - (g) ...sanctions and production constraints
  - (h) The war has significantly strained Russia’s economy and society. It has increased pressure on Russian industrial and social infrastructure.
  - (i) 18 months
3. (a) (iii) will be lying
  - (b) commented that he was just day dreaming.
  - (c) (iii) has deteriorated
  - (d)

Option No.	Error	Correction
(iii)	but	and
  - (e) (i) has been channelled
  - (f) to make
  - (g) if they were going to play the final match that day.
  - (h)

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or	nor
  - (i) not to look directly at the sun; wear his tinted glasses
  - (j) (ii) Could
  - (k) (ii) I was not going to school; she would

(1)

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fees	fee

4. (A) Summer Fields School

Kailash Colony

New Delhi 1100XX

10 September 20XX

The Manager

The Youth Hostel

Ooty

**Subject:** Request for accommodation

Dear Sir

The Youth Hostel was recommended to us by the Secretary, of AIPSA. A group of about 50 students of Summer Fields School has decided to visit Ooty and nearby places for sightseeing in the state of Tamil Nadu from 25 to 28 September. Your hostel is renowned for providing requisite facilities to school students at a concessional rate.

Kindly share information about the following:

- Sizes of the rooms for both 3-sharing and 4-sharing basis
- Charges for both types of rooms
- Number of meals served to students
- Availability of vegetarian food
- Availability of hostel transport for sightseeing
- Discount for educational institutions

Once the queries are answered to our satisfaction, we will transfer ₹ 20,000/- via NEFT to cover the reservation charges for the rooms. The balance will be paid before checkout.

Yours sincerely

Samar Kohli

Organising Secretary

*Or*

(B) B-36, Mayur Vihar

Phase 2,

Delhi 1100XX

2 August 20XX

The Editor

The Sunday Times

15 Akbar Road

**Subject:** Stopping Child Labour

Dear Sir/Ma'am

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to raise my voice against the exploitation of minors by the so called elite class. This is a very grave issue of very serious concerns and needs your attention.

It has been commonly seen that the elite class employs very young boys and girls as full-time domestic helps in order to save money. These children are given very less salary. These children work hard the whole day whereas the children of the rich employer enjoys all the luxuries of life and study in very good schools. These children are however bereft of education. They are

subjected to very long working hours, paid very less and unfed. It is really painful to see that at this tender age these children are compelled to work under such unfavorable circumstances. Most of the time, parents of these children are responsible for their plight. Just to add to the income of the family, they drop out their children from school and engage them in doing such jobs. Our government should take some concrete steps to improve the condition of these underprivileged children. I would like you to give my letter an appropriate space in your esteemed newspaper so that the concerned authorities wake up to their responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

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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.

*Or*

(B) **The American Mosaic**

In 2020, the Asian Indian population in the United States became the largest Asian-only group, marking a remarkable growth of over 50 per cent since 2010. When considering individuals who identify as either a single race or multiracial, Chinese Americans still hold the top spot in overall Asian people. Chinese Americans (excluding Taiwanese) continue to hold the top spot as the most populous Asian identification, with 50% of people. The next four largest Asian alone and their population growth from 2010 to 2020 are Filipino alone or in any combination up 29.9 per cent, Vietnamese alone or in any combination up 32 per cent, similarly Korean up 16.6 per cent and Japanese have grown by 20.6 per cent. This population profile shows what makes America such a dynamic, accepting, and inclusive society.

6. (A) (a) Tricki was not as active, energetic, and noisy dog as them.  
(b) (iii) A premise: a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.  
He had been indifferent and sickly the past few weeks.  
(c) panting  
(d) (ii) The narrator is a compassionate veterinarian who is concerned about the weak little dog (Tricki) and feels hopeful about curing him.

*Or*

- (B) (a) (iii) The act of asking someone's hand in marriage.  
(b) Lomov thinks that Natalya is an excellent housekeeper. Moreover, she is an attractive and well-educated girl. He thinks that Natalya is a perfect match for him.  
(c) (i) quiet and regular life.  
(d) The disease Lomov suffers from according to the given extract is 'palpitations'.

7. (A) (a) Animals tend to cover large distances and burn a lot of their energy by hunting for prey, in their natural habitat. Zoos deprive them of such stimulation so they are restless and bored.
- (b) The poet has used the word '*brilliant*' for contrast. The brilliant stars are free while the brilliant eyes of the tiger are raging quietly inside the cage longing for the lost freedom. The stars also reflect the tiger's hope to run free in the wild one day while gazing at them provides him some sort of comfort.
- (c) (iii) He knows that none would help him out of captivity.
- (d) ... visual imagery

*Or*

- (B) (a) The last two lines of this extract use enjambment with line 3 flowing into line 4 and there is no set rhyme or metre.
- (b) The poet uses the question word '*what*' in line 1 to wonder about the whereabouts of the boy who has lost his ball. In the next line, the repetition of '*what*' denotes both the boy's heartbreak and confusion as well as the poet's sympathy.
- (c) Situation (iii)
- (d) imagery
8. (a) If one doesn't have someone to share one's views, and thoughts with, a diary can be the perfect friend. As Anne Frank said that paper has more patience so a diary would not react or get impatient like people. One may express their hopes, dreams, and fears and combat loneliness by unburdening one's heart in words. The experience is therapeutic.
- (b) Lomov's opinion about Squeezer was not positive. He considered Squeezer a bad hunter. Lomov was sure that Squeezer's lower jaw was shorter than the upper one. He thought it to be of inferior quality.
- (c) Mandela gradually realized that freedom was curtailed for those people who looked like he did, but not for the whites. Consequently, he joined the African National Congress, and that was when his "hunger for freedom" became a "greater hunger" which would benefit everyone and transform all lives.
- (d) The tiger, the lord of the wilds on being locked in a concrete cell of the zoo, feels quite helpless. His immense strength is of no use to him as he is put behind the bars. He can only stalk the length of his cage. He ignores the visitors who came to see him. He doesn't want to present himself as an object of entertainment to others.
- (e) The roots of the cramped trees are entangled into the cracks of the veranda floor. At night, they try to free themselves from the cracks. The leaves try to move towards the glass. Twigs become hardened and the boughs try to expand under the roof. The trees are steadily moving out into the forest.
9. (a) Ebright's mother supported her son in becoming a scientist. She gave him intensive training. She took him on trips and bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials and other equipment. If she found him sitting idle, she would find him ways to learn new things. She wrote to Dr. Urquhart to help Richard in his research. She inspired him to explore the world around him.
- (b) Matilda was on top of the world at the ball. She looked gorgeous and elegant. All the men noticed her, asked her name, and wanted to be presented. She danced with enthusiasm, intoxicated with pleasure, thinking of nothing but all this admiration. Yes, her dream was fulfilled.
- (c) 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.

10. (A) The chapters from First Flight, ‘*Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*’ and ‘*The Sermon at Benares*’ show how personal suffering can lead to powerful change. Nelson Mandela’s struggle against apartheid, marked by years of imprisonment, strengthened his resolve to fight for equality and inspired others to stand against oppression with courage. Similarly, Buddha, after witnessing human suffering, taught people to overcome sorrow by letting go of attachment, promoting compassion and peace. Through storytelling and simple yet profound language, both texts highlight how great leaders transform their own pain into a source of hope for humanity. They encourage people to rise above fear, face challenges with resilience, and work toward a more just and compassionate society, showing that suffering can lead to enlightenment and progress.

Or

- (B) In ‘*Mijbil the Otter*’, the narrator’s deep affection for Mijbil shows how bonds with animals can bring immense joy and a sense of companionship, reflecting harmony between humans and nature. The narrator’s careful efforts to care for Mijbil and adapt to his playful ways highlight a loving, respectful relationship. Similarly, in ‘*A Baker from Goa*’, the villagers’ fondness for their traditional baker shows how cultural practices strengthen community ties. The baker’s daily visits and the shared excitement around his bread build a sense of belonging and continuity, connecting generations through tradition. Both texts celebrate how nurturing relationships — with animals or with community customs — enrich human life, offering comfort, identity, and a deep-rooted sense of togetherness.
11. (A) The character Bholi in the story is imbued with strong moral values. It is her teacher’s love and the education she receives that transforms Bholi totally. Bholi imparts great lessons to women at large. She is a symbol of the value of education, marriage and the general well-being of girls. Earlier, she was like a dumb cow. But education made her a woman of substance. In fact, her teacher was behind her self-confidence, self-respect and self-determination. She now has the capacity to know what is right and what is wrong. She is fully aware of her rights and so she rejects the proposal of the greedy man, Bishamber. She takes the right decision by telling her parents that she would serve them in their old age. In this way, she not only shows her love and affection for her parents but also becomes an inspiration for all the girls.

Or

- (B) The curiosity to know more and motivation to find reasons for the existence of anything or any phenomena are necessary for becoming a successful scientist. The urge to know more develops the scientific aptitude in a person. At a very young age, Ebright became competitive by participating in various county fairs. He never lost hope and kept on trying to do better. In addition to curiosity and motivation, Ebright displayed the qualities of hard work, sincerity, determination, and patience. He also accepted failure and success in the right spirit. His zeal, dedication, and devotion to his chosen field were remarkable. This made him a successful scientist.